

THE PREP WEEKLY

6th June 2025



9TH - 13TH JUNE 2025

Message from Mr Lovett

Welcome back to the final half-term of the academic year! It has been a great week in the Prep Department with lots of children visiting our school and joining us on Taster days across the different year groups. Our Prep children love welcoming new pupils into their class and it is always so nice to see them scoop them up at the start of the day, look after them and make sure they have the most amazing time! Next week we will be celebrating 'National Week of the Ocean' where the children will be learning all about the benefits of the ocean but also the dangers it faces. Each year group will be incorporating this into their core learning as well as engaging in trips and fundraising challenges across the week. I look forward to sharing all they have been up to with you next week. As you can see from the calendar, we have a lot on next week and just for fun we have added in the Prep 2 sleepover! I'm sure that the children and staff involved will be so exhausted from all the activities that they will get an early night (we will see!) I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

The Week Ahead

Monday 9th June

Prep 5 Trip to Plymouth Aquarium

Tuesday 10th June

Prep 5 Big Seaweed Search

Prep 3&4 visit to Holcombe Beach

Wednesday 11th June

KS1 Beach Clean Day

Thursday 12th June

Prep 6 Trip to Brixham Fish Market

U9 Cricket v St Christopher's

Prep 2 Sleepover

Friday 13th June

Fundraising Challenge Day



Work of the Week

Friday 6th June

Amba Owalsky

Issy Jones

George Whiteway-
Wilkinson

Henry Whitlock

Eris Pascall

Everly Clayton

George Sheppard

Alice Thompson

RNLI Fundraising

Next Friday as part of Ocean week we will be fundraising for the RNLI. All Prep children will be involved in a continuous challenge (9am-3pm) of 'floating to live' in the school pool. The children can choose whether to use floatation aids or even tread water to complete this challenge. We ask that each child donates a minimum of £5 towards the fundraising. This will be a great personal challenge that highlights an important message and supports a valuable local charity.



U11 Girls Cricket



On Wednesday the Under 11 girls cricket team enjoyed a great fixture with Stover. The focus was very much on enjoyment and development with all girls getting the chance to bat, bowl and keep wicket. Trinity showed some excellent application from recent teaching especially in their bowling where there were many accurate deliveries. Lara took a wicket clean bowled whilst there were also 2 run outs from quick thinking in the field. The girls also batted well with Molly and Florence both managing to dispatch the ball to the boundary whilst Lucy and Amba ran well to add runs. A particular highlight was that we completed our entire innings without losing a wicket. In the end Trinity emerged as narrow winners mainly thanks to not losing any wickets. Well done to all who played!



Around the classes



The Lodge By Mrs Drewett

This week we have continued to look at jungle animals. The children have been playing in the role play area exploring different textures and finding different animals. We have had green play-dough and explored the different foot prints each of the animals made. The children have also used different resources such as broccoli to make our own jungles with the play-dough. They made their own snakes out of pasta using pipe cleaners, using their fine motor skills to thread the pasta onto the pipe cleaners then adding a snakes head. They then practised making the sound of a 🐍. We have also been busy playing mischievous monkeys game 🐒. The children were brilliant at turn taking and naming their colours. This week has been lots of fun 🐼.



The Stables By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have started to think about the Sea and beach in preparation for Oceans Week next week. We have been talking about different sea creatures, taking care of our beaches so that they stay safe and beautiful for all living things to enjoy and the children have been sharing their own experiences of seaside trips! We have been fishing in the water tray to see what colour fish we can catch with our fishing rods and what numbers the fish have on them and we have been playing pirates in the small world tuff tray sea scene. Our craft activities this week have involved using our cutting skills to make star fish for our display and making handprint fish, collage turtles, crabs and seahorses! A very busy and creative week in the Stables!



Reception By Mrs Broom

Reception have been consolidating their maths using our interactive board. They have been using a variety of games to order numbers, make repeating patterns and numbers bonds to 10. They have worked well individually as well as a team to complete the tasks. Great work from Reception!

Around the classes



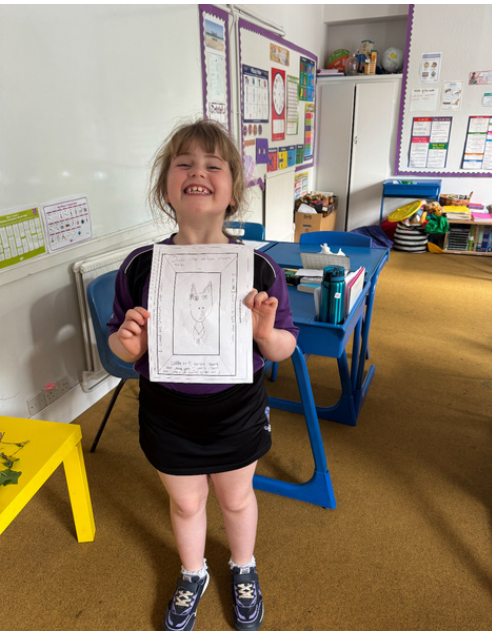
Prep 1 By Mrs May

Part of one of our Literacy lessons this week involved some Ice cream Cafe role play. The children in Prep One took it in turns to be customers and placed some quite creative and extravagant orders, which the waiting staff carefully wrote down and then gave to the ice cream maker, who made and priced up the delicious orders. There was such a lot of descriptive talk, excellent writing and reading of orders, bill calculations and paying with coins.



Prep 2 By Mrs Miller

Prep 2 have been out and about during their Maths lessons this week collecting data on favourite sea creatures from the rest of the Prep School. Recording information as tallies, they then converted them into tables and then into block graphs. We can confirm that Prep's favourite sea creature is a dolphin and the least favourite is a Blue Tang fish.



Prep 3 By Mrs Young

This week in English Prep 3 have been learning about shape poems. Earlier in the week the class looked at calligrams, and then created their own for a lovely display in the classroom. The children then identified past and present verbs and used these to create portrait poems about their friends or pets. Some lovely poetry Prep 3 well done!

Around the classes



Prep 4 By Mrs Hughes

In Outdoor Learning this week Prep 4 learned about knots! They showed a lot of interest and determination to get the hang of reef knots and a barrel hitch! The class had experience with some of these on our residential when they did a raft building activity so were excited to apply it to fixing two sticks together as practice for making a little raft at school. They were excellent at being patient with each other (and themselves!) and taking their time with this calm and focussed activity!



Prep 5 By Mrs Sutton

In Prep 5 this week, we have been practising some suspense techniques to use in our story writing, developing 'show not tell' phrases to introduce characters' emotions. We have also been learning to use a protractor to accurately measure and draw angles. We had an exciting Science lesson solving a murder mystery in sing chromatography, baked yummy apple and banana muffins in Food Tech and learned how to tie clove hitches and square lashings in Forest School.



Prep 6 By Mr Partridge

Prep 6 have kicked off their project around Oceans Week by starting to consider issues around food supply and sustainability. We have been watching videos to learn more about the fishing industry and have explored the concept of food webs to consider the inter-reliance of different species and eco-systems within our oceans. This will prepare us for a visit to Brixham Fish Market next week where we will find out more about different species of native fish and seafood, learn about the nutritional value of seafood and understand the "ocean to plate" journey of some of the food we eat.



Prep Life Gallery

