

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have enjoyed getting back into their routines after the half-term break. The Poppy Appeal has been extremely well supported this year and we are very grateful to you all for your contributions towards this.

A group of year 6 children attended the Children's Remembrance Parade in Barnstaple this morning. They were fantastic representatives of the school and were very proud to be chosen to attend such a special occasion.

We shared a lovely walk to Whiddon Valley Church today for our Remembrance assembly, lead by Pastor Kay. This is always a very special time of the year and an opportunity for children to take part in Remembrance while also practicing our whole school evacuation.

It was lovely to see the Coffee Cabin open this week for a uniform sale. From the 20th November we are hoping it will be open every Wednesday for refreshments and clothing sales. All monies raised will go back into the school for extra resources for the children.

Letters will be coming home tonight, for Reception to Year 6, offering you the chance to request a place for your child at the Beauty and the Beast Panto at the Queen's Theatre. Please look out for this. Names will be drawn on Thursday, 14th November.

For Children in Need, next Friday, the children can wear bright and colourful clothes and contribute what you can to this worthy cause



Have a wonderful weekend. Stay safe if you are attending any fireworks displays.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher

Coffee Cabin

Wednesday 13th November - Christmas Jumper Event

If you have any unwanted jumpers we can recycle, please drop them at the office for Mrs Manley.

Come along after school and get your next jumper at a reasonable cost.

From Wednesday, 20th November, the Cabin will be open every Wednesday **morning** from 8am to 9am. We will be offering Hot and Cold Drinks along with croissants or brioche.

We will also be open in the **afternoon** at 3pm to 3.45pm where you will also be able to purchase school uniforms and greeting cards.

Look forward to seeing you.

Price List: Drink and croissant or brioche	£1
Hot Chocolate, milkshake, Can of Orange Tango.	£1
Water	50p
Croissant or brioche on own	50p

Admissions policy for 2026-27: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2026-27. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements.

You are invited to look at the proposals and have your say. Our proposed policy can be found in our [POLICIES & REPORTS under the OUR SCHOOL tab](#), and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>. Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The formal consultation runs until 10th January 2025. Policies will be determined on 29th January 2025 and published in the same places by 15th March 2025.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Rosie for settling in well, showing some new independence and doing really with your first week staying for lunch at nursery.

Reading Road Champions

Years 1 and 2

Congratulations
to:

Charles	Mason
Eli S	Hendrix
Philippa	Gwendoline
Margot	Leo S
Eli F	
Jesse	

For completing 25 reads

Ben

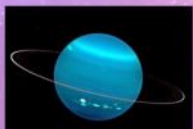
For completing 50 reads

Intergalactic Reading Challenge
Years 3 and 4

Congratulations
to:

Mila S	Evalyn
Bella M	Farai
Wyatt	

For completing
Planet 3
Uranus



For completing
Planet 2
Saturn



Tri-Reading Tournament Champ
Years 5 and 6

Congratulations
to:

Darcy and Theo C
For reaching 25 reads
Esmi

For reaching 50 reads

Why Is Bike Safety So Important?

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. Every year, lots of kids need to see their doctor or go to the accident and emergency because of bike injuries.

Why Should Kids Wear a Bike Helmet?

Wearing a helmet that fits well every time you're on a bike helps protect your face, head, and brain if you fall. That's why it's so important to wear your bike helmet whenever you are on a bike.

Wear a **bike helmet every time** you ride, even if you're going for a short ride. And follow these rules:

- Make sure your bike helmet fits you well.
- Always wear your helmet the right way so it will protect you: Make sure it covers your forehead and don't let it tip back. Always fasten the straps.
- Don't wear a hat under your helmet.
- Take care of your helmet and don't throw it around. If it's damaged, it won't protect you as well when you need it.
- Get a new helmet if you fall while you're on your bike and hit your head. Put reflective stickers on your helmet so drivers can see you better.

What Should I Wear When I Ride My Bike?

- Wearing **bright clothes and putting reflectors** on your bike also can help you stay safe. It helps other people on the road see you. And if they see you, that means they're less likely to run into you.
- You'll also want to make sure that nothing will get caught in your bike chain, such as loose trouser legs, backpack straps or shoelaces.
- Wear the right shoes — trainers — when you bike. Sandals, flip-flops, shoes with heels, and cleats won't help you grip the pedals. And never go riding barefoot!
- Riding gloves may help you grip the handlebars — and make you look like a professional!
- Don't use music devices that could distract you from noises around you, such as a car blowing its horn to warn you to get out of the way.
- Don't text or use a telephone while riding. You need to watch where you're going and look out for cars, people, and other bikes.

Where Is it Safe to Ride My Bike?

You need to check with your parent or carer about:

- Where you're allowed to ride your bike
- How far you're allowed to go, common things that can get in the way like rocks, children or pets, and big puddles.

No matter where you ride, daytime riding is the safest. So, try to avoid riding your bike once it starts getting dark.

And always keep an eye out for cars and trucks. Even if you're just riding on the pavement a car may pull out of its driveway into the path of your bike. When you cross a busy road, walk your bike across the street.

Christmas Dinner 2024

Wednesday 18th December

Main

Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing Balls, Pigs in Blankets,
Seasonal Vegetables, Roast or Creamed Potatoes, Gravy

or

Vegetarian Roast

or

Cauliflower Bites (Vegan/Gluten Free)

Desserts

Chocolate Chip Cookie, Ice Cream

or

Dairy Free/Vegan Ice Cream & Biscuit

All Christmas Dinners MUST be pre ordered

If you would like your child to have Christmas Dinner please complete the
tear off slip and return it to your class teacher no later than

Wednesday 27th November.

**Please note, there will be no Jacket Potato or School Packed Lunch
option on this day**

I would like my child Class

To have the Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December 2024

Please tick the applicable statement

- My Child is entitled to income related Free School Meals
- My child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and is entitled to Government Free School Meals
- I pay for my child's meals @ £2.50 each and have paid on ParentPay

ALL CHILDREN WHO WANT A CHRISTMAS DINNER MUST RETURN A SLIP

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Monday 9th December

13:30 - 15:00

Mince Pie and Hot Drink

ADULTS ONLY

£15 per person

All money raised will go towards the PTFA.

Limited spaces - Complete tear off slip below and return
to the school office with your cash payment by 15th
November 2024.

Name

I would like to attend the Wreath Making Workshop

I have enclosed the £15 payment

Signed Date

*Let's get
fundraising!*

COFFEE CABIN

Following on from the success during
the summer term, we will be opening
the Coffee Cabin.

every Wednesday

Wednesday, 20th, November
until we break up for Christmas.

8.15-8.45am

We will be offering:

Hot Chocolate
Tea
Coffee
Milkshake

pain-au-chocolat
croissant
brioche

Christmas Jumper Recycling Event

As part of the PTA fundraising, we will be
holding a:

Christmas Jumper Recycled Event

On

Wednesday, 13th November

It would be wonderful if families could
have a look at home and send in any
unwanted Christmas jumpers by
20th October.

Please hand these into class teachers for
the attention of Mrs Manley.

Christmas jumpers can be very
expensive, and children grow out
of them so quickly. Why not put
them to good use.

**Thank you in advance for your
support.**



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School Diary Dates

Wed, 13th Nov	Y3/4 Roman Baths trip (please note that the swimming lesson has been moved)
Wed, 13th Nov	Monster Kickabout
Fri, 15th Nov	Children in Need—come in your bright clothes
Wed, 20th Nov	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons
Wed, 20th Nov	Reception Starter 2025—Open Evening 4pm to 5pm
Thur, 21st Nov	Y5/6—Into Film—Scott Cinema
Fri, 22nd Nov	Y3/4 Bikeability Level 1—9am to 11.30am
Tues, 26th Nov	Y6 Rising Star—Falcon Gymnastics/Tarka Leisure Centre
Wed, 27th Nov	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons
Wed, 27th Nov	Reception Starter 2025—Open Evening 4pm to 5pm
Wed, 4th Dec	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons
Wed, 11th Dec	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons
Wed, 11th Dec	Reception and Key Stage 1—Space Odyssey experience (school hall)
Wed, 11th Dec	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament
Thur, 12th Dec	Beauty and the Beast Panto—Queen’s Theatre
Fri, 13th Dec	Rock Steady End of Term Concert—9am to 10am
Wed, 18th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Wed, 18th Dec	Winter Ball (details to follow)

Week commencing—Monday, 11th November







LUNCH MENU – WEEK 2



11th Nov – 2nd Dec 2024 – 6th & 27th Jan – 24th Feb – 17th Mar 2025

Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bowls, Low Fat Yoghurts, Fruit, Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.

	Meat Free Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Roast it up Wednesday	Treat yourself Thursday	Finish it off Friday
	Mozzarella topped Mediterranean Pasta	100% Beef Burger Bap & Diced Potatoes	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Crispy Salmon Bites	Beefy Macaroni Cheese
	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Veggie Curry with Wholegrain Rice	Cauliflower Bites	Vegan Sausage Roll	Cheese & Onion Pasty with Diced Potatoes
	Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Roast or Mash Potato with Fresh Broccoli, Carrots, & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cauliflower, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread
	Cheese Bap	Tomato Sauce, Corn on the Cob or Green Beans	Tuna Bap	Chips, Pasta, Peas or Baked Beans	Sausage Roll
	Warm Pancakes with Syrup	Ham Bap	Cheese, Apple & Crackers	Ham Bap	Fruity Lolly

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

Wanted by Key Stage One

Key Stage One would be grateful for any donations of small empty boxes (cereal box size and smaller) for their DT project in the coming weeks.

Please drop these off with class teachers or bring to the school office.

Thank you for your help.



ROOT CAUSE PROJECT

Supporting **veterans** and serving personnel in North Devon to rest, reflect, and enhance their **wellbeing** and **mental health**, using the restorative force of nature.

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