

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

The mornings are getting darker and the weather this week has been terrible, but spirits remain high in school, and we have had a very busy week. The reception children behaved brilliantly during the NHS vision screening checks on Tuesday. Today year 5 and 6 children were treated to a free film at Scott Cinema in Barnstaple as part of the Into Film Festival. Well done to the children and staff who braved the weather to walk to the cinema and back. The rest of the school enjoyed a film afternoon in their classrooms.

We are starting to enter the festive season with a tree being delivered today! We are planning a whole school performance—'An Explosion of Colour'. The classes have chosen their songs and are starting to rehearse. Please see page 2 with full information about dates, times, and tickets. Please use the link to the online booking form to place your orders. In order to give every child the opportunity for someone to watch them we are initially restricting tickets to 2 per family.

Our auditions continued for OV's Got Talent, and we were treated to a wide range of performances from the year 3 and 4 children today. Wow, we have a fantastic number of talented children, singing, dancing, magic tricks and some spectacular gym skills.

Don't forget if you would like your child to be in with a chance to go to the pantomime at the Queen's Theatre with the school, please remember to send your completed slip in by Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

As we move towards winter, please remember to send your child to school with a coat and appropriate footwear.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

### Settling ParentPay debt

Please could we ask parents/guardians to check their Parentpay accounts and settle any outstanding debts, to avoid these mounting up:

School dinners  
Breakfast Club/Breakfast Club Siblings  
Explorers After School Club  
Late pick up charges  
Little Seeds and Nursery fees.

In the event of a build up of debt you may be refused access to some of these services.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.



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**Open Evening - Reception Class of 2024**

**Wednesday 29th November 4pm-5pm**

Is your child due to start in Reception class, September 2024?

If so, we would like to invite prospective parents to visit our wonderful school.

Please come to the school entrance where you will be greeted by Mrs Oldfield, our Early Years Lead.

You will be given a brief talk in the school hall prior to having the time to look around all our classrooms and meet our amazing teachers.

We hope to see you there!



# Stars of the week

## The Pink Panthers

.Ellie-Mae for cheerfully joining in with lots of activities and sitting nicely on the carpet for learning time.

Arthur for good tidying and for always trying hard in PE, demonstrating some super skills.

## The Curious Corals

We love having Freddy in our class. He makes us all laugh constantly with his infectious smile and funny nature. Freddy has come a long way with his confidence, and this week he has been trying really hard to communicate with others in our class and on the playground. He has been sharing his toys and taking turns with his peers, using his words to express when he wants to play with something. Freddy has also been trying extra hard this week to perfect writing his name and has now been writing it at the top of his work with pride! Freddy, you have come such a long way since the start of term, and it is great to see your determination and resilience grow with each new week. Keep shining lovely boy!

## The Silver Sweathearts

Eleanor always makes the right choices in school. She always follows our class and school rules, is a good listener and tries hard in all her learning. She is a good friend and a trusted and reliable member of the class. We are so lucky to have her! Well done Eleanor!

## Congratulations to Reading road champions

**Farai**

On reaching 75 reads

**Heidi Oliver J Erin H-M**

On reaching 25 reads

## Congratulations to Years 3 and 4 - High Flyers

**Hollie G**

On reaching 50 reads

**Ellie Hollie P Rory H**

On reaching 25 reads



# Orchard Vale's An Explosion of Colour Performance

**Monday 11th December**  
**13:30 - 15:00**—Nursery to Year 6

**Monday 11th December**  
**17:00 - 18:30**—Years 1 to 6

**Tuesday 12th December**  
**09:30 - 11:00**—Reception to Year 6

**Tuesday 12th December**  
**17:00 - 18:30**—Years 1 to 6

**All Tickets - £2 (initially, 2 tickets per family)**  
**(under 3's free if sitting on a lap)**

Complete the online form by 1st December to book your 2 seats.  
You will be assigned the payment item on ParentPay.  
Payments to be made by Wednesday 6th December.  
Tickets will be sent home via Class Teachers.

**During performance raffle tickets will be on sale for your  
chance to win a wonderful Christmas Hamper.**

# Mrs Manley's Community Project Page

## Orchard Vale's Mental Health Ambassadors

**A huge thank you** to Lilly-Rose's dad for redecorating our Mental Health Ambassadors 'Worry Box'.

As you can see, he has done a wonderful job of it.

This will be kept in a place where all the children have access to pop their worries in.



## Can you help?

We are looking to provide the children with a wider range of toys at lunchtime.

Have you got anything suitable which you would like to donate. Here are a few examples to give you some idea of what we are looking for. If you have any toys you would like to donate, please drop them to the office for the attention of Mrs Manley.

Many thanks.



This Photo by

## Mental Health Assembly

On Wednesday's assembly the year 6 Mental Health Ambassadors wrote an assembly to present to key stage 2. The assembly was about many different things but the most important ones were Anti-Bullying week and the worry box.

Just a reminder that only worries can go in the box, last year we had silly drawings or just silly comments.

The worry box will be by the reception so the children can go and put something in without anyone reading over their shoulder.

We also played some really fun games the spider web (or connections) and Ball balance. The connections game helps you learn what you have in common with someone - Ball balance helps you see how you can talk to (Mental health ambassadors) and how you might feel if you have worries. We have been playing these games on play-ground.

Overall, it was a very successful assembly!

By Mental Health Ambassador (MHA)

## 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, 20th November  
Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Butchers Pork Sausages & Potato Wedges	Butchers Mince Beef Nachos & Wholegrain Rice	Chicken Stew (New Recipe)	Harry Ramsdens Battered Salmon Fillets	Organic Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Finger Roll
Spanish Omelette	Cheese Pasty & Tomato Pasta	Vegetarian Roast	Vegan Nuggets	Oaty Veggie Crumble & Creamy Mash Potato
Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	
Baked Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Mash Potato & Cauliflower	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Sliced Carrots & Sweetcorn
Fruit Smoothie	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Strawberry Mousse with Berry Compote	Fruity Flapjack	Fresh Fruit
Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll



## School Diary Dates

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
Wed, 29th Nov	September 2024 Reception Starter Tour - 4pm to 5pm
Thur, 30th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2
Wed, 6th Dec	Community Choir
Mon, 11th Dec	Whole School Performance—1.30pm to 3pm and 5pm to 6.30pm (tickets available soon)
Tues, 12th Dec	Whole School Performance—9am to 10.30am and 5pm to 6.30pm (tickets available soon)
Wed, 13th Dec	Christmas Dinner—must be pre-booked through the office
Thur, 14th Dec	Sleeping Beauty Panto—Queen's Theatre (10am to 1pm)
Fri, 15th Dec	Last Day of Term

# Christmas fair

PLEASE COME ALONG  
WEDNESDAY 06th December, OPENS 11:00am,  
AT THE FERN CENTRE, NORTH DEVON  
DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

*Tombola, Hand Made christmas Gifts,  
Cakes and Hot Drinks*



## The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for  
Winter has now gone live in  
Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

**Please share far and wide!  
Places are limited**

Places are available for children who are  
accessing benefit related free school  
meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>

**MERRY  
XMAS**

