

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 11th October 2024

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very active week with great attendance at sports clubs. Year 5 and 6 competed at a Park School cross country events and I know they all tried their best and really enjoyed the opportunity to have fun and to interact with children from other schools.

Across the school, we have been focussing on the NSPCC Kindness Week. Classes have been working together to understand what kindness means and how we can share this with others. Children have been demonstrating their kindness skills in school and setting themselves little challenges to complete.

It was a pleasure to meet our School Councillors for the first time today. They were very excited about their new roles and responsibilities, and I know we are going to have an amazing year. Year 6 children are busy thinking about the new prefect roles in school and I am excited to see what their thoughts are about how they can be great role models for our younger children.

### Return of Read Write Inc book



In order to boost and encourage reading we use a wonderful resource called Read Write Inc. These are sets of specially designed books to develop a child's reading skills in school and at home with you. Therefore, we allow this valuable resource to be taken home by your child so they and you can enjoy reading together and you can see how they improve.

We must ensure these books come back to school once your child has completed their book so another child can benefit. However, we have found a significant number of Read Write Inc books do not make it back to our classes. There is a considerable cost to the school budget when we have to replace unreturned books. To be able to continue with this invaluable resource for the future, we will have to make a charge of £5 per book for any pupil who does not return their books. This payment will be collected via ParentPay.

Before we start this charging policy, we would like to offer a two-week amnesty for Parents/ Guardians and child/ren to check round their homes and return any Read Write Inc books belonging to Orchard Vale that has been completed.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

### Orchard Vale Individual/Sibling Photographs Thursday, 17th October



Between 8am—9am  
in the school hall  
(entry via the courtyard near the office)

- If you have children who do not attend Orchard Vale you can bring them along for a sibling photo.
- Nursery/Little Seeds children who do not attend school on Thursday. Parents can bring the children to the hall for their individual photo.

Throughout the school day

Siblings

(siblings who attend Orchard Vale will have their photos taken together)

Individual Photos

Please could you send your child into school in their full school uniform. You may like to provide them with a comb/brush for them to use prior to their photo sessions.

Draft sibling photos will be sent home on the day by Tempest Photography – you can place your order and make your payment online, following the instructions on the photo pack.

Individual photos will be sent to us separately by Tempest, and will be sent home with your child.

All photos will be ordered together at a date to be confirmed.

If you have any questions, please speak to the School Office.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

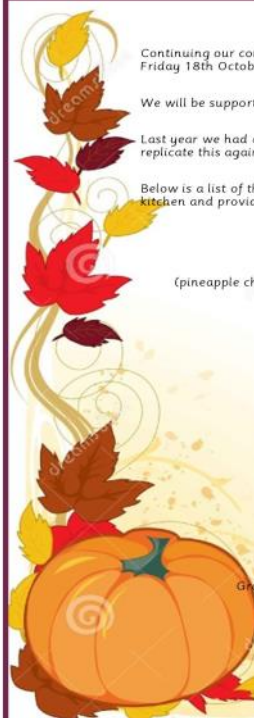
Continuing our community work we will be holding a Harvest Festival on Friday 18th October.

We will be supporting the Freedom Transforming Lives Charity.

Last year we had a fantastic response and would really like to be able to replicate this again.

Below is a list of things the Freedom Centre need to continue to run their kitchen and provide food parcels for clients.

- Meals in a tin (chilli, stew, curry)
- Tinned fruit  
(pineapple chunks, pears, peaches, rhubarb, apple or mandarins)
- Tinned custard/rice pudding
- Coffee
- Pot noodles
- Biscuits
- Granola bars
- Chocolate bars
- Orange juice – large or small cartons
- Blackcurrant squash
- White flour- self raising and plain.
- Granulated white sugar.
- Jelly any flavour
- Mayonnaise
- Lasagne sheets
- Gravy granules – beef, chicken and vegetable
- Vegetable oil
- Washing up liquid





# STARS OF THE WEEK

## Mrs Youll's class

Cooper for good listening at learning time and doing some super counting.

## Mrs Oldfield's class

Elma has blown me away this week with her attention and effort in phonics. For the last couple of week Elma has been quietly taking it all in, and now this week she has flourished in confidence. She is often both the loudest and the quickest at recognising the sounds, and she is showing much more control during the letter writing practice, part of the session. What I am most impressed with, is the pure joy Elma shows when learning new things. She is a delight to have in the classroom. Well done, Elma, keep it up. Mrs Oldfield x

## Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Our star of the week is Ruby. Ruby is one of the most helpful members of the class, she is fantastic at tidy up time. Ruby has been working super hard in phonics and her letter formation is already looking great. Ruby is a lovely girl who is always kind to others, well done Ruby you are a superstar.

## Mr Quilter's class

My star of the week is Bea! Bea is a pleasure to have in class. She has the most wonderful imagination, and I have loved watching her create tiny finger puppet aliens during free time. Her creations are amazing, and this has encouraged others to join in with all the fun. Bea is extremely interested in everything around her, she is always asking questions and sharing information she has learnt. She loves her new pencil pet and im sure she will continue to work hard with her writing so she can retain it! Keep being your crazy loveable self Bea, and you will have a fantastic year 1. Mr Q x

## Miss Huxtable's class

My star of the week is Charlie. All the adults have been full of praise for Charlie this week, who has proved himself as the king of facts. In our writing sessions, Charlie was sharing his knowledge about the different planets with enthusiasm and did some fantastic independent writing. Charlie is a lovely boy who will happily play with everyone in his class. Well done on a brilliant week Charlie!

## Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Liliana. I have been so impressed with Liliana since she came into Year 1. She is a fabulous learner with an excellent attitude, and she puts everything she has into her learning. She approaches every task with determination and a positive attitude. She is full of great ideas and unique thoughts. Liliana is also such a happy and joyful person, always smiling. She is kind-hearted, polite and a superb role model in our class. Liliana, you are the whole package, and we are so proud of you. Well done and keep doing all that you are doing!



# STARS OF THE WEEK

## Mr Bayliss' class

Arlo has been very focussed on his learning this week, putting in great effort to complete his tasks to a high standard. Arlo follows our classroom expectations very well, always listening carefully to instructions and showing brilliant manners. Arlo is a very caring and a role model for others on the playground, sharing equipment and always letting others join in with his games. Well done, Arlo!

## Mrs Johnson's class

My Star of the Week is Chloe. Chloe has approached Year 3 with so much confidence and is giving her absolute best effort to everything she does. As well as her enthusiasm and dedication to learning, Chloe is showing everyone what an amazing Year 3 role model she is. She tries her best, is friendly to others, and is a supportive classmate. This week in particular, Chloe has shown that she is able to adapt her learning and make improvements, which to me is the sign of an fantastic learner! Keep up the good work and effort Chloe - you are an absolute star!

## Mr Whapham's class

My star of the week is Heidi! Heidi has really impressed me with her attitude to learning—always working hard and producing her best. She listens carefully to instructions and always focuses hard. She has settled brilliantly into Year 3 and is a kind and caring member of the class who enjoys looking out for her friends.

## Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Esmail. She has a fantastic attitude to learning, always striving to do her best. She is becoming more confident with her contributions to class discussions, and always has some good ideas to share. She is helpful and happy, and a pleasure to have in the class.

## Miss Williams' class

This week my Star of the Week is the lovely Olivia T. Olivia is just a superstar! She is someone who is always doing the right thing at the right time and is a fantastically determined and motivated learner. She takes great pride over her work and her presentation has remained immaculate since the start of the year. I am consistently using her book as an example to the rest of the class. She has really excelled in her teaching group with Mrs Scott this week and it has been lovely to see her confidence and belief in her ability go from strength to strength since September. Additionally, she did amazingly in the cross country this week placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in her race and she showed true OV spirit by cheering and supporting all of the other runners. You are amazing Olivia! Keep up the fantastic work; we are very proud of you.

## Mrs Scott's class

My star of the week is Grace; Grace is such a hard-working member of our class, who does everything with thought and care. She puts full effort into her learning, whilst also encouraging others, and noticing when there are things she can help with, to improve our classroom and to look after others. Grace is a pleasure to have in class, and I know she is valued by her friends. Well done, Grace - you are a wonderful example of what it means to be a year 6. Keep it up!

## School Diary Dates

Mon, 14th, Tue, 15th and Wed, 16th Oct	Bikeability
Wed, 16th Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons
Thur, 17th Oct	School Photos—8am External siblings During school individual and siblings
Fri, 18th Oct	Harvest Festival
Wed, 23rd Oct	Y3 Multi Skills Festival
Wed, 23rd Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons
Fri, 25th Oct	Non Pupil Day
Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov	HALF TERM—(back to school on 4th Nov)
Wed, 6th Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations—Reception to Year 6 children only (please could all parents complete the only consent/decline form)
Fri, 8th Nov	Whole School Remembrance Service and Children's Remembrance Service—Rock Park
Wed, 13th Nov	Y3/4 Roman Baths trip (please note that the swimming lesson has been moved to 4th Dec)
Fri, 15th Nov	Children in Need
Thur, 21st Nov	Y5/6—Into Film—Scott Cinema

### Week commencing—Monday, 14th October

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

		LUNCH MENU - WEEK 3						
		2nd & 23rd Sept. - 14th Oct. Malted, Wholemeal Sliced Baguettes, Low Fat Yoghurts, Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	Meat Feast Pizza		Butchers Mince Beef Pasta Bolognaise	Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish Fingers	Chicken & Ham Pasta Bake		
	Falafel Burger in a Bun		Cheese Wheels & Tomato Pasta	Vegan Cauliflower Bites	Vegan Sausage Bap	Chinese Style Vegetable & Noodle Wrap		
	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese			
	Potato Wedges Pasta, Peas & Sweetcorn		Mixed Vegetables	Roast or Mash Potato, Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Chips, Pasta, Peas, Coleslaw & Tomato Sauce	Carrot & Cucumber Sticks		
	Fruit Smoothie		Fresh Fruit	Fruit Jelly	Pip Organic Lolly	Cookie		
	Ham Roll		Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll		
								

## Intergalactic Reading Challenge


Years 3 and 4

# Congratulations

to:

## Evalyn

For completing Planet 1

Neptune 

### Wow moment for Darcy



On Sunday 6th October, Darcy took a 3 hour martial arts panel grading in Street and successfully became a Black Belt.

Currently age 9, he will grade again when he is 11 for his First Dan.

He will receive his new belt in a few weeks, once it has been embroidered with his name.

### Wow moment for Aria, Bella and Lola

Tarka Starlightz awards presentation on Saturday saw Aria, Bella and Lola come home with multiple trophies for the 2024 season.

We are very proud of their hard work and dedication.



### Years 5/6 Park School—Cross Country



On Wednesday, a group of years 5 and 6 children went to Park School to participate in a cross country event. We competed against other schools in North Devon.

We were all very proud. Well done to:

Olivia T—3rd in the year 5 girl race

Colby—5th in the year 5 boys race

Archie—7th in the year 6 boys race

Charlie—10th in the year 6 boys race

Written by Charlie

Let's get fundraising!

## POP UP SHOP



WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER

2.45 – 3.30pm  
COFFEE CABIN

RECYCLED SCHOOL UNIFORM.  
TOYS & A WIDE SELECTION OF  
BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS  
GREETING CARDS.

### COFFEE CABIN

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

every Wednesday

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>, 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, 13<sup>th</sup> November**

It would be wonderful if families could have a look at home and send in any unwanted Christmas jumpers by 20<sup>th</sup> 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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## Primary Admissions - September 2025 Reception Class

The admissions process for children joining a Reception Class in September 2025 has changed.

Parents/carers will no longer receive a letter inviting them to apply. Instead you need to use the Microsoft form ([CLICK HERE](#)) to express your interest in applying for a school place.

Once registered you will receive an automated text/email when the application window opens on 15th November 2024.

**ROMAR  
SPORTS**

# OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us for a fun filled  
week of football,  
games, competitions & prizes  
Girls & Boys / All abilities  
Ages 5 - 15 years



## TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 4G

Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November  
9am - 4pm  
Barnstaple, North Devon EX31 2AP

## GREAT TORRINGTON SCHOOL

Thursday 31 & Friday 1 November  
10am - 3pm  
Calvesford Rd, Great Torrington, EX38 7DJ



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# TORNADOS ALLSTARS

2024/25  
SEASON STARTS NOW

**Elite Teams  
Prep Teams  
A team for all**

**3 Sessions a  
week  
£3 a session !!**

**Wednesday/Friday's  
in Ilfracombe  
4-7pm**

**Sundays  
at urban sports  
centre  
9am - 12pm  
starts 6th October**

**No experience  
needed**

**Competitions  
all over the UK**

**Message Head Coach Emma shorney if  
interested**