

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We had a fantastic day for World Book Day on Thursday. The children and staff loved coming to school in their PJ's and sharing a bedtime story at the end of the day. It was brilliant to see so many parents come into school in the morning and read with their children. There were many different book related activities completed throughout the day, as well as an opportunity for the older children to read to the younger ones. The children took home a World Book Day voucher, which they can use to buy a specially printed WBD book at local book shops or put towards the cost of any other book.

On Wednesday, our PTA organised a fantastic disco which was really well supported, and the children had a lovely time. I was really impressed with how good the children looked, and their behaviour was brilliant. The PTA do a brilliant job in supporting the school to raise extra funds that they can use to buy little extras to make the children's time at school more enjoyable. It is run by a group of volunteers who kindly give up their free time to plan and run these activities. May I please remind parents to make sure that you treat these volunteers with kindness and respect. Without this fantastic groups of people, we would not be able to run such events. My sincere thanks go to them for such a lovely evening enjoyed by all.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the extra hours of daylight and hopefully a bit more sun.



Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

#### Crazy Commute Lunch Tuesday, 19th March



Bicycle Bell Cheeseburgers

or

Cheese Wheel

With

Pedal Vegetables  
(peas and sweetcorn)



Spoke Fries

Or

Saddle Cheese Rolls

Traffic light biscuits



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#### CRAZY COMMUTE Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March



We would like as many of you as possible to take part in our Crazy Commute.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Colouring Competition for Key Stage 1 and Poetry Competition for Key Stage 2.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Decorate your Bike/Scooter Day.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Crazy Commute Lunch.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Wheelie BIG Breakfast 8-8.30am.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 2 ride to Rock Park.

There will be spot prizes awarded throughout the 3 weeks.



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# STARS OF THE WEEK

## The Pink Panthers

Amelia for settling back into routine quickly and for doing some super counting in front of the class.

Hugo for sitting nicely on the carpet for learning time and showing good participation.

## The Curious Corals:

My star of the week this week is Ellie-Ivy! Ellie-Ivy has been full of smiles this week and has approached every new challenge with optimism. She has been working hard on her writing and if things don't go to plan, she happily tries again to find a better outcome. Ellie-Ivy has been expanding her friendship group this week, playing beautifully with different children and happily incorporating them into her games when they don't have anybody to play with. She is a great friend who has a great understanding of the emotions of others and loves to take her peers under her wing when they need cheering up. Well done on a fantastic week, superstar!

## The Silver Sweethearts

Our star of the week is Liliana. Liliana continually amazes us with her reading and writing. She has got stuck into our new drawing club activities and has produced some amazing pieces. Liliana is also a fantastic friend who is always looking out for others. Well done Liliana you are our superstar.

## The Dancing Red Ravens

My star of the week is Evie G! Evie is an absolute gem to teach! She tries her hardest in all that is asked of her and the quality of her learning has improved greatly because of this!

She is amazing in Maths, quietly going about her business, smashing the work set with growing confidence and ease. She was especially quick with the most recent subtraction unit where she used a number line to count backwards both confidently and accurately! Evie is fantastic around class; she tidies up and helps out around the classroom. She is incredibly kind and a great friend to all. Keep up being wonderful Evie!! Mr Quilter x

## The Marvellous Midnight Blue Macaws

In a nutshell Alice is AMAZING. Alice is an enthusiastic learner who is always to push her knowledge to new heights. This week Alice was very kind during our world book days celebration. Another child in the class asked Alice if she would read him a story, Alice read the story beautifully, and when that boy moved onto something else, she kindly carried on reading the story to me and the rest of the table. Alice you are a super star. Mrs O xx

## The Lively Lilac Learners

My star of the week is Niamh. Niamh is really going from strength to strength at the moment. She has grown in confidence so much and is doing lovely writing, really using her sounds effectively to make great attempts at new words. In reading, Niamh is showing real promise and she is a diligent and consistent worker, who does exactly what is asked. Niamh is a strong mathematician and takes on new learning confidently. It has been wonderful to watch Niamh growing in confidence and seeing her learning flourishing. She also takes her school councillor role very seriously and gives it her all. Niamh is such a gentle, caring character and she has a kind soul, which means she is a wonderful friend. Niamh is the whole package. She can be so quiet but I want to make a noise about how well she is doing! Well done, Niamh.

**Congratulations to KS1  
Reading road champions**

**Belle Pixie Phoebe BB Freddy J**

On reaching 25 reads

**George G**

On reaching 175 reads

**Farai Oliver G**

On reaching 175 reads

**Congratulations to  
Years 3 and 4 - High Flyers**

**Olivia H**

On reaching 25 reads

**Freddie**

On reaching 75 reads

**Congratulations to  
Years 5 and 6  
Tri-reading tournament champ**

**Teagan**

On reaching 100 reads

The prize for the  
tidiest cloakroom

goes to

Mr Quilter class

**Wow Moment**

Ryder would like to share  
his karate grading last  
weekend. He is now a  
greenbelt.



Well done Ryder!

**PE CHAMPS**

Mr Ovey has selected the following children to be this week's PE Champs.

**Years 1 and 2**

Wyatt for an amazing positive attitude

**Years 3 and 4**

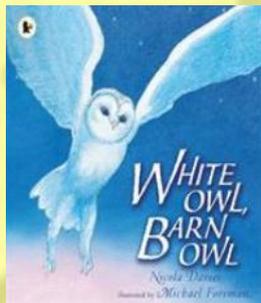
Luca for excellent hockey skills

**Years 5 and 6**

Ezra for showing amazing resilience

# READING CHAMPIONS

Year 1/2

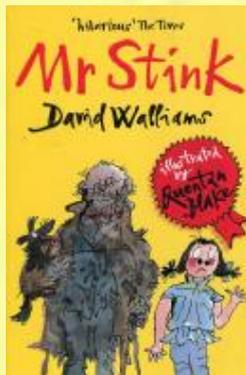


**'White owl, barn owl'**

I have chosen this book because it is easy to read, and the characters are cute - what is there to not like about adorable owls.

Grazyinka

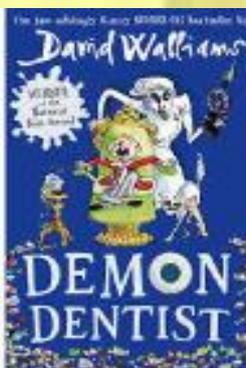
Year 3/4



**'Mr Stink'**

This week I have chosen Mr Stink because it has an amazing moral; every person has a unique story to tell, and you should not judge a book by its cover. This story is also written by David Walliams, so you know it will always be funny and intriguing.

Year 5/6



**'Demon Dentist'**

I have chosen Demon Dentist as it is a hilarious story that shows that whatever you do, whatever you come up against, you should never give up.

Theo

You can find all of this week's Reading Champion picks on display in the school library.

Happy reading!

Written by Written by Martha and Theo



## Years 3 and 4 Residential to Heatree Activity Centre

Last week, 39 children from Years 3 and 4 attended a three-day residential at Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor. Despite the cold, wet and even snowy weather, everyone had a fantastic time!

From the moment they arrived, the children were kept busy, with activities such as archery, wilderness adventure, low adventure and the Tamakale egg hunt.

The children enjoyed the archery games which included hitting certain targets to make a pizza. Many of them even hit a bullseye, earning maximum points for their team!

The Wilderness Walk included a trek across Dartmoor, where the children played lots of different 'hide and seek' games. They all enjoyed a much-needed hot chocolate at the end of the walk.

The Low Adventure was a hit with many of the children, as it included team building games, lots of mud, and finally getting wet crawling through obstacles in a stream! The children were all so brave and had a fantastic time!

Their final challenge was to find the rare eggs of the Tamakale bird which had been stolen by pirates. They completed many problem-solving activities, made even more exciting by regular snow showers!

The children were tired, but happy as they left Heatree and returned to Orchard Vale. Mr Bayliss, Mr Askew, Miss Gowing and I all had a fantastic time as well. We were so proud of the children's attitudes and efforts.

Special mentions go to Aflie for amazing manners, Scarlett for excellent problem solving, Chloe-Grace and Freddie, who said on the first day that they didn't know how to do many of the activities, but soon gave each one a try with a huge smile on their faces!

Well done everyone!

Mrs Johnson



## World Book Day 2024

It was wonderful to see parents in school reading with their children on Thursday morning, as we celebrated World Book Day.

Throughout the day children took part in various book related activities.

Year 1 coloured their own named bookmarks which were laminated as a little keepsake. They also wrote their own simple books on a variety of subjects from My Family to Exmoor Zoo.

In the afternoon, KS2 classes buddied up with KS1, Reception and Nursery for the older children to share a book with the younger ones, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children.

Throughout the day we shared as many stories as possible.

Our book themed, decorated classroom doors looked amazing.

A happy and successful day!



## Wednesday 6th March

On Wednesday, 15 children (a mix of years 4,5 and 6) went to Park Community School to take part in Park's annual dance festival. This year's dance theme was "through the jungle" where the children got to work in small groups and create a dance piece to a range of different music. The children got to work alongside other schools in the area, Park school pupils and some adults from Petroc College, where they learnt all about canon, transitioning and speed.

Here are some of the children's responses to the day:

Theo (Year 4)-I felt really good because I impressed one of the helper's with my dance moves and I was with my friends for the day.

Louisa (year 5)- I loved today because I was challenged to do something I hadn't done before. Gracie, Lottie, Freya and Annie inspired us to be creative with our dance and we had the best day!

Mollie (year 6)- Today was really fun, I had a great time and I really enjoyed it.



## PTFA

Firstly, it was so lovely to see all the children dressed up in their best disco outfits and showing their dancing moves on Wednesday.

We would like to update you on what we have been spending the money we raise on. The children now have picnic benches in the playground where they can sit and chat during their playtimes and lunchtimes.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us using the Tesco Blue Coins, we were awarded £1,000. We will be using this to re-develop the forest school area.

Our next fundraising event is the Easter Fayre on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Week commencing—Monday, 11th March**  
**Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options**

<b>LUNCH MENU – WEEK 2</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov / 1 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan / 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb / 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
 Cheeseburger (100% Beef) in a Bun	Handmade Chicken Curry, Wholegrain Rice & Naan Bread (New Recipe)	Toad in the Hole (Butchers Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding)	Jumbo Fish Fingers (New)	Chicken Goujons with Tomato Pasta	
 Roasted Stuffed Feta Peppers	Macaroni Cheese & Crusty Bread	Herby Lentil Loaf	Vegan Sausage Roll	Sweet & Sour Quorn with Noodles	
 Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		
 Potato Wedges, Peas & Corn on Cob	Mixed Vegetables	Roast or Mash Potato with Fresh Sliced Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta, Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	
 Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Fruit Muffin/Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit	Date & Rice Crispy Cake (New Recipe)	Apple Cake	
Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll	

## School Diary Dates

Tue, 12th Mar	Crazy Commute—KS1 colouring competition / KS2 poetry competition
Tue, 12th Mar	Years 5/6—Mr Greenslade's class—Guildhall visit
Wed, 13th Mar	Years 5/6—Mrs Scott's class—Guildhall visit
Thur, 14th Mar	Years 5/6—Miss Williams' —Guildhall visit
Fri, 15th Mar	Decorate your bike/scooter day
Fri, 15th March	Rock Steady music workshops—Years 1,2,3,4,5,6
Fri, 22nd Mar	Wheelie Big Breakfast (8am to 8.30am)
Mon, 25th Mar	Learn to Ride (selected children)
Wed, 27th Mar	KS1—Oral Health assembly and class workshops.
Wed, 27th Mar	Easter Fayre (PTA)
Tue, 26th Mar	Y5/6 Boys Football
Tue, 26th Mar	KS2 Cycle to Rock Park
Fri, 29th Mar	Bank Holiday
Mon 1st to Fri, 12th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon, 15th April	First day back at school
Mon, 15th to Thur 18th April	KS1 Balanceability
Wed, 17th April	KS2—Oral Health assembly and class workshops
Thur, 18th April	Year 6 and Reception—National Child Measurement Programme

Dear parent / carer.

**Ref: Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme Easter 2024**

The HAF Programme is fully funded by the Government and enables your child to access a variety of exciting activities over the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays as well as receiving a cooked meal.

Children can book and access up to 4 sessions in the Easter holidays and some programmes are offering family events or outings for those children that **attend** sessions. Additional sessions maybe available but will be charged for. Please enquire, direct with your local HAF provider for further details.

**Children have the same unique code available to use for each holiday's so those issued previously are still valid.**

To see what programmes are available near you, please visit:

[HAF providers map - Easter 2024 – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-map/)

You will need to enquire and book, direct with the provider, who may require sight of your letter you received with your child/s code previously and reference code to confirm your space.

It is important that if you book onto a HAF scheme and then cannot attend any of the days, that you let the provider know and cancel your space so another child can attend. As per our non-attendance policy, if you do not notify your provider in advance, your bookings will be cancelled for the remainder of that holiday and may not be accepted to make future bookings.

Kind regards,

**Holiday Activities and Food Programme Team**



## The HAF Website is now live!

The programme of events for the Easter holidays has now gone live in Devon

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-map/>

Please share far and wide!  
Places are limited

Fully funded places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

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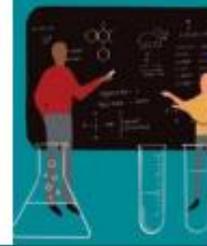


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