

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 15th November 2024

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been such a lovely sunny day today and the children have loved being outside playing and dancing in the sunshine. They look so bright and colourful all dressed up for Children in Need. Together we have raised an amazing £219. Thank you all so much for your contributions to such a worthy cause.

Our year 3 and 4 children had a fantastic day in Bath on Wednesday visiting the Roman Baths. This was part of their history curriculum and certainly brought this era alive for them. One child said, "I can't believe I'm walking where actual Romans walked!" and another commented that this was "The best day of my life". A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this a trip to remember.

On the same day, some of the year 5 and 6 children were invited to take part in the Monster Soccer Challenge. They had a fantastic morning trying to beat the mascot in a soccer shoot out and won an amazing t-shirt which they were proudly wearing for the rest of the day.

This week was anti-bullying week. Some of our classes have been approaching this subject by sharing the story 'The Respectful Spot' which gave ideas about respecting people, places and things and the children made posters about choosing respect. To celebrate each other's differences Mr Whapham's class have made an odd sock washing line following the theme of Odd Sock Day.

Today we welcomed our Year 6 Prefects in assembly. We are delighted that they are able to be a bigger part of our school community, and we are really keen to develop this role over the year.

You should have received a letter regarding fixed penalty notice this week. This provides you with information from the Department of Education and Devon County Council about the changes that have been made this year to unauthorised absences and how these will be followed up with families. Please take time to read this important information. You can find more information on the Devon County Council website under "[School Absence Penalty Notices](#)".

Finally, we are delighted that the Coffee Cabin will be reopening on Wednesday morning for a selection of winter treats. Please pop in and support the school by purchasing hot chocolates, pastries, and other delights. All monies raised will be used for enrichment activities in school.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher



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MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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!



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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

STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Archie for settling in well and showing new independence.

Mrs Oldfield's class

My star of the week is Mila. Everyday Mila gives 110% in everything she is asked to do and does everything with the biggest smile on her face. Mila has really impressed me this week with her part/part whole work in maths, and also her fantastic writing in English about Guy Fawkes. Mila a kind member of our class, she is always willing to allow others to join in with her play and creative work. Well done Mila you are AMAZING, keep up the great work. Mrs Oldfield x

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Scarlett BS is our star of the week. Scarlett has worked extremely hard on her listening and sits beautifully on the carpet. Scarlett has been being kind to her friends and having lovely playtimes. Well done Scarlett you are a super star.

Mr Quilter's class

My star of the week is Lily! Lily, my crazy fun, rabbit loving girl has been amazing this week. She has supported and befriended others in class and has really stepped up as a role model for others to aspire to. Lily has been working incredibly hard with her learning recently. I have been really impressed with her excellent attitude and willingness to listen to advice before completing tasks. Her writing has been especially pleasing where she is meeting objectives set whilst also being adventurous with her work choices. Lily, you are awesome, keep working hard and you will flourish this year! Mr Q x

Miss Huxtable's class

Over the past two weeks, Amelia has truly blossomed! She is both motivated and focused, and her confidence is shining through in her work. In writing, Amelia created a fantastic Missing Toy poster, using exciting adjectives and great punctuation as we practiced in class. Her enthusiasm has grown so much that she's now choosing to write in her free time, even creating a little booklet with the lyrics to the space songs Miss Tillman has taught. I love how Amelia now sees herself as a writer and is finding joy in expressing herself this way. Amelia is a kind and thoughtful girl who always has a big smile on her face. Keep up the fantastic work, Amelia—we're so proud of you!

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Grace. I have seen Grace persevering with her learning over a long period and I am so proud of the consistent effort she has put in and continues to put in. Grace has made great strides forward with her writing. She listens to what is being asked for and puts a huge effort into delivering that. Her handwriting has improved greatly. Also in maths, Grace works hard to follow through on things taught and is a very methodical and diligent learner. Grace is also a very cheerful and friendly member of our class and she sees the best in everything. Grace, over time, you have blossomed into a wonderful learner and I am so impressed by the effort you put in each day. Keep doing this and keep smiling. You are a champ!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mr Bayliss' class

Leelan has demonstrated outstanding manners this week, consistently being polite and respectful to everyone around him. He always lets others join in with his games at playtime, listens attentively, and treats everyone with kindness. In his work, Leelan puts in tremendous effort, staying focused and striving to do his best at all times. His dedication and positive attitude make him a role model in our class. Well done, Leelan! Keep up the fantastic work!

Mrs Johnson's class

My Star of the Week is Farai. Farai is such a lovely member of the class and a wonderful friend to others. She is always kind and considerate of others' feelings and supportive to those who need it. I have chosen Farai this week because I feel that she deserves the recognition for always giving 100% effort in her learning, as well as being an absolute superstar member of our school! Well done Farai!

Mr Whapham's class

My star of the week is Jasmine! Jasmine has worked really hard the last few weeks and I have enjoyed seeing her develop her independence. She has pushed herself to give things a go and not give up when things get tricky! Jasmine also has a great sense of humour and she makes any classroom lots of fun!

Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Isaac. He has shown a real interest in our science this week, showing an enquiring mind and enjoying learning about forces. He has faced some challenges in maths and is starting to build resilience and use the many skills he already has to help himself. He has been particularly engaged and on task this week- well done Isaac!

Miss Williams' class

This week, my Star of the Week is Hollie G. Hollie has really impressed me over the last couple of weeks with her independence towards learning. It has been fantastic to see her immersing herself in school life and her confidence in herself is growing day by day. She has demonstrated what a brilliant reader she is, showing fluency and expression when reading aloud to the class. Also, she is starting to use the text effectively to help her answer comprehension questions. Hollie wowed me with her hockey skills in PE; it was so lovely to see her getting involved and enjoying being a key part of her team. Well done, Hollie, you are a superstar!

Mrs Scott's class

My star, this week, is Evy. I have seen so much change in Evy since the start of the year, and I feel she has now really settled into life as a Year 5. Evy has taken on responsibilities in our classroom, and is always the first to volunteer to help if something needs to be done. It has been fantastic to watch Evy channel her energy into her learning, and she constantly has her hand up to volunteer ideas and to ask thoughtful questions. I know that Evy found the beginning of the year tricky, and was often worried about her role within Year 5/6, but I can see she is now brimming with confidence and knows exactly what she has to do to achieve. Well done, Evy - keep it up!

Years 3/4—Visit to the Roman Baths, Bath

On Wednesday 13th November, most of the Year 3/4 children met at school very early and set off to the city of Bath. We visited the Roman Baths, which were built around 70AD by the Romans in Britain.

The Roman Baths is one of the best-preserved Roman remains in the world, where 1,170,000 litres of steaming spring water, reaching 46° C, still fills the bathing site every single day.

The children took part in a range of interesting and practical activities including dressing like a Roman, making a mosaic, handling 2000-year-old artefacts, digging for artefacts like an archaeologist, using a pulley system, and building a Roman arch.



The children also had time to explore the baths themselves, including the Great Bath, the laconicum (room with intense dry heat), the circular plunge pool, changing rooms, and the sacred spring.

Everyone loved seeing artefacts that were over 2000 years old, such as the Temple Pediment with a gorgon's head, several Roman coins, curse tablets, and the bronze head of the goddess Sulis Minerva.

A fabulous day was had by all, and we were so proud of the children, who were excited and enthusiastic throughout the visit. We were even stopped more than once by members of the public, who commented how well the children were behaving! Well done everyone!

Finally, a big thank you to the staff who gave their own time to attend the trip and make it special for the children. Without your support, we cannot make these trips happen!

"This is the best day of my life!" *Ben B*

"I can't believe I'm going to be walking where actual Romans walked." *Dexter N*

"I loved seeing the baths that the Romans used."
Chloe R

"Amazing and fun!" *Ruby*

"It was amazing to see the spring water bubbling."
Alice R

"I loved making my own mosaic." *Ati*

"I loved walking past all of the Roman artefacts."
Amber

"The trip was really interesting, and it was cool walking where Romans walked." *Hugo*



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.

Children's Remembrance Parade, Rock Park

Friday, 8th November



We took 16 children down to Rock Park for the Children's Remembrance Service. The children were fantastic and showed respect throughout. It was lovely to see so many other schools there. Layla and Spencer laid a beautiful poppy wreath at the War Memorial to commemorate those who lost their lives during the war.



Monster Kick About

On Wednesday, 30 children from year 5/6 got to take part in a 'monster kick about' ran by Nike and Sports Direct.

The children took part in many football related games and got to take a penalty against Marley the mascot!

Participants took home a free t-shirt and other prizes such as pens and books! Well done to all involved.



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

OV Winter Ball

Wednesday 18th December

ALL children must be collected at the end of the school
day and return for their disco.



Reception & Years 1 & 2 - 3:30 - 4:30

Years 3 & 4 - 4:45 - 5:45

Years 5 & 6 - 6:15 - 7:15



Entry is via the Community Room.

£2.50 entry per child

(includes a drink and sweets)

Payments to be made on ParentPay



By purchasing a ticket you are agreeing that a responsible adult
will be collecting your child at the appropriate time.

Please inform us who the responsible adult will be when
completing your payment on ParentPay.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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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

School Diary Dates

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
Tues, 10th 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
Mon, 16th Dec	KS2—Christmas Performance—9.30am
Mon, 16th Dec	KS1 and Reception—Christmas Performance—1.30pm
Tue, 17th Dec	KS1 and Reception—Christmas Performance—9.30am
Tue, 17th Dec	KS2—Christmas Performance—1.30pm
Wed, 18th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Wed, 18th Dec	PTA Winter Ball

Week commencing—Monday, 18th November

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options



LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3

18th Nov – 9th Dec 2024 – 13th Jan – 3rd Feb – 3rd & 24th 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
	Mac Cheese & Spring Onion Bake	Chicken Goujons	Toad in the Hole (Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding)	Breaded Fish Fillet	Pork Meatballs in Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta 
		Plant Based Meatball Sub with Tomato Sauce	Quorn Fillet	Vegan Nuggets	Veggie Lasagne
	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	
	Crusty Bread, Carrots & Green Beans	Potato Wedges, Corn on the Cob & Peas	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	Chips, Pasta, Mixed Veg, Beans & Tomato Sauce	Malted Baguette, Carrots & Cauliflower
	Cheese Bap	Ham Bap	Tuna Bap	Ham Bap	Sausage Roll 
	Fruit Smoothie	Raspberry & Apple Cake	Custard Biscuit with Fruit Juice	Chocolate Shortbread	Ice Cream 

Reading Road Champions

Years 1 and 2

Congratulations to:

Jessica
George
Amelia W

Aria
Niamh

For completing 25 reads

Eleanor

For completing 50 reads

Intergalactic Reading Challenge
Years 3 and 4

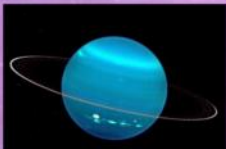
Congratulations to:

Lola
Bella O
Arthur
Kiara
Evie E

Farai

For completing
Planet 3
Uranus

For completing
Planet 2
Saturn



Tri-Reading Tournament Champ
Years 5 and 6

Congratulations to:

Alicja Malaki

Hollie G Dexter Ella-Rose

For reaching 25 reads

Elise Jake

For reaching 50 reads

Charlie James R

For reaching 100 reads

Bella Luna

For reaching 150 reads

Lily-Mae C Teagan

For reaching 200 reads

COMPETITION TIME AT BANBURY'S

WIN £40 TO SPEND ON JELLYCATS*

*Terms and conditions apply, please ask in store for more details
Barnstaple only.

THERE'S BEEN A SNOW STORM!

HOW TO ENTER:

- GET AN ENTRY FORM FROM ANY TILL POINT
- FIND THE 9 PARTS OF OUR MYSTERY SNOWMAN AROUND THE STORE AND REVEAL HIS NAME



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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

DATES:

- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

**8.30AM-3.30PM
ONLY £20
A DAY**

**VENUE- STICKLEPATH
COMMUNITY PRIMARY
ACADEMY**

**5-11
YEAR OLDS**

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A festive green background with a large red bow at the top right. The text is arranged in various boxes and fonts. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a girl in a green elf costume, a girl in a red dress, and a signpost pointing to the North Pole.