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Dear Parents and Carers

### **This week's highlights**

It's been an action packed week, and I want to thank everyone for the energy and support you've shown throughout. Monday kicked off with Odd Socks Day, thank you for helping the children take part. It was fantastic to see the creativity and even better to have meaningful conversations with them about why being kind really matters. Our Year 11 football team also put up a great fight in their second-round match against Shebbear. Despite a 3–1 defeat, their effort and teamwork were outstanding.

On Tuesday, we observed Remembrance Day together. Assemblies focused on our core value of Empathy, and it was powerful to see students engaging with this theme. A special thank you to our Cadets, who supported Mike Marks during the Last Post.

This week also marked the start of Year 11 mock exams. Their focus and maturity have been impressive, and we are proud of the way they've approached this challenge.

On Friday, we welcomed Steve Race, MP for Exeter, to the school. He toured the site, met students, and discussed community concerns around traffic, road safety, and signage for West Garth and Cowley Bridge Road. He also spent time with members of SPACE and our school Senate before joining our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Thank you for supporting Children in Need today. Just a reminder: donations can still be made via ParentPay to support our school's efforts.

Finally, today we hosted an external Safeguarding Review. This is an important part of ensuring we have robust systems and external validation of the work we all do. It was wonderful to end the week hearing such positive feedback about how proud we are of our students, and how proud they are of their school. A perfect close to a very busy week.

### **Next week:**

Tomorrow, our Ten Tors training teams head back out onto the North Moor for a challenging walk as they prepare for the big event in May. With the weather set to test them, this will be a real opportunity to show resilience and teamwork, good luck to everyone involved!

We're also delighted to welcome Jackie Green, a member of the Trust's central team and currently our Primary Deputy Director. We're looking forward to showcasing the fantastic work happening across our school.

On Wednesday, I'll be meeting with the Empowering Girls Project as we explore ways to expand enrichment opportunities for our girls, a really exciting development for our community.

Meanwhile, Year 11 continue their mock exams, and Year 6 begin their mock SATs, so thank you for supporting them through this important stage.

Finally, a reminder that Primary Parents' Evenings take place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Thank you in advance for making these valuable conversations with families so positive and productive.

**Parent Feedback**

A big thank you to all the parents who joined and supported our Lantern Walk last Friday, it was a wonderful event that really brought our community together.

We are currently reviewing access to toilet areas for secondary students, especially as the colder weather sets in. This is part of our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing and comfort.

As a school, we are also focusing on seating plans. All teachers are working to make these as effective as possible, and the feedback we've received from students, parents, and staff has been invaluable in shaping this process.

Please keep letting us know your thoughts and feedback.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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