

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 3rd November 2023

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you attending parents evening this week, we hope you found this useful.

We have had a busy week in school with Year 5 and 6 children writing Shakespeare plays or rehearsing for their performance at the Landmark Theatre on Wednesday next week. Today the School Council were treated to an afternoon of auditions by children in years 1 and 2, for OV's Got Talent. There was a huge number of participants, and the performances were really entertaining and put a smile on all our faces. It was wonderful how their bravery and confidence shone through.

#### Attendance

We have reviewed the whole school attendance this week and will be focussing on lateness in the coming weeks. Could we remind you that:

**Gates open at 8:30am**

**Gates close at 8:50am**

This should give you plenty of time to get your child into school. Lessons start promptly, therefore any children arriving late will miss the start of their 1<sup>st</sup> lesson. We will be monitoring late arrivals over the next few weeks and will be following up any persistent lateness. Please make the effort to get your child to school on time to support their learning.

We are continuing to support the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and other merchandise in preparation for our Remembrance Service on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please see the suggested donation sheet on page .



We wish you a warm and dry weekend. Don't forget to stay safe if you are attending a fire-works display or having a bonfire.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

### Your PTFA needs you

If you feel you would like to join our small friendly PTFA, we would love to hear from you.

Any hours you have available to volunteer to join this great team of PTFA members would be a wonderful, it does not have to be a set time each week.

If you are interested please contact one of the following:

**Mrs Oldfield, Mrs Golding, Ms Knight,  
Mr Wharham or Mrs Manley.**

We will require all members to complete a DBS check, which is a easy process. Please contact Mrs Slate in the school office.

If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact one of us.



# Stars of the week



## The Pink Panthers

Lyla for playing nicely with her friends and being kind and helpful with the new children.

Fletch for settling in nicely and doing some lovely sitting on the carpet at learning time.

## The Curious Corals

Meadow has made so much progress since starting Reception and this week has been her best week yet. We've seen her demonstrate her growing confidence everyday, coming in with a smile on her face and trying out new activities with her friends. It's great to see you stepping outside of your comfort zone, Meadow, and it's lovely to see how much you enjoy it! Keep up the good work lovely girl.

## The Silver Sweathearts

Caleb has been trying so hard with his phonics, including reading and writing the sounds. He always works hard, listens to others and does what is asked of him. He is a pleasure to have in the class. Well done Caleb!

## The Dancing Red Ravers

Freddy has made an incredible start to year 2. His writing stamina has improved greatly from last year and it is evident how hard he is working! Freddy has been very eager to learn his keywords this week and it is great to see him achieve in this area. Freddy is a lovely chap who i love teaching; he works hard and is a pleasure to be around. Keep up the amazing work Fredster; you super star! Mr Q x

## The Marvellous Midnight Blue Macaws

Ben is the perfect gentleman in the classroom, he listens beautifully and always gives 100% in all he does. The thing that impresses me most about Ben is when he is not sure about something, he will always check in with a adult to make sure he is doing it right or to get the help he needs. This week Ben made my day by coming to visit me in our PPI dresses as the pumpkin king, he also produced a fantastic mix, match monster, using great adjectives to describe the different parts of his monster. Well done Ben, keep up this amazing work Buddy. Mrs O x

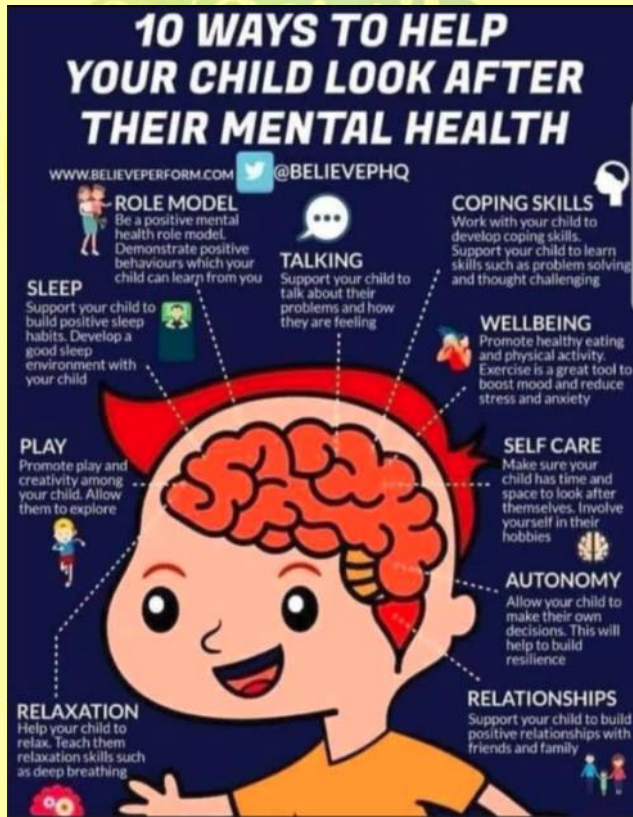
## The Lively Lilac Learners

My star of the week is Harvey. I am so pleased with the way Harvey is applying himself to his learning. He is doing brilliantly in his phonics and maths. Harvey is also working really hard at coming into school well in the morning which is a challenge for him. Harvey is a great friend and loves to play! Thank you, Harvey, for your great effort in getting into the Year 1 zone. You are a star!



# Mrs Manley's Community Project Page

## Orchard Vale's Mental Health Ambassadors



Freedom Community Alliance  
The Freedom Centre  
1 Howard Avenue  
Barnstaple EX32 8QA

Phone: 01271 321171  
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www.freedomcommunityalliance.org.uk



1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Orchard Vale Community School  
Westacott Road  
Whiddon Valley  
Barnstaple  
EX32 8QY

By email: smanly@ventrus.org.uk

Dear Children,

On behalf of the staff and trustees of Freedom Community Alliance, I am writing to express our heart-felt thanks to you all at Orchard Vale Community School for your donation of groceries, given as part of our harvest appeal.

We have been blown away once again this year by the kindness and generosity of individuals, churches, schools and other organisations including yourselves and I want to tell you just how much it means to us to have the support of so many in the work that we do.

Please be assured of our commitment to use your donation well within our Day Centre where in the last 6 months we have seen more than 4800 visits and provided more than 3500 hot meals to those who are finding life difficult in so many ways.

The demand for our services continues to grow as do the challenges we face in caring for our Day Centre visitors and the residents that occupy the 51 bed spaces in our supported housing properties and who, may otherwise be homeless. So to have your support is a huge encouragement and blessing to us.

If you or someone from your group/organisation would like to be included in an email circulation list of supporters who receive a twice-a-year update on developments within FCA then simply do drop an email to [info@freedomcommunityalliance.org.uk](mailto:info@freedomcommunityalliance.org.uk) and we will be glad to add you.

Thank you again, for your continued and faithful support. We think you are amazing!

God bless you.

Roger Bartlett  
Operations Manager

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## Orchard Vale needs your help! Tesco Stronger Starts



We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in our funding application with Tesco Stronger Starts.

We are in the process of upgrading our existing Forest School area into an accessible outdoor learning and well-being provision. There are 3 grants available, £1500, £1000 and £500. The amount we receive will depend on the public voting for us in-store with the blue tokens.

Please could we ask for your help when shopping at Tescos by using the blue tokens, available at the checkout, to vote for Orchard Vale before you leave the shop.

### Spread the word

Ask your family and friends to vote for us too.

Voting will commence in stores from  
First week in October 2023 until mid-January 2024

Participating stores are:  
Tesco Extra – Barnstaple Retail Park  
Tesco Superstore – Rose Lane  
Tesco Express – High Street

## Can you help us help our school community?



We intend to give each child a wrapped age-appropriate book at the end of the year for Christmas.

Have you got any books at home that you feel you would like to donate?



If you have, could you please pop them to either your class teacher or the school office.





**NEW MENU—Week commencing—Monday, 6th November**  
**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	

**Congratulations to  
Reading road champions**

**Bella, Lucas, Summer, Emi,  
Sophia, Pippa, Arthur, Elana**

On reaching 25 reads

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

**Theo C, Lily-Mae S, Freddie**

On reaching 25 reads

**School Diary Dates**

Mon, 6th Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations—Reception to Year 6 (parents to have provided consent on NHS APP)
Wed, 8th Nov	Y5/6—Group 2—swimming lesson
Wed, 8th Nov	Y5/6—Shakespeare Festival—Landmark Theatre
Thur, 9th Nov	North Devon Ventrus Cross Country at Orchard Vale
Fri, 10th Nov	Children's Remembrance Parade—Rock Park Memorial
Wed, 15th Nov	Reception—Vision Screening
Wed, 15th Nov	Y5/6—Group 2—swimming lesson
Fri, 17th Nov	Y5/6 Cinema Trip
Tue, 21st Nov	Y5/6—Hampton Court Trip
Tue, 21st Nov	Y6—Rising Stars—Gymnastics Day—Group 1
Wed, 22nd Nov	Group 1—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 1
Wed, 22nd Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6 Swimming Lesson
Thur, 23rd Nov	Group 1—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2
Mon, 27th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 1
Tue, 28th Nov	Y6—Rising Stars—Gymnastics Day—Group 2
Tue, 28th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2
Wed, 29th Nov	Group 3—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 1
Thur, 30th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2



## Royal British Legion—Poppy Appeal 2023

We are assisting the Royal British Legion with their fundraising again this year. Children will be able to make a donation towards the Poppy Appeal during morning registration.

There is a selection of merchandise the children can choose from. Please see suggested donations below.

Poppies will also be available for any donation.

As the donations will be going straight into the Royal British Legion collection tins so children will be able to bring cash in for their donation.



Reflectors, pencil sharpeners, erasers, wrist bands.  
Suggested donation—50p

Slap rulers, rulers.  
Suggested donation— £1



Poppy—any donation




  
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# Christmas Activity Days

**WHEN?**

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER - THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

**TIMINGS**

STANDARD DAY 8.30AM-3.30PM

EXTENDED DAY 8.00AM- 5.30PM

**WHERE?**

STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**HOW TO BOOK:**

- VISIT OUR WEBSITE- PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK
- CLICK ON THE TAB 'BOOK NOW'
- SCROLL DOWN TO STICKLEPATH PRIMARY SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL

CHRISTMAS DISCO

CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS

SANTA AND ELF VISIT

CHRISTMAS BINGO







# FESTIVE CHARITY COOKING EVENT

for the Children's Hospice Southwest

Time to Cook are teaming up with Graze & S'more to deliver a fabulous workshop for children aged 6 and upwards on how to make the perfect Grazing Platter.

**Sunday 12th November at 1pm at Pilton Church Hall**



side by side  
TAW & TORRIDGE  
PARENT CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Side by Side Taw & Torridge is a parent led organisation that offers face to face support groups for parents and carers of children, young people and adults with additional needs.

If you are a parent or carer struggling to navigate the different services for health and education, then come and join one of our friendly support sessions and connect with other families living similar circumstances.

**November Dates**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – St John's Garden Centre Café, St John's Lane (Next to Tesco) from 11am. Any questions please contact Bonnie: **07377625276**

**Tuesday 14th** - Morrison's Supermarket Café, Bideford from 10:30am.

Any questions please contact Natalie: **07966910527**

**Tuesday 21st** – Lemon Tree Café, Holland Walk, Barnstaple from 10am

Any questions please contact Janice: **07869436621**

**Thursday 30th** – Online Specialist Education and EHCP support session from 7-9pm

Any questions and to book a place contact Tracey: **07921220840**

Email: [sidebysidebarnstaple@outlook.com](mailto:sidebysidebarnstaple@outlook.com)

Find us on [Facebook](#)

Katie Ley, owner of Graze & S'more will be revealing her secrets on how to make beautiful Grazing boxes. In this two hour workshop, your cooks will learn how to prepare and present delicious ingredients.

They'll go home with a Grazing box worth £27 and all the insider tips and tricks to prepare Grazing platters at home.





children's hospice  
SOUTH WEST

The cost for the class is £30 which includes all the ingredients, equipment and the Grazing box to take home to enjoy. Katie is donating her fee to the Children's Hospice Southwest so part of the class cost will go to this amazing charity.

**Message us to book your space**

Email [claire@timetocook.uk](mailto:claire@timetocook.uk) or message Time to Cook on Facebook or Instagram. Sessions must be pre-booked before the class.



[timetocooknorthdevon](https://www.instagram.com/timetocooknorthdevon)



# COMPETITION TIME AT BANBURY'S

BARNSTAPLE DEPARTMENT STORE & FURNISHINGS

## Find our Reindeer!

**WIN £50 BANBURY'S GIFT CARD\*  
& £25 TO SPEND ON JELLYCATS**

\*Terms and conditions apply, please ask in store for more details

### HOW TO ENTER:

- GRAB AN ENTRY FORM FROM ANY TILL POINT
- FIND THE 9 REINDEER HIDING IN STORE



**ANYONE  
CAN ENTER!  
FUN FOR ALL  
THE FAMILY**

WINNER ANNOUNCED ON  
CHRISTMAS EVE 2023



## FIREBALL NORTH DEVON

**School Years 3-6 Volleyball Training**

**Come and try volleyball! Expert coaching as part of a friendly local club.**

**Pilton Community College**

**4:30-5:30pm, Wednesdays**

**Join the club via the QR code or via the link below.**



## SIGN UP:



**<https://group.spond.com/VOQZM>**