



Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from our excellent feedback from the parent survey, we continue to go from strength to strength, enabling our children to flourish.

The area you wanted more clarity on from the last survey was to have a better understanding of how we work as a partnership with other schools. This latest news below seems like the perfect launch to let you know how being part of a family of schools is benefitting your children and our staff!

We are part of a Trust of 18 schools. Each school has been in our partnership for different lengths of time. We are one of the newest, having joined in June 2024. We are now celebrating two years in!

So firstly...

We're delighted to share this exciting news!

Our partnership of schools has been shortlisted in the prestigious *Times Educational Supplement (TES) Teaching Awards*, reaching the finals for **Inclusive Trust of the Year 2026**.

This recognition celebrates the way we work together as one family of schools. Rather than working in isolation. We actively share training, resources and expertise across all 18 schools, ensuring staff are supported and children benefit from the very best practice.

The shortlist also reflects the strength of our SEND support. Our SENDCO, Becky Forrest, after only one year in our Trust has joined two other SEND experts across our family of schools, highlighting her knowledge and guidance she can now offer across our Trust to improve support and outcomes for children with additional needs.

We are also working hard to prepare for and respond to the government's SEND reform plans, making sure inclusive practice is at the heart of everything we do for all our children. To have this commitment recognised nationally is something we are incredibly proud of — and it is only possible because we work together as a strong, connected family of schools.

The TES finals take place in June, and we will be sure to share the outcome with you. If you see Miss Forrest on the gate, please wish her luck on her forthcoming trip to the National Awards in London! We are very proud of all staff and the impact they are making every day, ensuring every child is happy and makes good progress. The impact across our school and across all of our schools is incredible – **Stronger Together!**

As you can imagine, to be nominated for 'Inclusive Trust' is particularly special. Those of you who have been through our journey from LA school to part of LAP will know how much we wanted to keep our ethos and character. We have improved standards whilst keeping our culture but actually, our culture is perfectly aligned to the culture of all 18 schools.

I hope you get a flavour of how much being part of a bigger school family is impacting on the outcomes for your child.

I cannot mention all of the benefits in one newsletter but will attempt to summarise some of the major changes:

Stronger together – We deliver and achieve more than we could ever do individually

CORE Offers and Read, Write, Inc

As a collective of schools, we have a CORE offer for many areas of the curriculum.

These lay out a clear route map for specific areas of the curriculum.



In addition, we were given a £25,000 investment into the Read Write Inc scheme for Early reading. Our phonics teaching and outcomes have soared. All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 have RWrInc teaching and we have all of the books and resources to deliver this extremely well. Alongside this, we have been given regular free training and coaching by lead experts. Our outcomes for phonics screening reached 91% last year. This year they are even higher.



Realising the possible – You cannot be what you cannot see



Our physical building has had significant investment. We have:

New carpets and doors throughout our school

A new roof over EYFS and also new flooring and new equipment in EYFS

New railings on the outside of school

New Net books

In addition to the physical improvements, being part of LAP has transformed my job as head teacher. We have a central 'People' team for HR and also support teams and leads for finance, premises and IT. This enables me, alongside the senior leadership team, to focus on improving teaching and learning for all children. I can coach staff and coach leaders, therefore increasing our capacity to improve.

Sense of belonging – Every member of our school Trust matters and knows that they belong

Training day for all of our staff

We met as a family of schools for our joint training day at the start of the summer term. The focus was SEND and Inclusion. Our LSAs were able to look at resources and discuss as a team across our Trust any supportive interventions and approaches people use. The sharing of ideas and knowledge was very powerful. All staff were also given specialist training on many different areas of SEND, including Autism, ADHD, ODD, PDA and more. Sharing expert knowledge across our staff was such a good approach.



Removing barriers – Ensuring that where you begin does not limit your horizons

We continue to work closely with our amazing PTA – FOBS. This year they have worked closely with the staff at school to help support the Bovey 50 program which we run for every child. They have significantly funded many of our trips as well as working alongside us. The opportunities, I am sure you will agree, have been amazing. We have also had animals in school, Explora dome and Year 5 will shortly be going to the theatre in

Plymouth to see Annie.



And finally...here is a reminder of our day to day items !

For this last summer half term:

Uniform – a reminder :

Socks should be plain white (or a maroon trim), grey or black.

No jewellery apart from stud ear rings. No friendship bracelets, necklaces, chains etc.

Black school shoes/all black trainers or in the summer, white, cream or plain dark coloured sandals if preferred but they must have enclosed toes for health and safety reasons.

Attendance

As a school, we are committed to supporting every child to engage fully with our environment and curriculum. We greatly appreciate your support in maintaining excellent attendance. If your child is experiencing any difficulties, or if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, it is essential that we are informed if a child is going to be absent from school. Parents and carers must contact the school before **8:40am** on the day of absence, providing:

- The reason for the absence
- The expected return date

This can be done by telephoning the school office or by emailing:

boveytracey@lapsw.org

If we have not received notification by **9:20am**, we will contact parents and/or listed emergency contacts. Safeguarding is our highest priority; therefore, as outlined in our policy, we will make reasonable enquiries where no contact has been made. Please note: You must contact the school for each subsequent day of absence due to illness.

Punctuality

Arriving late to school can significantly impact your child's learning. Being even a few minutes late can mean missing important routines, key instructions and early learning activities that settle the children and set the tone for the day.

Just 5 minutes late each day equates to over 15 hours of lost learning time across a school year. We kindly ask that children arrive **between 8:40am and no later than 8:50am** to ensure they are ready to learn and make the most of every school day.

Thank you all for your continued support in helping us to help all of our children to flourish. In a time when education is constantly changing (as I am sure you will have heard on the news), being part of LAP helps to clear the path for us and let us continue to have a relentless focus on your children's outcomes, well being and happiness.

Here's to a fun packed and successful rest of the term.

As always, any questions, please keep our communication open and come and speak to your child's class teacher or one of us on the gate.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming summer events at school.

Can you hear the wedding bells?!



Not just one wedding...but 3!

If you see **Miss Wells** on Monday you may wish to use her new name! She is getting married to Matthew this Saturday and will become Mrs Spindlow! We offer her our greatest congratulations!

Mr Oaff is getting married to Nina on Saturday 20th June and we wish them the warmest congratulations.

Miss Gallacher is getting married to Rick at the start of August and will become Mrs Ollivierre and we offer our congratulations to them both.

...and finally!

Wednesday 17th June is 'Thank a teacher day'

This national celebration is for **all school staff**, including:

- Teachers
- Teaching assistants
- Pastoral and SEND staff
- Office and site teams
- Lunchtime and support staff

If a member of our school team has supported, encouraged, or inspired your child this year, there is still time to send a message of thanks through the national '**Thank a Teacher**' scheme.

Messages are free, quick to write, and deeply meaningful to those who receive them; even a short note can make a big difference.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk>

Best Wishes,

Louise Prywata and all of the Bovey Team