



HOLSWORTHY

C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Working together, growing together, all to flourish

Monday 12th October 2026



Christmas Cards/Gifts

A polite reminder from FOHPS that all Christmas card/gift orders, need to be returned to school by **Thursday 15th October**.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept orders after this date, as they need to be submitted to the company within a strict timeframe to ensure cards are printed and delivered in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing the children's wonderful designs transformed into Christmas cards and gifts! 🎅 ✨.

Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries



Community Support

On Tuesday evening, I sent information to the parents of older children who may attend Youth Club or access the park independently. Within this communication, I shared details about a local gentleman who has sadly fallen on hard times and is currently homeless, residing in a tent in the park. I have liaised with the police, who have confirmed that he poses no risk to the school community.

Since sending this message, I have received several kind emails and messages from families asking how they can help, particularly as we move towards the colder winter months. In response to this generosity, if you have any items you would like to donate, or messages of kindness and support you would like passed on, please leave them at the school office by the end of the school day on **Tuesday 13th October**. We will be happy to deliver these on your behalf.

Thank you for your continued kindness and support for those in our wider community.

Fears and Worries

The Devon Educational Psychology Service (EPS) is running group sessions which aim to support and reduce worrying in children and young people. The sessions can help parent/carers develop skills that can be helpful in managing worries around school.

Who Can Join? They are offering sessions to parent carers of children who are concerned about their child's attendance and anxiety around school. The programme is designed for parent/carers of children between 5-12 years of age, but it can be adapted for older children. The programme can be adapted for parent/carers of children with SEND. They will work with you to help you get the most out of the sessions.

Programme Details

- *Duration: Six sessions, each 90 minutes long
- *Schedule: Delivered over seven weeks (six sessions with a one-week break)
- *Participants: Parent carers (children do not attend).
- *Where: Online via Microsoft Teams.
- *When: Sessions will be held within typical school hours. They will contact parent/carers with dates and times if they are able to offer a place.
- *Start dates: They are running groups starting in November.

Spaces on the programme are limited, and they may not be able to offer everyone a place.

*How to Join? To request a place, please complete an online form which can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/w13eSAg9a9>



For more details or questions, contact the educational psychology service using this email address:

educate.assistededucationalpsychologistmailbox@devon.gov.uk

They are accepting requests until 23rd October

Cognition Holiday Club

Cognition Learning are excited to be running four days of hands-on STEM activities during the October Half Term at their STEM Den in Bude (Cognition Creative Learning CIC, Office 5, Bude/Stratton Business Park, Bude, Cornwall EX23 8LY).

Running from **Monday 26th to Thursday 29th October**, their small-group sessions are packed with science experiments, LEGO® Education robotics, coding, engineering and creative challenges, giving children aged 4–11 plenty of opportunities to build, experiment, explore and create!

Full and half-day sessions are available, with more information and booking here: pbbl.uk/4jzWTy9

As an Ofsted-registered club, they accept Tax-Free Childcare, Universal Credit Childcare and Childcare Vouchers, helping eligible families with the cost of sessions.



Next week

Monday 12th October – Year 6 swimming (pm)

Tuesday 13th October – Toscana Strings are visiting to perform musical stories to the children.

Wednesday 14th October – Year 4 are taking part in Ballet Workshops

- Reception parent information session at 3:30pm

Thursday 15th October - Care Farm visits for invited pupils

Friday 16th October – A group of KS2 children are taking part in the St. Stephen Shield Cross country event.



Please book your parent-teacher meeting slot on MCAS.

