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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year One, 'Magical Kingdom'

As part of their engage day the children looked at the Northern Lights and recreated them using oil pastels and watercolours. They also looked at different polar landscapes and animals and enjoyed making peppermint cream polar bears.



Tennis - Reception

The children enjoyed their first tennis session this week in the Sports Hall with Gary Tovey.

Please see below the days in which the Reception children will play tennis every week.

Turtles Tennis - Tuesdays

Jellyfish Tennis - Fridays



Year Two, Exploring Ilfracombe

The year 2 children enjoyed exploring the town to identify landmarks and features. They considered what makes our town unique and how people in the area live.



Primary School Admissions for September 2026

Please note that the Primary School admissions for Reception and Year Three closing date is at midnight on 15th January 2026.

Train to Teach in Devon

As a partner school with Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance, we are proud to support their Primary Teacher Training programme. If you've ever thought about becoming a primary school teacher, this school-based training offers classroom placements across Devon, expert guidance and hands-on experience from day one.

Applications are now open for training starting in September 2026.

Find out more here: www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach

Reception Visit to Skern Lodge Adventure and Activity Centre, Appledore

The children will be leaving and returning within the school day and a packed lunch will be provided. Please ensure that your child is dressed in warm clothing, including hats and gloves, with comfortable footwear. They will be taking part in outdoor adventurous activities.

Children's Commissioner - A Guide For Parents On Managing Children's Digital Lives

Please follow the link below to access the Children's Commissioner's recently published guide:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

The bottom playground is now accessible for those wishing to walk through from Horne Park Road or Marlborough Road at the beginning or end of the day.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Thursday 15 th January	Reception Visit to Skern Lodge, Appledore, Devon, EX39 1NG
Thursday 22 nd January	National Child Measurement Program for Reception Children
Friday 13 th February	Chinese New Year - Whole School

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:
devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing admissions@devon.gov.uk or call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

Devon 
County Council

Preparing To Work With Children (Level 1)

Ilfracombe - an Early Years Town of Excellence

Start Date: 12th January 2026

Mondays and Thursdays | 9:45am to 2:45pm

Ilfracombe Family Hub, EX34 8JL



Group discussions

Videos, quizzes, and tasks

Delivered over 6 sessions

Interested in working with children?

This free course will help you to understand key elements of children's social and emotional development.

You will learn about

- Understanding behavioural patterns
- How and why children learn
- How to encourage children

Contact us

Contact us to talk about this course, how to get on it, and progress your career in childcare.

Progression

This course will prepare you for:

- Level 2 Teaching Assistant
- Level 2 Early Years Diploma

Contact:

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07966 306486

Get childcare support
so you can attend courses

Family Hubs
Mon – Fri | 10am – 4pm
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