

Orchard Vale's Weekly News Thursday, 24th October 2024

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, we have finished this half term off with a lovely bit of sunshine, let's hope it lasts through next week.

This week children in Key Stage 1 and 2 were visited by a member of Churches Together, who spoke to the them about generosity and how giving is better than receiving with some of the children re-enacting a story about this.

Well done to our Year 3 children for taking part in a Multiskills Festival at Park School on Wednesday. They all behaved brilliantly walking to and from Park and had fun with the activities during the morning.

Today is the last day of school, with Friday, 25th October being a non-pupil day and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Monday, 4th November**.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back by 1 hour on Sunday, 27th October..

Have a wonderful break.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

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.

Tempest Photograph Orders
Individual/Sibling Photographs



The closing date for free delivery to school is Thursday 31st October.

Tempest has arranged for online ordering only this year. Full instructions can be found on the proof sent home.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Orders placed after 31st October will incur a £5 delivery charge.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Ruby for settling in well at nursery, joining in with lots of activities and always arriving with a lovely smile.

Year 3 Multi Skills Festival

All Year 3 children took part in a Multi Skills Sports Festival on Wednesday.

The children walked down to Park School and took part in a range of activities such as netball, basketball, football and rugby. They focused on some of the key skills involved in these sports and all had a brilliant time.

Everyone represented the school very well and showed great enthusiasm. Well done!

Reading Road Champions

Years 1 and 2

Congratulations

to:

Ben R

Eleanor

For completing 25 reads

Intergalactic Reading Challenge Years 3 and 4

Congratulations to:

Tahlia

Owen

Eddie

Ati

Renzo

Alice

Elena

Heidi

Pippa

For completing
Planet 1 Neptune





Open Evening - Reception Class of 2025

Wednesday 20th & 27th November

4pm-5pm

Is your child due to start in Reception class, September 2025?
If so, we would like to invite prospective parents to visit our wonderful school.

Please come to the school entrance where you will be greeted by Mrs Oldfield, our Early Years Lead.

You will be given a brief talk in the school hall prior to having the time to look around all our classrooms and meet our amazing teachers.

We hope to see you there!



Let's get fundraising!

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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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

School Diary Dates

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
Wed, 20th Nov	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons
Wed, 20th Nov	Open evening for Reception Starters—September 2025—4pm to 5pm
Thur, 21st Nov	Y5/6—Into Film—Scott Cinema
Fri, 22nd Nov	Y3/4— Level 1 Bikeability
Tues, 26th Nov	Y6 Rising Star
Wed, 27th Nov	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons
Wed, 27th Nov	Open evening for Reception Starters—September 2025—4pm to 5pm
Wed, 4th Dec	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons

Week commencing—Monday, 4th November

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

LUNCH MENU – WEEK 1



4th & 25th Nov - 16th Dec 2024 – 20th Jan - 10th Feb - 10th & 31st 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
 Margherita Pizza	Big Brunch, Sausage, Bacon & Omelette	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Fish Fingers	Beef Lasagne 
	Veggie Brunch Sausage & Omelette	Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake	Vegan Nuggets	Cheese & Onion Pasty
Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	
 Pasta & Mixed Vegetables	Tomato, Baked Beans, Mushrooms & Hash Browns	Roast or Mash Potato, Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Chips, Pasta, Sweetcorn, Peas & Tomato Sauce	Garlic Bread, Green Beans & Corn on the Cob 
Cheese Bap	Ham Bap	Tuna Mayo Bap	Ham Bap	Sausage Roll
Strawberry Mousse with Fruit Coulis	Fruit Cocktail & Ice Cream	Carrot Cake	Fruit Lolly	Flapjack 

Celebration Medal WORKSHOP

- Come and get hands on making a unique medal to celebrate who you are and where you live.
- Ideal for adults and children regardless of experience
- A drop-in workshop that's FREE for all


Come and get hands on making a unique medal designed by you for you! This workshop is designed to inspire you to celebrate who you are and/or the area we live in.

Free for all, and ideal for adults and children regardless of experience. There will be a range of materials including many reusable and recycled bits and pieces available.

You will find lots of inspiration and support on hand throughout the day. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

So...come and get creative and let's celebrate each other and our North Devon together!

 **Tuesday 29th Oct**
10:30am - 12:30pm
1pm - 3:30pm

 **Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon**

Kindly funded by North Devon Council and the Flourishing Culture Strategy Grant.



Facilitated by
Ruth Bateman
contemporary artist

ROMAR SPORTS GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL SESSION

Join us for a fun filled, action packed few hour of girls only football.

Learn skills, play fun games, play matches, be with friends and make new ones

Girls 8 - 13 years

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER
10AM - 1PM

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

ONLY
£10

TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G, BARNSTAPLE

Book online TODAY
www.romarsports.com



Halloween Drama Workshops



Tuesday 29th

October

10am-4pm

(Ages 8-16)

Friday 1st

November

10am-2pm

(Ages 5-8)

Play in a Day

This fast-paced, fun workshop will see us rehearsing and performing a short play in just one day! There will be a mixture of script work, improv and physical theatre as well as a few simple props and costumes to help bring our story to life. Parents and carers will be invited to watch the finished piece at the end of the day.

Venue - St Peter's Church Hall, Fremington, Barnstaple, EX31 3BL

Times - 10am-4pm (Sign in from 9:45am, showcase performances at 3:45pm/1:45pm)

Price - £30 per child or £50 for two (8-16)

£20 per child or £30 for two (5-8)

Friend/sibling in each session for £40

Book your place by emailing:
aspireperformingarts@gmail.com