

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 6th June 2025

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Another busy week has past where the children have been hard at work in their classes. On Thursday, we were able to witness this first hand whilst showing Richard Light the Deputy CEO of Harbour around the school. The children were incredible, and he highlighted what a warmth our school provided and how it is clearly a safe haven for all children that attend. He was hugely complimentary of the behaviour and work ethic of all children which was lovely to hear!

We would like to give year 6 a special mention this week; they have been working tirelessly on their writing. Our teachers have enjoyed reading their work and the quality of work produced has been highly impressive; Well-done Year 6.

On Thursday, 77 years 3 & 4 left for the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth to spend the night 'Sleeping with the Sharks'. This was a fabulous opportunity, and I cannot wait to hear all about their adventures and experiences on Monday. A huge thank you to Mrs Johnson, Mr Whapham, Mr Bayliss, Mr Marks and Miss Tillman for accompany the children on such a special experience.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Orchard Vale Community School

SUMMER FAIR



Wanted

Good quality Teddy Bears.
Any unwanted gifts for the Tomola stall.

Full bottles of wine, squash, olive oil, cooking sauces, table sauces, dressings, jams and honey.

Please drop off to the office for Mrs Manley.

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★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

Mrs Youll's class

Cooper for good listening at carpet time and demonstrating some super learning in maths.

Well done year 6

Mrs Scott and Miss Williams would like to say how proud they are of Year 6 - following their fantastic attitude and approach to SATs week, they have spent the past two weeks of school (both before and after half term), refining and showcasing the writing skills they have learned across the year, ahead of the statutory writing assessment period. The standard of writing these children have produced is astounding, and it is hard to believe how far they have come, not only this year, but throughout their primary journey. We are very proud of each and every one of you.

Sleeping with the Sharks

On Thursday lunch time two coaches full of excited children and adults left Orchard Vale on our way to Plymouth!

After the inevitable toilet stop! The group arrived at Plymouth at 3.30pm ready for our first workshop. All the children were smiling and excited and were great on the journey!

After dinner and a tour around the aquarium as the only guests there; we settled down to watch a film!

After a rather late night, the children all slept well and gradually woke up ready for their second day! Following breakfast and visiting the shop we took part in an Inventafish workshop before setting off back to Orchard Vale.

We all arrived safely back at OV tired but smiling.



School Diary Dates

Wed, 11th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Wed, 11th June	Reception—Caffyn's Farm Visit
Thurs, 12th June	Olympic Legacy Festival—Park School
Mon, 16th to Fri, 20th	Y5/6 Heatree Residential
Thur, 19th June	Nursery—Exmoor Zoo Keeper visit
Tues, 24th June	Oral Health Visit—Reception/KS1
Wed, 25th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Wed, 25th June	Y5—Cricket (details to come)
Wed 25th June	Summer Fayer—4pm to 6pm
Fri, 27th Jun	Y6 Rising Stars—Skern Lodge
Mon, 30th June	Y5/6 Junior Lifeguards and Surfing Lesson
Tue, 1st July	Y6 Park School transition workshops
Wed, 2nd July	Y6 Pilton Transition Day
Wed, 2nd July	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Thur, 3rd July	Y6 Pilton Transition Day
Fri, 4th July	Y6 Wimbledon

Week commencing— Monday, 9th June

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

LUNCH MENU – WEEK 1

21st April – 12th May – 9th & 30th June – 21st July – 15th Sept. – 6th Oct

Available Every Week - Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit, Low Fat Yoghurts,
Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.



 Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 
Margherita pizza	Pasta Bolognaise	Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding	Breaded Fish Fillet	Spanish Chicken with Diced Potatoes
	Bean Chilli & Rice	BBQ strips	Vegan Sausage Roll	Super Duper Noodles
 Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings		Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	
Egg Mayo Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Crispy Salmon & Salad & Mayo Wrap	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap	Ham Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Sausage Roll
Pasta, Sweetcorn & Fresh Carrot Sticks	Peas, & Carrots	Roast or Mash Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Baked Beans or Peas & Tomato Ketchup	Corn on the Cob or Green Beans 
 Pancakes & Syrup	Fruit Jelly	Frozen Yogurt	Iced Farmhouse Cake	Banana Flapjack 

Reading Road Champions
Years 1 and 2

Congratulations to:

Alex

For completing 25 reads

Coby Reuben P
Phillippa

For completing 50 reads

Margot Louie Molly

For completing 75 reads

Vienna Mason Erin
Eli F Eli S

For completing 100reads



Summer Holidays DCC Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

If your child is eligible to benefit related Free School Meals don't forget to check the Devon County Council Holiday Activities and Food Fund program for activities you can try and book for your child in the summer holidays using the HAF code you were given.

See links below:

Devon County Council -

[Click here for how to access the programme](#)

Guide on how to book

[Click here to see how to book a HAF session.](#)



Y6 PARENTS/CARERS

You are invited to an online workshop:

SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

DATE - MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

TIME - 15:45 - 16:45

ONLINE VIA TEAMS (joining code below)

Discuss the
common
secondary
transition
concerns.

Helpful tips to
support your
child's mental
health during the
transition.

Explore signs and
reasons for
worries about
change.

Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 367 593 566 991

Passcode: qg2a8U6j

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[Supporting a successful secondary school transition MHST](#)

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EDEN PARK SUMMER ACTIVITY DAYS



AGES- 5-11years old

WHERE: EDEN PARK ACADEMY

BOOK NOW

TIME: 8.30-3.30



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DATES:

MONDAY 28th JULY- FRIDAY 1st AUGUST
MONDAY 4th AUGUST- FRIDAY 8th AUGUST
MONDAY 11th AUGUST- TUESDAY 12th AUGUST

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STICKLEPATH SUMMER ACTIVITY DAYS



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WHERE: STICKLEPATH
COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

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