

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 22nd September 2023

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a super week in school and the children are settling to new routines and getting used to being back in school every day. The weather has been very changeable, and children will need to be prepared for all weathers. Please make sure they have a named waterproof coat in school every day. Please also ensure children's clothing and other items are named; we get a lot of lost property and if named this can be returned quickly.

Year 5 and 6 had a great time at Wild Day Out at Snapper on Tuesday, spending the day doing fire lighting, den building, nature art and tunnelling. They all participated and were brilliantly behaved, learning to work together and cooperate with others. A great way to start the year in Year 5 and 6.

Please can I remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the playground or school grounds. There is ample space on the grass at the other side of the staff car park for you to tie your dog up while you collect your child. If you are unable to leave your dog, please make your child's class teacher aware and they will send your child out to you when they see you waiting on the other side of the fence.

Drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the school days are always very busy on the road outside of the school. Parking is limited and the safe use of the parking spaces and turning circle requires patience and cooperation of everyone. Please be patient and park sensibly with consideration for the children and families using the foot paths and our local residents. Can we ask parents not to use the school car park at the beginning and end of the school days, you are likely to be blocked in. Please do not use the car park as a walk through.

Finally, we are trying to raise money by collecting second hand clothes. If you have any unwanted clothes and shoes please bag them up and bring them in to the collection point next to the school office.

Fingers crossed for a rain free weekend.



Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

#### Year 5/6 Teams support day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

##### Device support for children

We are hosting a Y5/6 Teams support day, where your child can bring in any device they need help to log onto Teams (mobile phone, tablet, laptop, etc). We will help them login and get started

##### Parent Drop-in—Teams Support

Parents/carers of children in Year 5/6 can join us at 3:30-4pm for guidance on helping their child use Teams.

#### Reception and Year1 Thursday, 28th September

Parents with children in Reception and Year 1 are invited to learn about Read Write Inc phonics and how you can help your child with reading at home.

Please come to the school office for 2.35pm ready for the workshop to start at 2.45.

Buggies will need to be left in the courtyard during this session.

We will finish in time for you to collect your children as normal. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Don't forget your coat!

Please could the children remember to bring in a raincoat every day. Now that the weather is turning more unpredictable children will need a coat in school.

We encourage the children to go outside in all weathers during break and lunch times.

#### No dogs on school grounds

Please be aware that although families may be used to their own dogs, others may find the presence of dogs in the playground/school grounds stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

**Please note that we do not allow dogs onto the school grounds/playgrounds.**

# stars of the week

## **The Pink Panthers**

Ava for showing good independence and looking out for her friends when they are upset.  
Millie for settling in well, being helpful and having good manners.

## **The Curious Corals**

Theo has had a brilliant start to his Reception journey. Our yoga "oga" superstar has only been at the school for 12 days and yet it already feels like he's been a part of OV for much longer. This week, he has adapted well to our class routines, and it has been great to see him so engaged in his learning. Theo takes great care of our classroom and has already perfected tidying away the things he has finished with before selecting his next activity of choice. Theo, you are hardworking, resilient and a joy to have in class. Well done on a fantastic start to the year!

## **The Silver Sweethearts**

My star of the week is Ben - for always following the class rules and trying his best at everything he does. I am so happy to have him in my class, showing a great example to all the other children. Well done and thank you Ben!

## **The Energetic Emerald Explorers**

My Star of the Week is Freddie for the way he has come back as a confident Year 4 this term. He is working so hard, answering questions, taking part in class discussions, and producing some lovely work. He really has made the best start to Year 4 and is becoming an excellent role model. Keep up the good work Freddie.

## **The Precious Pearl Problem Solvers**

Renzo has taken a consistently tenacious approach to his learning this week in all subjects. He has worked tremendously hard to present his work neatly and has shown great care and pride with all of his work. Well done!

## **The Groundbreaking Golds**

Tahlia is my star of the week for showing wonderful effort! She has tried extremely hard in her learning and has persevered even when things have got tough. She has shown great maturity in wanting to work independently and show off her best learning! Keep up the hard work! Mr W

## **The Jubilantly Jazzy Jades**

Millie is such a star! Over the past couple of weeks, she has shown the most incredible zest for learning putting 100% effort into her schoolwork and has been fully engaged in all lessons, seeking support and challenge. She is a lovely, kind, caring and considerate young lady and always takes time to ask me how my day is going. This also shows in her relationship with her friends. It is a pleasure to have you in the class. Well done Millie, keep it up! Miss Yorke.

## **The Limitless Lemon Yellows**

This week my Star of the Week is Alfie-John! Alfie has had a super start to year 5 and it has been fantastic to see him settle in so well after the summer holidays. In his learning, he has been a brilliant role model to everyone in his class and his teaching group. It has been lovely to see him so engaged and ready to learn; he is such a hardworking individual and I have no doubt that he will absolutely flourish in year 5! Additionally, he has built some new friendships with some year 6 boys, and it has been great to see them working together so collaboratively. On Wild Day Out, he threw himself into every activity and really thrived in the outdoor environment. Alfie you have had an amazing start to the year, and it is a real privilege to have you in my class. I am very proud of you; keep up the good work you superstar!!

## **The Athletic Aquamarines**

My star of the week is Bella. Bella has come into year 5 with the most incredible attitude to learning and school life. She is fantastically sensible, hardworking and kind, plus she constantly helps others by noticing what needs to be done around the classroom and quietly sorts it! You are a superstar, Bella; well done.

## Years 5 and 6—Wild Day Out

On Tuesday, 19th September, year 5 and 6 went to the Snapper Scout Campsite. We took part in activities including; fire lighting; tunnelling; outdoor art and den building. We had a go at most of the activities and enjoyed it a lot. Even though the weather was not very good, we still had lots of fun!

It rained a lot but in the afternoon it brightened up a bit. The activities helped with our self-esteem, independence and team building skills. We had a great time and got quite muddy!

By Martha and Nieve



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 instore 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



Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to announce that Orchard Vale has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our Forest School.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Orchard Vale, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Orchard Vale on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the main courtyard behind the trellis before this date and help us have a good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

St John Ambulance



Restart a Heartbeat  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

With our ongoing fundraising to support our community defibrillator we will be holding the above 'Restart a Heartbeat' day.

During the day children from Year 1 to 6 will have a "999" workshop run by the SWAST.

Throughout the day Mr Ovey will also be running various activities to increase the children's heart rates.

This will also be a non-uniform day. Children can come dressed in something red and a donation of £1 would be appreciated. Money raised will go towards the upkeep of the defibrillator.

# Restart A Heart Day

## 16 October



Supports Restart A Heart

## Week commencing –25th September 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>M</b>	Macaroni cheese	Beef nachos	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Breaded fish fillet	Butcher sausages
<b>V</b>	Veggie Bolognaise	Cheese wheel	Cauliflower Bites	Veggie sausage	Quorn wrap
<b>Sides</b>	Crusty bread & mixed vegetables	Tortilla chips, wholegrain rice, carrot & pepper sticks	Dry roast or mash potato fresh, broccoli, sliced carrots & gravy	Chips, pasta, homemade coleslaw & cucumber sticks	Mash potato, baked beans & peas
<b>JP</b>	Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Cheese/Beans/Tuna or Coleslaw	Cheese/Beans/Tuna
<b>SPL</b>	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Chicken & stuffing roll	Tuna mayo roll	Sausage Roll
<b>D</b>	Cheese, crackers and apple	Pip organic fruit lolly	Fresh fruit	Cookie	Chocolate cornflake crunchies

Low Fat Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Water will be available daily, Milk on request.  
Gluten Free/Dairy Free/Vegan menu available on request

## School Diary Dates

Mon, 25th , Tue, 26th, Wed, 27th, Thur, 28th OR Fri, 29th Sep	Y6—Park School Open Day (8.50am to 10.40am)
Tue, 26th Sept	Y5/6—Teams Device Support day—Pupils Y5/6 Parent drop in—Teams Support—3.30pm—4pm
Wed, 27th Sept	Y5/6—Group 1— swimming lessons
Thur, 28th Sep	Reception/Year 1—Read Write Phonics—Parent Workshop—2.35pm for 3.45pm
Thur, 28th Sep	Year 3/4 Cross Country Event—Park School
Mon, 2nd Oct	Y5/6—Shakespeare in school workshop
Wed, 4th Oct	Y5/6—Group 1—swimming lessons
Thur, 5th Oct	Y5/6 Cross Country—Park School
Wed, 11th Oct	Y5/6—Group 1—swimming lessons
Thur, 12th Oct	Tempest—Individual and Sibling photos (more information to come)
Mon, 16th Oct	Restart a Heart Day
Tue, 17th Oct	Y3—Multi Sports Festival—Park School
Wed, 18th Oct	Y5/6—Group 1—swimming lessons
Fri, 20th Oct	Non Pupil Day
Mon, 23rd to Fri, 27 Oct	Half Term
Mon, 30th Oct	First Day back after half term
Mon, 30th Oct—Thur, 2nd Nov	Parent/Pupil/Teacher update—dates and times will be made available on Arbor nearer the time.

# We need your help to keep our children safe!

We are sure you will all agree that the safety of our children and families is of the utmost importance to us all.

**Please could we urge our parents/families to put safety first by parking responsibly during drop-off and pick-up times. Please see photos below provided by people in our community showing parking offense this week.**

Where possible you should park in the designated area just past the school after Kingfisher Drive and behind the bollards. If you are unable to park there you are able to park in one of our neighbouring residential roads, but please park considerately and do not block driveways or mount the footpath.

**Please could we ask you to report any parking or speeding issues to the Police on the non-emergency number of 101 or email [01@dc.police.uk](mailto:01@dc.police.uk).**

The Highway Code tells us you **must not stop or park** in the following locations, except when forced to do so by stationary traffic:

1. Near a school entrance.
2. Anywhere that would prevent access for emergency vehicles.
3. On a bus stop, or a taxi rank.
4. Opposite or **within 32 feet of a junction**, except in an authorised parking bay.
5. Opposite another parked vehicle (if it causes an obstruction).
6. Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair and mobility vehicle users.
7. In front of an entrance to a property.
8. On a bend.
9. A pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines
10. Where you would obstruct a cycle lane.
11. A cycle lane during its period of operation.
12. A cycle track.

**No parking in the red zone.**

**From Magnolia Close to after the bollards past Kingfisher**





**THE PARK  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL**



**PARTICIPATION ASPIRATION RESPONSIBILITY KINDNESS**

# OPEN DAY EVENTS

## Open Evening

Thursday 21st September from 5.45pm

## Open Days

25th - 29th September Daily 8.50am - 10.40am



Scan here to book your place  
and to find out more



## You are invited to **KIDS MATTER**



A group for anyone caring for kids between 1-10 yrs old. A chance to talk with others over coffee, tea and food.

During the 6 weeks, we cover the following:

Taster session – Come and see what it's like to be in a Kids Matter group

Session 1 – Building a strong family

Session 2 – Loving our children well

Session 3 – Play, encouragement and listening

Session 4 – Routines and rewards

Session 5 – Family rules and consequences

Session 6 – The bigger picture

Booster session – Checking in 3 months later

Free Crèche available.



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A group for anyone caring for kids between 1-10 years old. A chance to talk with others over coffee, tea and food. Free crèche available.  
Do join us!

### Parents get together

At: The Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Barbican Terrace, Barnstaple, EX32 9HQ

On: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September or Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 10.30am to 12.30

Contact: [kidsmatter@trinitybarnstaple.org.uk](mailto:kidsmatter@trinitybarnstaple.org.uk)

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**EARLY BIRD OFFER ENDS 1 OCTOBER FULL WEEK £110**

# FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

## 23 - 27 OCTOBER

9AM - 4PM

**TARKA LEISURE CENTRE, BARNSTAPLE**

- EARLY BIRD OFFER UNTIL 1 OCT £25 PER DAY / £110 FULL WEEK
- DAY PRICE THEREAFTER £30 PER DAY / £110 FULL WEEK
- GIRLS & BOYS AGED 6 - 14 YEARS
- 3G PITCH, TARKA LEISURE CENTRE
- BRING A PACKED LUNCH, SNACK & PLENTY TO DRINK

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# FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

## 24 - 26 OCTOBER

9AM - 4PM

**BIDEFORD COLLEGE, ASTROTURF PITCH**

- EARLY BIRD OFFER - £25 PER DAY / £65 FULL WEEK - ends 1st October
- DAY PRICE THEREAFTER £30 PER DAY / £65 FULL WEEK
- GIRLS & BOYS AGED 6 - 14 YEARS
- BRING A PACKED LUNCH, SNACK & PLENTY TO DRINK, WATERPROOF CLOTHES AND/OR A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, WEATHER DEPENDANT

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- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Coxleigh Barton, Shirwell
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Westward Ho!
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Northam Burrows
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: West Buckland School

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# FIREBALL NORTH DEVON

**MONDAY, 7:30-9, BRAUNTON SCHOOL:  
KING AND QUEEN OF THE COURT**

**TUESDAY, 5-6, BRAUNTON SCHOOL:  
AGES 8-12 TRAINING**

**TUESDAY, 6-7:30, BRAUNTON SCHOOL:  
13+ SKILLS TRAINING**

**WEDNESDAY, 5:30-7:30, PILTON:  
OPEN SKILLS SESSION**



# SIGN UP:


