

## Academic performance 2016/17

In the last week you will have received your child's annual report. This sets out the progress they have made in the core subjects of reading, writing and maths as well as identifying highlights from their wider curriculum work and how they are developing as learners.

A revised national curriculum was introduced from the beginning of 15/16, and this significantly raised the expectations for what children would be able to do by the end of their respective year group. In the reports, we identify whether your child is at this 'expected' level in the three core subjects. If the child is not confidently demonstrating all the skills for their year group, they will be identified as 'emerging'. Where this is the case, teachers and team leaders will agree actions to help the pupil fill the gaps in their learning. A small number of children may also be identified as working at 'mastery level', indicating that they are showing a greater depth of skill and understanding in a particular subject.

At the end of KS1 and KS2, children are required to be assessed to a national standard (commonly referred to as SATs.) As shown in the table below, the school remains significantly above the national average at both levels, and our KS2 results this year have shown a large increase in the number of pupils achieving the expected level across all 3 core subjects (71% to 90%).

### KS2 SATs Results

Subject	Shaldon % of pupils achieving the expected standard	National % pupils achieving the expected standard nationally	Shaldon average scaled score	National average Scaled Score
Reading	97%	71%	107.8	104
Writing	93%	76%	n/a	n/a
Mathematics	93%	75%	108.1	104
Spelling Grammar and Punctuation	93%	77%	108.6%	106
Combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics	90%	61%		

### National tests and assessments in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Reception – 90% achieved a Good Level of Development (nationally 2016 69%)

Year 1 – 97% of our pupils passed the phonics screening (nationally 2016 81%)

Year 2 – There are no national figures as yet to compare our results with.

### KS1 SATs Results

Subject	Shaldon % of pupils achieving the expected standard
Reading	93%
Writing	97%
Mathematics	93%

#### Keep up to date with all school information on our website.

As well as regular news stories, photo galleries and an online calendar displaying our upcoming events, we also upload letters to parents, so don't worry if you miss an email or lose a letter in a book bag, you will always find it online at

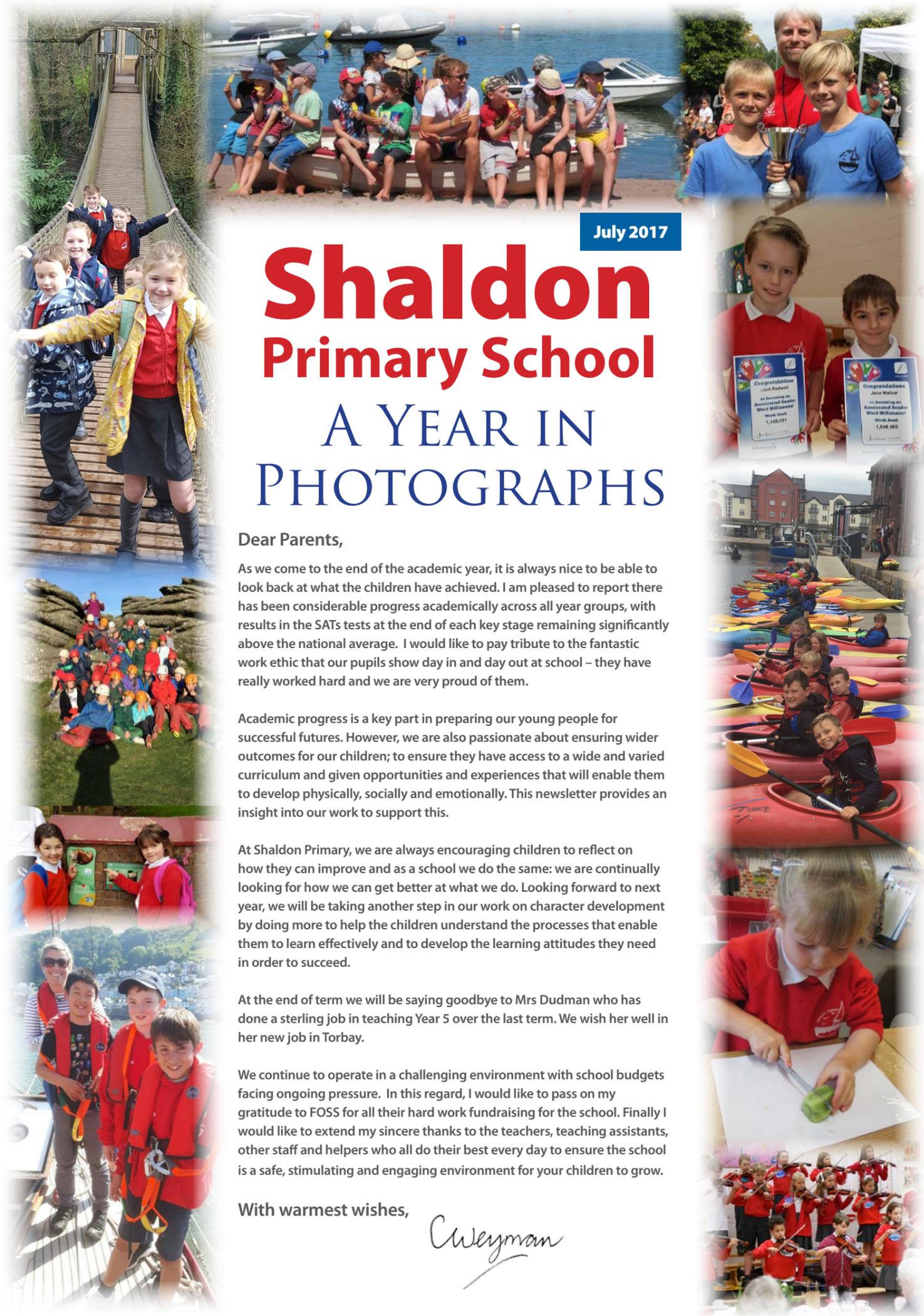
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We return to school on  
**Tuesday 5th  
September  
2017**

Finally, the staff of Shaldon School would like to thank you for your support of the school and we wish you a wonderful summer break.



July 2017

# Shaldon Primary School

## A YEAR IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the academic year, it is always nice to be able to look back at what the children have achieved. I am pleased to report there has been considerable progress academically across all year groups, with results in the SATs tests at the end of each key stage remaining significantly above the national average. I would like to pay tribute to the fantastic work ethic that our pupils show day in and day out at school – they have really worked hard and we are very proud of them.

Academic progress is a key part in preparing our young people for successful futures. However, we are also passionate about ensuring wider outcomes for our children; to ensure they have access to a wide and varied curriculum and given opportunities and experiences that will enable them to develop physically, socially and emotionally. This newsletter provides an insight into our work to support this.

At Shaldon Primary, we are always encouraging children to reflect on how they can improve and as a school we do the same: we are continually looking for how we can get better at what we do. Looking forward to next year, we will be taking another step in our work on character development by doing more to help the children understand the processes that enable them to learn effectively and to develop the learning attitudes they need in order to succeed.

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dudman who has done a sterling job in teaching Year 5 over the last term. We wish her well in her new job in Torbay.

We continue to operate in a challenging environment with school budgets facing ongoing pressure. In this regard, I would like to pass on my gratitude to FOSS for all their hard work fundraising for the school. Finally I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the teachers, teaching assistants, other staff and helpers who all do their best every day to ensure the school is a safe, stimulating and engaging environment for your children to grow.

With warmest wishes,

*C Weyman*

# OUR CURRICULUM

As a school we are very proud and dedicated to providing our children with a broad and balanced curriculum allowing all children to have the chance to develop and excel. At the heart of our experiences we are always developing our core values of determination, aspiration, excellence, responsibility and friendship.

Following the National Curriculum guidelines we develop ideas that will inspire, enthuse and engage our pupils to enhance their learning to the full. We develop their knowledge and understanding but most importantly give them the skills they need as learners to succeed and embrace challenges in the future.

We start our journeys by enriching the children's learning through relevant trips and visits by experts who inspire us. The year began with the children learning about leadership and the qualities and approaches needed to be successful. Our visitors included sport leaders, church leaders and leaders in health. Through this we learnt about significant people who had made a difference to our world and the impact that they had. We had opportunities to become leaders ourselves which certainly developed many of our core values particularly aspiration and friendship.

In the spring term, we focused on promoting our value of responsibility through a curricular focus on geography. We learnt about the world around us and found ways that we could make a difference. This achieved some wonderful outcomes.

Our final journey of the year saw children be successful designers where they were encouraged to plan, design and make a variety of outcomes from smoothies, pizza's, dragons and a school garden.



# ART, DRAMA AND CITIZENSHIP

Each term we focus on a particular artist. This year the children have explored the works of William Morris, Julie Mehretu and Sokari Douglas Camp.

Family Groups have encouraged the children to think more about the world they live in and how to be the best friends and citizens they can be. We were also lucky enough to get the Forest Schools initiative off the ground and look forward to this continuing again in September.

It has been fabulous to see pupils reaching into the community whether to volunteer with beach cleaning or clearing the Botanical Gardens and to see our oldest pupils building friendships with local elderly residents through our penfriend project. This has also provided the opportunity for pupils to work with experts on a range of art and craft activities.

In addition, all pupils have had the chance to work with artist in residence, Lisa Richards, on two whole school projects - the work is centrally displayed and enhances the school entrance beautifully.

For the first time this year, we participated in Empty Classroom Day - grabbing the opportunity for a whole day working outside. We were fortunate with the weather, which was a bonus. Some of our pupils took the opportunity to use the new playground staging, courtesy of FOSS, while others worked on the garden or out and about in the village.

We have continued to enjoy the relationship we have with the local diocese and have loved welcoming members of the church in for regular assemblies and to share lunch with us. We have also been pleased to carry on using the church for Harvest and Christmas performances and to work with the church on some of their big questions debates.

We would also like to say thanks to The Helen Foundation for funding two projects this year, recycled bird boxes & feeders and the penfriend project.

## School Council

Our School Council have had a productive year working with Miss Edge and Miss Stanlake. They have been involved in a number of activities throughout the year including running four separate fundraising schemes over the month of February to raise money for Red Nose Day. The children also organised a red-nose art competition with a winner awarded for each class.

The children have kept a close eye on the state of the toilet block and independently designed 'loo etiquette posters' for all pupils to view. They will be continuing their efforts to fundraise with the aim of creating an outdoor reading snug in the near future.

## Fundraising Success

**£340** – Children in Need  
**£724** – Red Nose Day  
**£62** – Save the Children  
**£115** – Stand up to Cancer  
**£320** Toilet Twinning  
**£7,500** – Tall Ships Expedition

## FOSS

We are extremely grateful to FOSS for continuing to raise funds for the school through a number of events, which is vital for us to develop and improve. This year's events include the Christmas & Summer Fair, class cake sales and three school discos. In addition to these events, FOSS has run a number of fundraising activities including the Smarties challenge and Bag2School recycling. They have also kindly provided refreshments at Sports Day, the Youth Speaks final and the Leaver's assembly which in total has raised nearly £7500 this academic year.

FOSS has continued to work with the school leadership team to deliver exciting improvements to the outdoor learning and play environment; the most notable addition being the new outdoor stage. The focus of FOSS spending will continue to be in this area following consultation with the leadership team in the new academic year.



**Music is an important part of our school and over the last year the children have listened to a variety of music from Bach to Benjamin Britten, The Beatles and Bob Dylan. In their class music lessons, they have appraised, explored, composed and performed music from a wide range of musical styles.**

The following music teachers visit the school, on a weekly basis, to give instrumental tuition to individual children and small groups.

- Piano with Helen Sargent
- Guitar with Ginie Cutler
- Violin with Catherine Field
- Brass and Clarinet with Lisa Price
- Cello with Helen Wills

*We offer subsidised or free music lessons to children who are entitled to these.*

### Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival held at St Peter's Church in October saw the whole school perform songs and readings to a large audience of family and friends of the school. This year the theme was based around sharing. The church looked beautiful and the children were a real credit to the school

### String Concert

After ten weeks of lessons with Kip Pratt, the Teignmouth Learning Community Musical Lead for Primary Schools, Year 6 performed a variety of interesting melodies in their end of term concert. Parents were treated to this virtuoso performance, listening to the children demonstrate their talents using plucking and bowing techniques. A concert to be proud of.

### Talented Choir

The school choir sang beautifully at the Harvest and Christmas performances. At Christmas time, they sang with Singalong Shaldon on the village green and led a procession to the church, where they performed inside St. Peter's Church. They also entertained residents at Teignbridge House Care Home and to our school volunteers and governors. They sang with pride and enthusiasm at the events. At the school Christmas Fayre, they entertained the crowds with a variety of songs, which they had learned throughout the year.

### Uplifting Gospel Experience

The school was chosen to participate in a gospel workshop and concert at Exeter University, along with other talented choirs and singing groups from across Devon. A selection of boys from Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in this inspiring gospel experience. The London Community Gospel Choir led the afternoon workshop. In the evening, the boys' enthusiasm helped raise the roof with the energy within the songs and gave the audience unforgettable memories of the concert.



### TCS Music Festival

Once again, Year 5 had the privilege of being invited to the TCS music festival. They were joined by a selection of other primary schools from the local community to put on a performance. The children attended workshops during the day for brass, before rehearsing as a collective in preparation for the evening performance. Everyone had learned 'Rock Star' and 'Walking on Sunshine' to perform alongside pupils from the other schools. In the evening, they entertained a packed audience with their rendition of 'We Will Rock You' by Queen on brass instruments and sang 'Wings' by Little Mix. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and collectively, they finished the evening by singing songs to the audience in the finale. They were even asked to do an 'encore'

### Year 5 Brass Lessons

In addition to our curriculum music work, Class 5 had the great privilege of additional music lessons from Mrs Price. During these lessons, they learnt how to use a number of brass instruments, learning notes, reading music and learning and practising new pieces of music. They used some of their learning to help them at the Learning Community Music Festival, held at TCS, which was great fun. They had such a great day working alongside children from other local primary schools. At the end of March, the class performed their pieces to their parents and family friends in School.

### Singing and Creating Workshops

Throughout the school year, Kip Pratt, the lead Music Co-ordinator for the Primary Schools came in and worked with many of the classes in singing and composing workshops. The children created their own mini pieces of music and sang songs to the accompaniment of his ukulele.

### The Sea Cycle

In July, Year 4 and a selection of choir members from Year 5 participated in a new piece of work about Teignmouth Seafaring stories. It was funded by Devon Music Hub and included 3 local primary schools and TCS - Exeter Road. Each school was involved in a story from Teignmouth's past and learnt an individual and collective song about Teignmouth as a seaside town. The 3 stories were: The Church Rocks Wreck, Jack Spratt - Hero of Trafalgar and The Teignmouth Electron. The children worked really hard to learn their specific songs and rehearsed with the other local schools in the Arts Centre at TCS, before putting on two evening performances. The shows were amazing and our children sang with gusto and enthusiasm.

### Parent Assemblies

During the Summer term, each class invited their parents, families and friends to join them at our Celebration Assemblies. Each class prepared a song and performed these at the end of the Friday Assembly.

# VISITS & VISITORS

Our aim is for the pupils to experience working with a wide range of experts and perhaps it will ignite an interest. They may develop a passion for working with wildlife, becoming a vet or perhaps a rugby player, a business owner or a pilot, we want them to know the world is their oyster!

## Some of the visitors we've had this year...

The Rotary Club of Teignmouth  
Dr James Rowbury  
Corporal James Oakley  
Dr Tomasz Lewin - Vet  
Kate Haskell - ITV Weather Presenter  
Rev. Catherine Wagstaff  
Rev. Annie Church  
His Honour Judge Stephen Climie  
Wing Commander Mike Sutton  
PCSO Will Heather  
RNLI  
Matt Jess - Exeter Chiefs player  
Colin Lizius - Photographer

## Some of the trips we've been on this year ...

Exeter Synagogue  
Homeyards Botanical Gardens  
Early morning 'catch the sunrise'  
Clipper Café  
Paignton Zoo  
Shaldon Zoo  
Dawlish Warren  
Teignmouth Pavilions  
Shaldon Bakery  
Plymouth University  
Teign Heritage Centre  
Trinity School Art Department  
Exeter University  
St Michael's Church, Kingsteignton

## Outdoor Education

**Year 2, 3 and 4** have all enjoyed a range of on and off-site activities and through these challenges they have built confidence and improved their team work skills.

**Year 5** had an excellent time at Pixies Holt climbing, weaselling, rock scrambling, teambuilding and for some, experiencing being away from home for the first time.

**Year 6** experienced living in a purpose built camp in the woods on the Dart Estuary with very few home comforts, but learnt valuable life skills. They also completed a 3 day Tall Ships sailing expedition where they worked together to keep everything running smoothly.



# PE & SPORT

Physical Education and sport continues to be a highly valued part of school life at Shaldon. Our specialist teacher, Miss Young, provides a continuity of high quality provision across the school. The children can also build on their experience by participating in after school clubs. Children are also signposted to clubs in the community and several children have recently represented Teignbridge in the South West Youth Games.

Once again we have the highest attendance at Teignmouth Learning Community (TLC) events and have qualified for more Partnership Finals than any other local school. Our affiliation to the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership (SSP) is key to providing access to higher level competitions and Gifted & Talented sessions.

There are also many inclusive events – both Year 1 & 2 have taken part in a Funfest at TCS. Some children from Year 2 attended the first ever Aesthetics Festival and were introduced to gymnastics, dance and trampolining skills.

KS2 have attended festivals in Tag Rugby, Handball and Athletics. Some Year 3/4 children had a wonderful time at the Beach Festival playing cricket based games. All Year 3 & 4 children had a taster session from a professional coach in Tennis and all our KS2 children have had six weeks of swimming during the Summer term which we view as most important for their safety.

## Sports opportunities this year:

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby – 1st in TLC and 9th in SSP Finals

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby – 1st in Newton Abbot RFC competition

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby – 1st in TLC and 4th in SSP finals

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby – 3rd in Newton Abbot RFC competition

Year 3/4 Cross-country – 3rd in Autumn Term, 2nd in Spring Term

Year 5/6 Cross-country – 3rd in Autumn Term, 2nd in Spring Term

Year 3/4 Handball – 2nd in TLC and 4th in SSP finals

Year 5/6 Handball – 2nd in TLC and 2nd in SSP finals

Year 5/6 Football – 3rd in TLC

Year 2 Aesthetics Festival

Year 4 SSP Dance Festival Coombeshead Academy

Year 3/4 Tennis Taster Session

Year 3/4 Beach Festival

Year 1 & 2 Funfest at TCS

Year 5 Quadkids Athletics – 5th Place

Year 3/4 Tri-Golf – 2nd in SSP finals & represented the SSP at the Devon School Summer Games in Plymouth

Year 3/4 Athletics – 1st in TLC and 5th in SSP finals

Year 5/6 Athletics – 2nd in TLC and 3rd in SSP finals

KS2 Swimming Gala – 1st Place

KS2 Swimming Lessons at Teignmouth Lido

Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

Whole School Sports Day

Year 6 sailing – Four days dinghy sailing leading to a RYA level 1 & 2 qualification

