

## Happy Summer!



As we reach the end of an academic year, I wish all our children, families, staff and community a happy summer. It is really important we use this time to socialise with friends and family; to rest and recharge. We wish our Year 6 children the very best as they fly the nest from our school – I know they will all do brilliantly well at their next school and hope to see them soon to hear about their learning. Equally, this week

marks the end of some families' enduring relationship with the school. We greatly appreciate the many years of support and encouragement they have given us.

Staff, too, leaving this week are sent with our blessing of good luck. Sharing the news this week that Mrs Lowden will be working in the administration hub is bittersweet, and it will be strange not seeing her around the school, keeping us informed and organised. We, of course, congratulate Mrs Lowden on her new role but will miss such a long-standing figure in our school family.

Please stay safe and enjoy time this summer.

## Message from Mrs Lowden

*I have been with the lovely Bridestowe family for more than seven years and I can honestly say it is a unique and special place to work, and almost feels like a second home – in fact, many of the children believe I live in the School House! The staff here are beyond amazing and the children are an absolute joy, and they always brighten even the most difficult day. I will miss my front gate conversations with families, as well as all the first aid calls, forgotten water bottles, and lunch booking reminders! Thank you for all your kind words this week; it has been genuinely touching. I am looking forward to joining the ICE Team and providing central administration to all the DMAT primary schools, and I leave the school-based management in the capable hands of Mrs Duthaler and Mrs Davey, who are respected colleagues and friends within the Moorland Hub.*



## End of Year Awards

**John** – Spirit of Devon  
**Charlie** – Spirit of Devon  
**Poppy** – Care, Concern and Courtesy  
**Liam** – (Performing) Arts  
**Elin** - Music  
**Isla** – Maths  
**Ellenor** – Sport  
**Arabella and Myla** – Reading  
**Bentley** - Design & Technology  
**Emma** – Information Technology  
**Hayleigh** - Literacy

## Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all our families for their support this year. The staff greatly appreciate it. Special mention must go to our volunteers who have supported trips, read with children, helped at events and generally enriched our children's learning. Thank you to Kirstie, Helen, Jennie, Jenny and Mr Arnold for their committed volunteering.

Thank you to FoBS – their continued amazing work to support our school has directly contributed to trips, forest school, the library area and many other positive enrichments.

Our community partners, too: the Methodist Chapel and Open the Book assemblies, the Church and Rev. Adrian Brook, Treetops, Springfields and all organisations we have interacted with to benefit our children.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank the Bridestowe staff team. We are unbelievably lucky to have such dedicated, compassionate and engaged staff. The provision they facilitate is some of the best I have seen anywhere in our Trust and beyond.



## Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 SATs results were released last week. We are pleased to say that all of our results are in line or above national averages – testament to the efforts and commitment to their learning that our children have shown. Well done to all the children and staff.

## Circus Workshop

The whole school were treated to a circus workshop led by Circus in Schools. The children had the opportunity to experience a range of activities including juggling, plate spinning and stilt walking. Not only was the day a fun way to end the academic year but also an opportunity for children to develop co-ordination, confidence and self-esteem. The children showcased their skills to families at the end of the day.



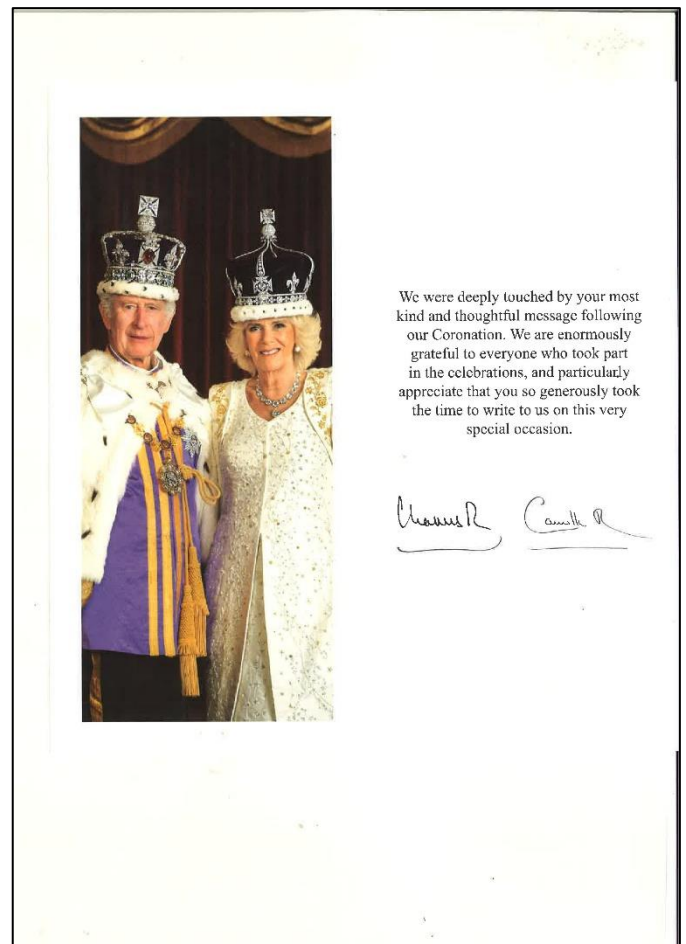
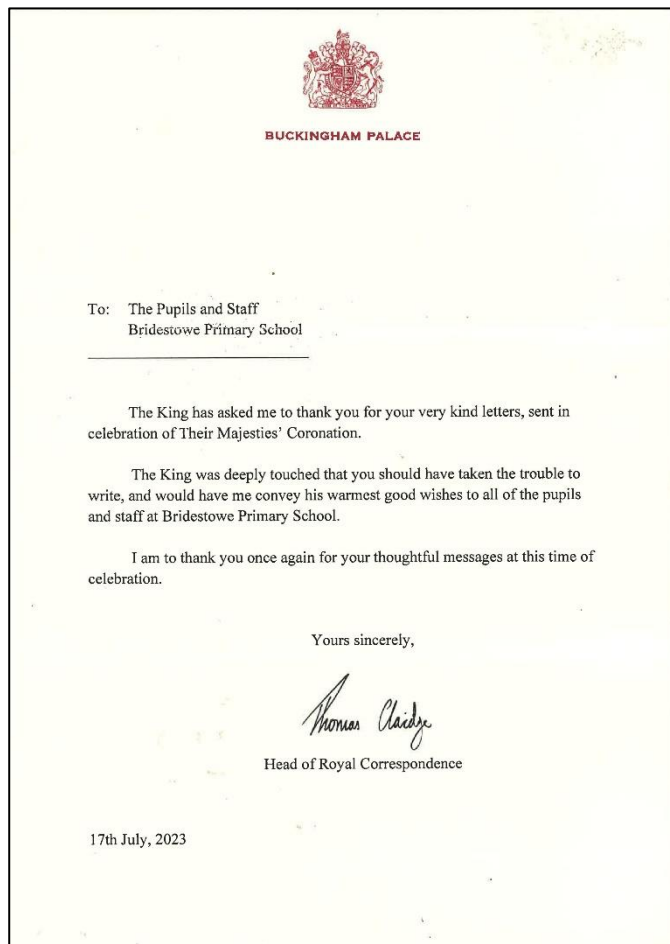
## Owlets Boat Launch

The Owlets went to the park to launch boats they had made as part of their learning about the sea and pirates. After all the excitement of the great Bridestowe boat race they enjoyed the opportunity to practise their gross motor skills by exploring the play apparatus with their friends



## Letter from King Charles

During partial closure due to industrial action, those children who attended school wrote letters to King Charles congratulating him on his Coronation. We were very excited this week to receive a response from Buckingham Palace and a card from the King and Queen.





### Leavers' Service and Y6 Beach Trip

Thank you to everyone who attended our leavers' service today – it was lovely to be able to listen to the whole school sing together, to hear the Y6 children's lasting memories of Bridestowe, and to wish the children all the best on their next learning journey.

Mrs Reid arranged a trip to Bude beach on Thursday as an end of year treat for the Y6s. Mrs Lowden donned one of her many diverse hats and drove the minibus, and Miss Spooner organised volley ball and a fast game of beach rounders. The day was topped off with a cooling ice cream. Thank you also to our work experience student, Izzy, for her help on the day.



## Diary Dates

### September

4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Pupil Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Pupil Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Autumn Term

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### Whole School Attendance

**95.7%**

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# FAMILY SERVICES

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July &  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
9.30am – 10.00am

St. Bridget's Church,  
Bridestowe

Songs with Mr. Higbee Activity  
refreshments bible story

All Ages Welcome

Brenden Worth Cricket Academy

## BWCA FOOTBALL CAMP

HOLSWORTH YOUTH FC

26/07 09/08  
23/08  
9AM - 3PM  
AGE 5 - 14 YRS  
£12 A DAY

EMAIL: [CRAIG.PENBERTHY@BRENDENWORTHCRICKET.COM](mailto:CRAIG.PENBERTHY@BRENDENWORTHCRICKET.COM)  
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01/08 15/08  
29/08  
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31/08  
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16/08 24/08 01/09  
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