

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 15th March 2024

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We had an amazing assembly this morning led by the Rocksteady Music School band. They introduced us to the different instruments they use in a rock band. We listened to lots of different songs and even had a chance to sing along and be the lead singer. The children then took part in a rock workshop, learning to play the instruments and performing in front of a very enthusiastic crowd. They absolutely loved it and we think it inspired a few to possibly take up learning an instrument. Rocksteady are signing children up to take part in weekly rock band practice being held at Orchard Vale. The children have brought home information on how to sign your child up for this using their website [rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com) (please see the poster attached to the newsletter).

As part of their geography curriculum this term, Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a walk to Barnstaple this week when they visited the Guildhall and St Anne's Chapel. They were able to look at the historical artefacts of Barnstaple and viewed the impressive interior of the Guildhall. They learned about the people who shaped and influenced this town. They took part in a guided historical tour of the town centre and learned lots of facts about different parts of the town and the people who lived there in bygone eras.

It was wonderful to see several beautifully decorated bikes and scooters coming into school this morning. My favourite was a scooter covered in gems sparkling in the sunlight. Well done to the children who made a fantastic effort and certainly made us smile.



Have a great weekend, let's hope the sun comes out

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

Well done to everyone who has been coming to school on their bikes and scooters.

Well done to the children who have won the decorate your bike/scooter — Mia, Tahlia, Luna, Ezra, Gwendoline, Lilyana, Sophie, Harrison, Alana, Kiara, Holly, Freddie



#### Postponed

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Wheelie Big Breakfast on Friday, 22nd March due to lack of available adults in the PTA who were kindly running this event.

The Key Stage 2 bike ride scheduled for Tuesday, 26th March has also been postponed.



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# How can you help keep our children safe!

Photos taken this week and emailed in to us by a concerned parent.



These vehicles are parked on the yellow zigzags, opposite the bus stop, which is a NO PARKING ZONE. They are half on the pavement, restricting access to pedestrians/pushchairs/wheelchairs and narrowing the approach to school for other vehicles.



No parking in the red zone.

From Magnolia Close to after the bollards past Kingfisher Drive.



These vehicles are parked on a junction, obstructing residents from turning left to join the main road.

They are overlapping the footpath forcing pedestrians/pushchairs/wheelchairs users to cross over or walk on the road.



Please could we urge our parents/families to put safety first by parking responsibly during drop-off and pick-up times.

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 [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk) and our local Councillor Caroline Leaver at [Caroline.Leaver@northdevon.gov.uk](mailto:Caroline.Leaver@northdevon.gov.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.



# STARS OF THE WEEK

## The Pink Panthers

Lyla for initiating some super role-play games with her peers and for being a helpful member of the class.

Tyler for showing new confidence and independence in classroom routines.

## The Curious Corals

My star of the week is Lucas! Lucas is our sonic loving star with a great sense of humour. He always keeps us smiling with his little jokes and tricks! Lucas is a very strong reader and writer, who has particularly impressed me this week with the ideas he comes up with in drawing club. He is becoming more confident with using his imagination and trying to think outside the box. He can confidently write sentences using his phonics knowledge and has become increasingly independent with this. Lucas has been working hard this term with recognising his emotions and problem solving when issues arise through play. I have really noticed him spreading the positivity this week amongst his peers. Lucas, you are a joy to teach! Keep up the great work.

## The Silver Sweethearts

*Myah is our star of the week. Myah has been working so hard in phonics and has made great progress with her reading and writing. Myah is also a extremely helpful member of the class and an amazing friend. Well done Myah you are a superstar.*

## Congratulations to KS1 Reading road champions

**Brianna**

On reaching 25 reads

**Ferne**

On reaching 50 reads

## Years 3/4 learn to ride a bike Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note we have filled all 6 places for the learn to ride a bike offered to Years 3/4 children.

Any further requests will be put on a waiting list.

If your child has got a place, you will be notified shortly..

## Junior Instructor Community Challenge

As part of my Martial Arts Junior Instructor course, I have planned a Community Challenge which involves collecting Easter Eggs for the Barnstaple Foodbank. If you are able to donate an Easter Egg to support my challenge, please bring it into school before Wednesday 20th March. Thank you for your support,

Northern Devon  
**foodbank**  
Barnstaple Branch

Darcy O'Callaghan Year 4—TW





## Years 5/6 visit to Barnstaple Guildhall and St Anne's Chapel

As part of our geography curriculum, we have been studying our locality. This week each Year 5/6 class walked down to Barnstaple to visit Barnstaple Guildhall and St Anne's Chapel.

We took part in a guided tour of Barnstaple's historical landmarks and were able to handle artefacts from the area. During a workshop the children made a pinch pot out of clay.

After lunch we visited the old Boys' Grammar School at St Anne's Chapel and learned about school life in Barnstaple in the Victorian era.

The children had to complete a Victorian handwriting task in order to graduate. Those who graduated had their photo taken with a graduation hat.

The children were absolute stars walking to and from Barnstaple in the unpredictable weather.



## Rocksteady Music School

As an introduction to the Rocksteady Music School, the children attended an assembly where the Rocksteady musicians played various instruments; electric guitar, drums and keyboard. They performed some well known songs and talked to the children about the lessons they are able to provide on Friday mornings at Orchard Vale, with all instruments being provided.

Please see the Rock and Pop Band lessons poster attached to the newsletter for information on how to subscribe to, and pay for lessons.





## Extreme Reading

We had some fantastic entries for our 'extreme reading' competition. The variety was incredible, and it was lovely to see books in the most unusual places! A big well done to all who entered we loved looking through them all.

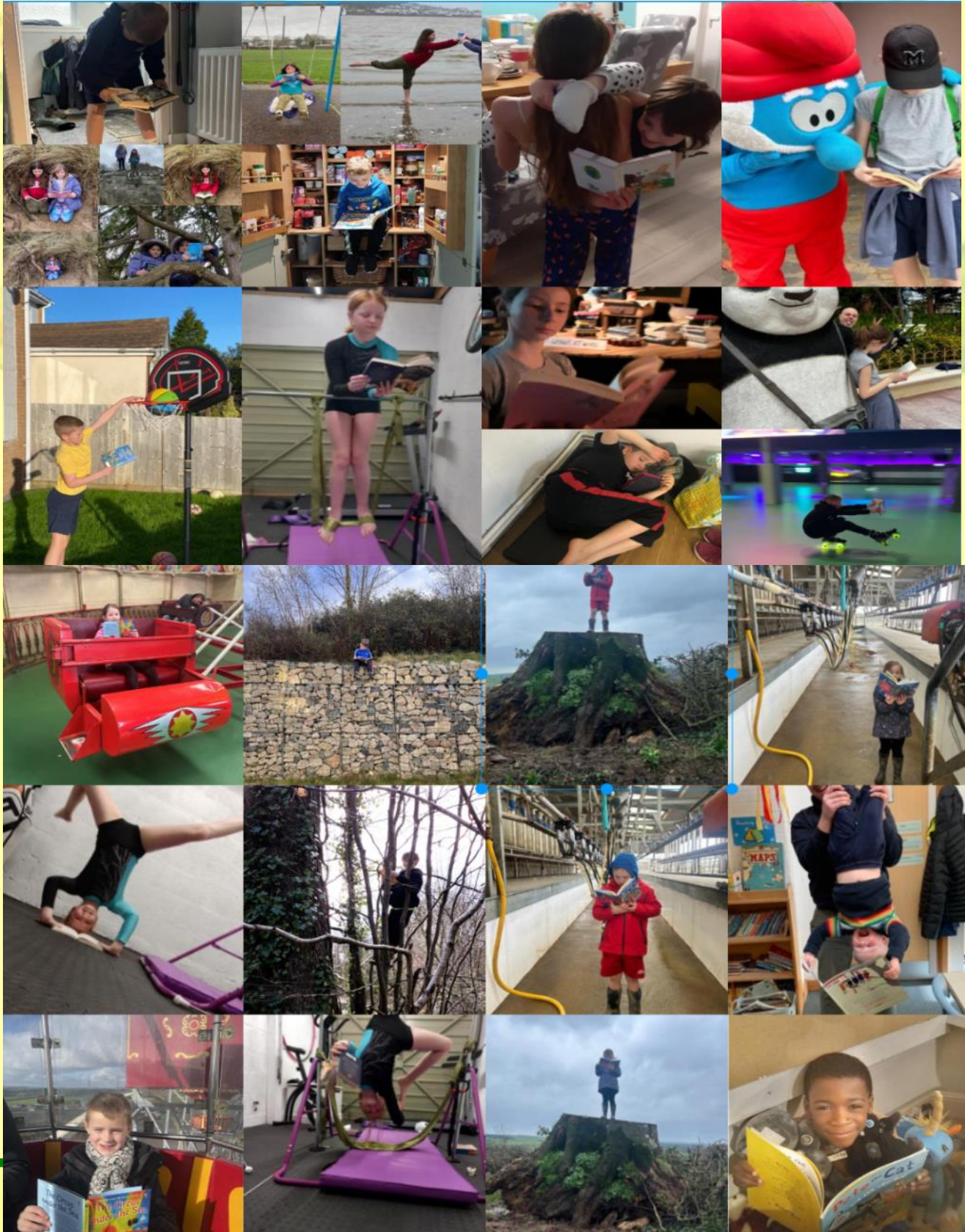
The winners of a £5 book token and bag of Haribo are:

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Carter

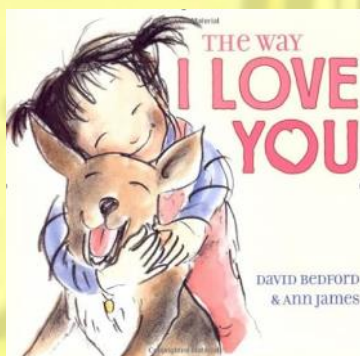
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Kobi





# READING CHAMPIONS

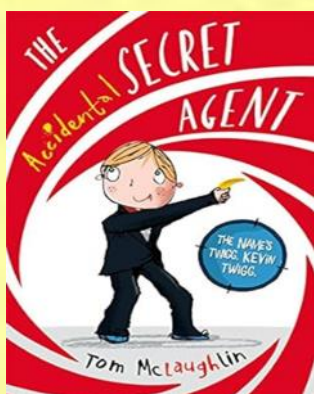


Year 1/2

**The way I love you'**

I chose this book because it is cute, and it shows there are so many reasons why and how someone can love you.

**Grazynka**

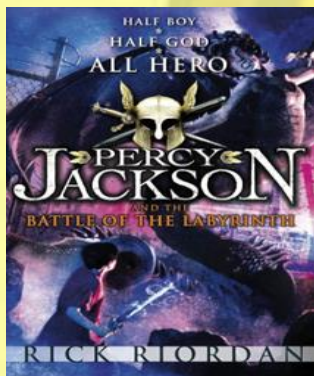


Year 3/4

**'The accidental secret agent'**

This book is a very funny and entertaining book and is about a super spy on a top-secret mission.

**Lily-Rose**



Year 5/6

**'Percy Jackson and the battle of the labyrinth'**

I have chosen this book because the Percy Jackson series is enjoyable and interesting. I love all things magical and mythological.





**Mila-Monroe**

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

Happy reading!

Written by Grazynka, Lilly-May, Mila-Monroe, Lily-Rose, Theo


**Week commencing—Monday, 18th March**  
**Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options**

<div>       </div> <div> <b>LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3</b>            13<sup>th</sup> Nov / 4<sup>th</sup> Dec / 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> Jan / 26<sup>th</sup> Feb /18<sup>th</sup> Mar         </div> <div>        </div>					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
2 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza	Bicycle Bell Cheeseburgers	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish Shop Breaded Cod Nuggets (New)	Carbonara Pasta Bake	
Handmade Falafel Burger in a Bun (New Recipe)	or Cheese Wheel	Vegan Cauliflower Bites	Vegan Sausage Bap	Chinese Style Vegetable & Noodle Wrap (New Recipe)	
Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	With Pedal Vegetables (peas and sweetcorn)		Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		
Wholemeal Pasta, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Spoke Fries	Roast or Mash Potato, Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta, Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Batons of Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	
Fresh Fruit	Or Saddle Cheese Rolls	Pear & Vanilla Crumble & Custard (New Recipe)	Fruit Cookie	Pineapple Oaty Slice (New Recipe)	
Ham Roll	Traffic light biscuits	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll	







## School Diary Dates

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
Fri, 29th Mar	Bank Holiday
Mon 1st to Fri, 12th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon, 15th April	First day back at school
Mon, 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th April	KS1 Balanceability
Wed, 17th April	KS2—Oral Health assembly and class workshops
Thur, 18th April	Year 6 and Reception—National Child Measurement Programme
Thur, 18th April	Y6—Pilton Community Collect Virtual Parent Evening
Mon, 22nd April	Y3 / 4—Rubicon Skateboarding experience
Wed, 24th April	Y2—Tennis Festival—Tarka Leisure Centre
Fri, 26th April	Y5/6—Tag Rugby
Fri, 26th April	PTA Non Uniform Day
Tues, 30th April	KS1 and KS2—RNLI assembly



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 graphic features a teal background with a border of colorful Easter eggs. In the top right corner is the Devon HAF logo, which is a circular emblem with 'DEVON' at the top, 'HAF' in the center, and 'HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD' around the bottom. The main text is white and reads: 'The HAF Website is now live!'. Below this, in smaller white text, it says: 'The programme of events for the Easter holidays has now gone live in Devon'. The website URL 'https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-map/' is provided. Further down, it says 'Please share far and wide! Places are limited'. At the bottom, it states 'Fully funded places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals'.

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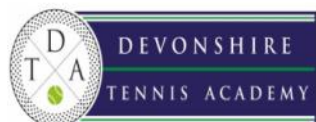
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## Easter Holiday Tennis Camps



Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.  
Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.

### Junior Camp Tuesday 2nd - Friday 12th April

5 - 12 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

#### Week 1

Tues 2nd Apr Braunton  
Wed 3rd Apr Rock Park  
Thurs 4th Apr Braunton  
Fri 5th Apr Rock Park

#### Week 2

Mon 8th Apr Braunton  
Tues 9th Apr Rock Park  
Wed 10th Apr Braunton  
Thurs 11th Apr Rock Park  
Fri 12th Apr Braunton



### Teen Camp - 2nd, 4th & 8th April

13 - 16 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

#### Dates

Tues 2nd Apr Braunton  
Thurs 4th Apr Braunton  
Mon 8th Apr Braunton

#### Locations

Barnstaple Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH  
Braunton Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP

To book email:

[bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com](mailto:bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com)

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## Easter Activity days

**Dates:**

**Tuesday 2nd April**

**Wednesday 3rd April**

**Thursday 4th April**

**Tuesday 9th April**

**Wednesday 10th April**

**Thursday 11th April**

**Venue:**

Sticklepath  
Primary school  
EX31 2HH

**Ages:**  
5-11 Years old

**TIME:**

8.30am-3.30pm

**To book:**

- Visit - [www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)
- Click on the "Book now tab"
- "Sticklepath EASTER activity days"
- Complete the online booking form

Contact us: [north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk)



Primary sports and education (North Devon)



## EASTER HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE CAMP

@PILTON 3G

### POSITION SPECIFIC & TECHNICAL BASED COACHING

**FRIDAY 5TH & 12TH APRIL 2024**

4:00PM - 6:00PM  
6 SPACES PER COACH  
£20 PER SESSION

AVAILABLE TO BOYS & GIRLS  
AGED 8 & ABOVE  
GROUPS TO BE SPILT AGE APPROPRIATE

- ✓ Good coach to player ratio (small groups)
- ✓ Improve the individual
- ✓ Positive learning environment
- ✓ Help unlock players full potential



Scan to book



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Chivenor Soccer School Development Centre

## Chivenor Soccer School Holiday Camp



### Easter Football Camp

**Tuesday 2nd & 9th April**

**9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Pilton 3G**

**Boys & Girls - 5-12 Years old**

Price from...

**£20**

£20 Chivenor Players & £22.50 Non Chivenor Players

Certificate, Medals & Prizes to be won



Contact us to book now via



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