

School News – Spring 2 term – March 2026



Kingskerswell

Church of England Primary School

Achieve, Believe and Create Together

Jeremiah 29:11.

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS STRACHAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring term and begin the Easter holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful and rewarding term here at school.

The children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and pride. Our football and netball matches have showcased not only great skill but also excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. It has been a pleasure to see pupils representing the school so confidently.

Our class assemblies have been another highlight. Each one has demonstrated the children's hard work, creativity, and growing confidence as they shared their learning with families and friends.

This term's Red Nose Day brought the whole community together in a spirit of fun and generosity, and I want to thank you for supporting such a meaningful cause. We were also delighted by the creativity and effort shown in our Easter Garden Competition, the entries were beautiful, imaginative, and thoughtful.

We continue to celebrate pupils' achievements outside of school, and it is always inspiring to hear about their successes in sports, performing arts, clubs, and other personal endeavours. These achievements reflect their dedication and the encouragement they receive at home.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all our pupils and staff. The children have worked incredibly hard this term, and our teachers and support staff have continued to provide a nurturing, engaging, and high-quality learning environment for every child.

Finally, I want to express my sincere thanks for the ongoing support from you as parents and carers. Your encouragement, involvement, and partnership make such a positive difference to school life, and we are truly grateful.

I wish you all a restful, joyful, and peaceful Easter holiday. I hope the break brings time for relaxation and special moments with family. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for an exciting Summer term.

Warm regards,

Karen Strachan
Headteacher

ACHIEVEMENTS



We love celebrating the children's achievements, both in and out of school.

MILLIONAIRES:

Coen M, Sullivan P, Olivia V, Iona P, Darcey E, Rupert B, Isla R, Jake W, Evelyn V, Brandon L

Iona P – RN Sea Scout Gala 4 x medals (Scout Line Throw, Scout Squadron Relay, Otter Trophy Runner Up, Medley Relay U12)

Olivia B – 2 x Player of the day medals Dance Academy Medal
Isabelle B – Learn to Swim Stage 3 certificate

Gracie S – Exeter Dance Festival medals x 2 (2nd Place open section ballet, 3rd Place open section modern dance)

Baran S – Learn to Swim stage 1 certificate

Nima S – Learn to Swim stage 3 certificate

Phoebe B – Piano Exam Certificate Merit

Peaches OJ – Swimming Gala certificates (3 x 2nd place, 1 x 3rd place)

Maria C – Ballet certificate and Bronze medal

Finley B – South West BMX Medals (2025 – 20th place), Cricket Medal, South West BMX Championships Medal 2025, Decoy 2025 BMX Medal, Freddo BMX Medal, Ride to the Worlds 2025 Medal

Leo H – Blue Stripe Kickboxing belt and certificate

Alyssia G – Hip Hop & Street medal – Gold/Highly Commended

Makenna-Rae L – Torbay Festival Singing Comp – 3 medals

2 x Torbay Festival certificates

Sofia L – Torbay Music Festival – drumming medal

Isabelle S – Primer B Piano certificate – Level 1

Martha and May D – Torbay Music Festival certificate

Peaches and May – Torbay Music Festival certificate

Peaches and Hazel (Piano teacher) – Torbay Music Festival certificate

Ellyre W – Torbay Music Festival medal

Ellyre W and Makenna-Rae – Torbay Music Festival certificate

Ruby K – Torbay Gymnastics Club – Annual Award for effort and kindness

Ellie D – Canonteign Falls certificate – 220ft climb to the top

Ayana K – Primer B Piano certificate – Level 1

Oliver R – Kickboxing certificate – Orange Stripe

Isabella P – Junior Parkrun certificate, completed 50 Parkruns

Poppy OJ – Two counties swimming medals x 2

Fionn O – 2 x silver/1 x gold Torbay Gymnastics medals

Scarlett C – Gymnastics Medal (4th Place) and ribbons

Rupert B – Grade 2 Piano Certificate

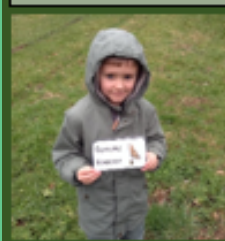
Foundation Stage



Year 1



Year 2



FOREST SCHOOL

Foundation Stage have been making super-stick superheroes using their imagination and natural materials to bring their characters to life.

Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning all about the birds that live in our woods. They played a game making nests in which they had to feed and guard their eggs from predators.

Year 3 took part in the RSPB Great British Schools Birdwatch helping contribute to a national wildlife survey.

Year 4 explored conservation and learnt simple ways we can all help to care for our planet.

Year 5 and 6 planned a Design & Technology project, creating wooden puzzles, spinning tops, and nail-art boards. They then brought these designs to life in their Forest School sessions, using tools safely.

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5/6



Bring in a plant for the Jubilee Garden



Gardening Fortnight will run from Monday 20th April – Wednesday 29th April with different classes helping each day.

All children can come in wearing non-uniform on their gardening day, in exchange for donating a plant. Please can they also bring their waterproof trousers, coats, and wellies.

If you would like to also donate compost, watering cans or child safe wood chip, we would be very grateful.

Date	Morning (10:15am-12:15pm)	Afternoon (1:15-3:15pm)
Monday 20 th April	Platypus Class	Polar Bear Class
Tuesday 21 st April	Penguin Class	Ocelot Class
Wednesday 22 nd April	Red Panda Class	Tiger Class
Thursday 23 rd April	Koala Class	Koala Class
Monday 27 th April	Snowy Owl Class	Giraffe Class
Tuesday 28 th April	Puffin Class	Toucan Class
Wednesday 29 th April	Crocodile class	Rhinoceros Class

HOUSE POINTS



HOLLICOMBE - 720,519
GOODRINGTON - 581,856
BABBACOMBE - 513,841
MEADFOOT - 440,586



HOLLICOMBE - 395,344
MEADFOOT - 351,991
BABBACOMBE - 330,293
GOODRINGTON - 319,905

VALUES IN ACTION



Our Values for Spring 2 term - Forgiveness & Justice: – A Fair Life for All

Matthew 18:22:

“How often should I forgive someone who sins against me?
Seven times?”

“No!” Jesus replied, “seventy times seven!”

In Collective Worship this term, we explored The Lord’s Prayer from different global Christian traditions. We unpacked the meaning of the prayer, linked to this term’s value of Forgiveness and Justice.



[Click here to hear ‘Baba Yetu’ sung by the Stellenbosch University Choir in Swahili.](#)

[Click here to hear The Lord’s Prayer in Aramaic, the ancient language Jesus would have spoken.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOfRFb3oMT0&authuser=0)
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Open the Book

Heather and Sandra, our fantastic and dedicated Open the Book leaders, visited Ocelot Class this term to retell the parable of The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35). Their storytelling was enhanced by three willing volunteers.



DECORATED EGG COMPETITION 'AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 EGGS'

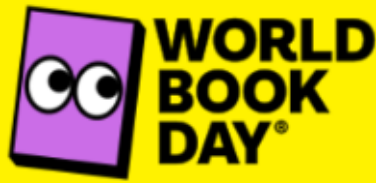


'Around the World in 80 Eggs' was the theme for this year's decorated Easter Egg competition. It was a truly wonderful celebration of diversity with a fantastic range of Easter gardens from around the world.

It was fabulous to see such effort put into all the entries - well done to everyone who took part.

Well done to the winners: EYFS - Amelia P, Year 1 - Annabelle P, Year 2 - Scarlett C, Year 3 - Nina C, Year 4 - Dottie S, Year 5 - Phoebe B, Year 6 - Iona P.





Once again, thank you to everyone for making World Book Day such a wonderful success in 2026!

The school corridors were alive with colourful characters inspired by a love of reading! Staff swapped classrooms to share favourite stories, and we celebrated the wonderful array of costumes with a special assembly at the end of the day.

Congratulations to Olivia M, Cara W, Scarlett C, Bear C, Boni C, Rupert B and Noah C, who were chosen as the winning costume for each year group.

There was also special recognition for Hector M and Iona P for their stand- out efforts with costumes over the years. Each won a £5 Book Voucher to spend at our Scholastic Book Fair.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Book Fair, taking the opportunity to spend their £1 World Book Day Token with us! Thanks to your support, we have earned over £250 in rewards to spend on books for our school.





Koala Class

EYFS



Crocodile Class

A visit to the library

As part of our topic on 'Authors', we visited Kingskerswell Library. The librarian read us a story and we had chance to explore.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as some of our favourite characters. We had a surprise as the teachers swapped classes for the afternoon to read stories to a different class.

Animal Workshop

We had chance to learn about and handle a lizard, a snake, mice and a giant millipede.



Red Nose Day

Do something funny for money! We enjoyed lots of red themed activities!



Platypus Class

YEAR 1



Snowy Owl Class

Snowy Owl Class enjoyed Science Week!

We loved the Animals2u workshop. Some of us were very brave and touched the animals!



We also set up an investigation using paper aeroplanes. We chose two different types of paper to make our aeroplanes from and made them in the same way to make it a fair test. We then tested them to see which travelled the furthest. We really enjoyed testing them!



Platypus class successfully performed their class assembly on Thursday 26th March at St Mary's Parish Church to tell the Easter Story. The children looked wonderful in their painted spring hats and amazed us all with their singing and lines - which they have all worked very hard learning. Thank you Year 2 for supporting us with our hymn. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.



Toucan Class

YEAR 2



Polar Bear Class

Tennis Festival

Toucan and Polar Bear class have had a fantastic time taking part in a Tennis Festival hosted by Exeter City Community Trust this half term!

Over the past few weeks, the children have carried out a rotation of different activities to develop the following skills, such as their ball-handling skills, practising careful racquet control and exploring different types of strokes. They have developed their ability to independently as well as working in pairs or small groups. The festival was a wonderful opportunity for them to put their learning into action, build confidence and enjoy some friendly sporting fun.





Puffin Class

YEAR 3



Penguin Class

Year 3 Exeter Museum Trip – Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Today, Year 3 enjoyed an action-packed day at Exeter Royal Albert Memorial Museum. They took part in 5 Roman activities and also toured the museum. The children's engagement was fabulous and they were able to put their learning into action.



Activity 1 – Home Life.

The children were able to handle artefacts and gain an insight into life in a Roman home. They learnt about pottery, jewellery food and how to use a strigil and spongia when visiting the public baths.



Activity 2 - Tunics, Togas and Uniforms

The children had the opportunity to try on some tunics and some wore togas. The children learnt about Roman clothes, shoes and armour. Some even got to wear armour and helmets.



Activity 3 - Roman and Ancient British Tour

The children were given a private tour of the Roman displays. They discovered what life was like in Exeter (Isca) during the Roman times. They also learnt about the Seaton Down Hoard which is on permanent display at the museum.



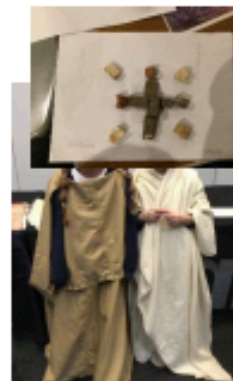
Activity 4 - Be a Roman Mosaicist and Scribe

The children learnt about the art of the mosaicist and had a go themselves using real Roman tesserae discovered beneath Exeter's streets and buildings. They also had the opportunity to write words and phrases in Latin using styli and beeswax tablets.



Activity 5 - Design Your Own Oil Lamp

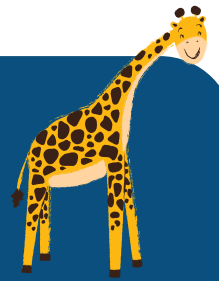
The children visited the Ancient Worlds gallery and looked at the figurines and oil lamps. They explored the history of oil lamps and how the 'Italian' style became dominant throughout the Roman world including Britain. They then designed their own Roman oil lamp.





Red Panda Class

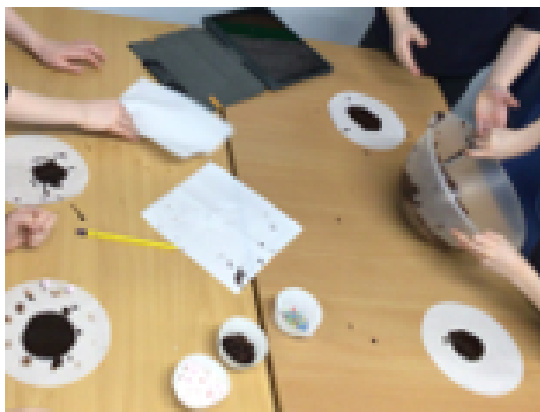
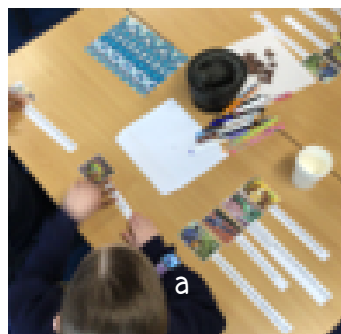
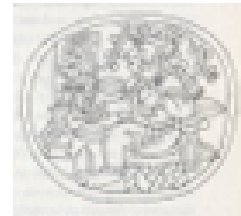
YEAR 4



Giraffe Class

Year 4 Chocolate Workshop – Spring 1 term

The Mayas



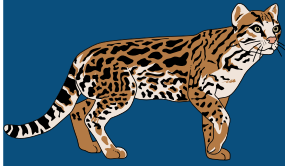
As part of our Stunning Start, the children were visited by Nicola who taught them all about chocolate. She explained that, despite chocolate 'being bad for you', good quality chocolate is actually good for you, especially dark chocolate. Nicola explained that cacao trees are grown on farms in Central America and West Africa, and described the harvesting process.

Nicola also told us about the historical cultural links to the ancient Maya people. They were the first people to domesticate cacao to make a drink called *xocolatl*, which means "bitter water". They believed chocolate was a heavenly gift from the gods and was even used as a form of currency.

The children loved the workshop especially as they had the opportunity to make their own *xocolatl* and decorated chocolate disc.



Tiger Class



Ocelot Class

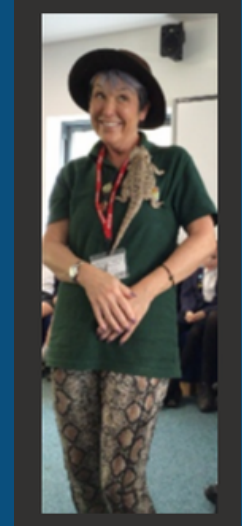
YEAR 5 & 6



Rhinoceros Class

During Science Week, Years 5 and 6 took part in a variety of engaging activities designed to spark their scientific curiosity. These included science orienteering, a BBC lesson exploring light and space and a live session with the Ocean Conservation Trust.

A highlight of the week was an exciting animal workshop with Marie from Animals 2 U. We had the opportunity to meet a range of fascinating creatures, including mammals, reptiles and invertebrates. We began by meeting two giant millipedes. Did you know that, despite their name meaning “a thousand feet,” they don’t actually have 1,000 legs? Most have only around 200–400! We then met a bearded dragon and discovered that the spiky skin under its chin can turn dark—sometimes almost black—when it feels scared, excited or wants to show off. Next, we were introduced to a corn snake and learned that snakes only eat and go to the toilet every two weeks. Finally, we met some mice, who use their whiskers like tiny feelers to explore the world around them. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed handling the animals and learning so many interesting new facts.



SPORTS & CLUBS

Friday 20th March 2026

Year 3 and 4 Knock-Out Cup – Semi final

The Year 3 and 4 football team competed in their semi-final knock-out cup game against Kingsteignton Primary School, after progressing through the last rounds against Gatehouse and Decoy Primary schools.

From the outset the boys dominated possession of the ball, with really composed passing through the defensive and midfield thirds creating space for our attacking players. Once in attacking positions, fantastic decision making and unselfish play enabled us to quickly make our dominance count.

This pattern remained throughout the game, with the team totally dominating, and racing into a 4-0 lead with two goals apiece for Ellis and our captain, Ollie. A fantastic goalkeeping display by the Kingsteignton 'keeper somehow prevented Ralphie from extending our lead following an outstanding dribble and composed finish.

Despite an excellent save from Sidney, Kingssteignton scored with a rebound finish just before the break to make it 4-1. An assured performance in the second half, managing the very warm conditions helped us to maintain this scoreline until the end and progress through to the final for the first time, where we will face either Blackpool or Ipplepen.

Superb pressing and attacking play from Ralphie, Max, George and Percy kept us on the front foot throughout and all of these deserved a goal to cap excellent performances. The difference today being fantastic decision-making by George in particular, who bagged a couple of assists.

Sidney in goal remained concentrated throughout, despite having little to do and produced an excellent save in the second half to keep us on top. Our defenders, Archie and Blake were dominant throughout and were very assured on the ball to drive us forward with purpose.

The Player of Match could have gone to any of the players today, but their team chose Percy for his outstanding work rate and tracking. Well done, Percy!!



In the week beginning Monday 16th March-Friday 20th March, we participated in the Big Walk and Wheel Week. Children across the school either walked, scooted or cycled to school. It was great to see so many children actively travelling to school and we hope this continues now the weather is improving. The class with the largest participation during the week was Penguin class, with a whopping 87%! Well done all.



A huge THANK YOU to Exeter City for the books they gave to children across the school (from Year 1-year 6)



Thursday 26th March 2026

Year 5 and 6 'B' league semi-final

The Year 5 and 6 'B' football team competed in the semi-final of the 'B' league competition at the Devon FA pitches after finishing second in their league group. They got this far after winning our first ever games in the league stage, and came up against the winners of the other league, Chudleigh Primary School.

We started on the back foot with last minute withdrawals to the team meaning that we drafted in Ralphie from the year 3/4 team, who was playing up two age groups. Facing an opponent that have won this competition for the last 3 years provided a huge challenge. The team performance was a huge improvement on our first games together: a reflection on their effort in training every week. Despite a hard-working performance, we eventually exited the competition with a 6-1 loss.

Blake, in goal, had a fantastic match, making numerous saves. Cohen and Oscar in defence came up against some fantastic forward play but grew into the match and put in some great last-ditch tackles. Nikki Hektor and Oliver worked incredibly hard in midfield and created some great chances with their running power. Ralphie, up front, was chosen as Player of the Match by the opposing team for his constant pressure, strength and skill. He was rewarded with a fantastic solo goal at the end of the game.

Most importantly, we have had fun. We've made a semi-final for the very first time and we've made huge progress individually and as a team. Well done!



Player of the match

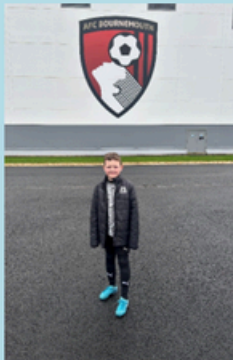
KS2 Netball

On Thursday 26th March, our year 6's played a netball match against Bradley Barton Primary School. The girls played four quarters of five-minute games and rotated positions every quarter. The girls started off well, defending the ball, ensuring there were no goals from the opposition by the end of the first quarter. There was fantastic defending from Millie and great attack and communication from Iona in the next two quarters, allowing Livvy to score our next two goals. Bradley Barton took the offence in the last quarter scoring two more goals, bringing the final score to 4-2 to Bradley Barton. Jasmine was chosen as the Player of the Match by Bradley Barton for excellent play throughout. Great effort girls.

Exciting News!



A big well done to Sidney who has recently been offered a 2-year contract as a goalkeeper with the Plymouth Argyle Football Pre-Academy. Sidney has already played Arsenal, Bournemouth and West Brom this season and will be playing some more incredible academies soon such as Chelsea, Tottenham, Man City and Brentford!





Girls' Football - 27th March 2026

The Girls' football team played against Gatehouse today who were very strong and won. Our girls played well, especially defending. Iona was chosen by Gatehouse as their Player of the Match. Well done, Iona!

KS2 Girls Football Festival

On Tuesday 2nd March, a mixture of Year 3-6 girls attended a football festival organised by Exeter City. The girls started off the morning playing some friendly matches against other schools.

They won 2 out of the 5 matches, Alice scored many of these goals. They then had a go at some skills-based activities, before ending the day with a Q&A with Exeter City football player Sophie Gillies and football manager Abbie Britton.

The girls had their shin pads or boots signed by Sophie and Abbie if they wanted to. May also received a medal after showing fantastic teamwork skills and a supportive attitude. Well done girls!



SING UP DAY!



On Wednesday 25th March, the whole school participated in Sing up day. We sang 'We get up again' which is all about trying new things, facing challenges, and growing stronger. Sing Up sets aside an extra special day to celebrate the power of song and share a little singing. From the UK to the UAE and the US to China, it was an opportunity for schools and singers to come together. The children all sang amazingly and thoroughly enjoyed themselves - well done!



TORBAY MUSIC FESTIVAL



Hazel Lewis would like to congratulate her piano students that performed in the Torbay Music Festival. You all played beautifully and were very brave. Well done 🍎





MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

This half term we have been having conversations about 'Respect' in school. Our talk has included how it can make people feel to be left out or treated differently because they are not the same as us. This has included our first ever 'Anti-Racism' week.

If you would like to understand racism better; would like to know how to have conversations with your child about racism, or if your child has or is experiencing racial bullying the NSPCC has a dedicated area to support parents/carers and young people:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>

NSPCC



GOVERNING BOARD NEWS



The governors of KKPS would like to wish all staff and families a Blessed Easter with lots of spring time fun.

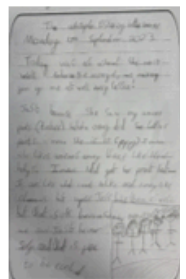
KKPS Governing Board

HAPPY EASTER

WRAP-AROUND



Well done to all the children who participated in the story/drawing competition. Great job! Here are some samples 😊



We often set up a sensory area for the children to relax and play in. This is quite popular!



There have been lots of Hama beads, loom bands and games this half term! If children want something specific, they know they can access anything 😊



From the Wrap Around Team 😊



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

3.09.25 – 27.03.26

Attendance percentage

Reception	96.9%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	96.1%
National	94.9%
Local Authority	94.9%

**WELL
DONE**

Have
your say!

Is there anything
you would like
included
in our newsletter?

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

Please do not send your child(ren) to school with snacks that contain nuts. As a school promoting the health and wellbeing of all children, we would please ask that children bring in healthy snack choices, such as chopped up fruit or vegetables. Thank you for your support with this.



SAFEGUARDING

Worried about a child's safety?

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01392 388428, 01803 208100 (if the child lives in Torbay) or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.

If a child is at immediate risk, contact the police on 999.

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Hi, My name is Millie Kingman, an ex student. I'm set to run the London Marathon for Alzheimer's Society...

TO DONATE



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Any donations to help me reach my goal are greatly appreciated.



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FREE EVENT



I AM LIMITLESS

Festival of Disability – Inclusive Cycling

Saturday 18th April 2026, Torbay Velopark 11am - 3pm

Have a go – all ages & abilities

Adapted and standard bikes in a traffic free environment supported by British Cycling Coaches and Ride Leaders.

Hand Cycles | Upright Racing Trikes | Tandems | ICE Trike/Recumbents
Standard Bikes | Helmets if needed

Available Activities:

- Introduction and simple checks
- Straight line, cornering, oval circuit and obstacle negotiation
- Fun challenge

Coffee van and refreshments available

Please scan QR code to book your place by Wednesday 16th April
<https://bit.ly/9tFO7w>

LIMITLESS

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