

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Things are getting pretty busy on the run up to our Christmas celebrations. The children have been working hard to learn the songs for their performances on Monday and Tuesday; we hope you have all managed to book a place to come along and watch (see page 3 for full details and timings).

The children in Key Stage 1 and Reception had an out of world experience in the Space Odyssey space dome on Tuesday, which was a superb finale to their space topic this term.

Well done to the years 5 and 6 carol singers who visited Barnstaple Library on Wednesday to sing at the Wellbeing Café. Congratulations to our years 5 and 6 girls football team who achieved 3rd place, out of 10 teams, at a girls football tournament held at the Tarka Leisure Centre.

On Thursday, 126 children enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit when they attended the Beauty and the Beast panto at the Queen's Theatre. What a super treat! It was a joy hearing from theatre staff how well behaved and polite the children from Orchard Vale were.



This morning we were treated to the end of term Rocksteady Rock Band concert. The bands thoroughly enjoyed showcasing the songs they have been working on this term. If your child would like to start lessons with Rocksteady please see the leaflet attached to the newsletter email.

To round off the week we have celebrated 'Hot Chocolate day' with hot chocolate and marshmallows in each class. It was wonderful to see so many of you in the playground this afternoon to listen to Key Stage 2 singing carols. We hope you enjoyed this as much as we did. Thank you to Miss Williams and our Key Stage 2 Team for their hard work.



Have a great weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Mr Ovey's After School Sports Clubs

Please note there will be no after school sports clubs next week.

Invitations to put your child's name down for new sports clubs will be sent out in January.

Lunch options week commencing 16th December

Please note that the main lunch choices for Tuesday and Thursday next week have been swapped (please see menu on page 5).

Wednesday, 18th December is Christmas dinner day. Please ensure you have pre-booked this with the school office. There will be no other lunch options that day.

Years 5/6 Girls Football

Congratulations to the 9 girls who represented the school at the Barnstaple Schools Girls Football Tournament on Wednesday.

They played amazingly well, winning all the games in their group and progressing to the quarter finals.

They were pipped at the post in the semifinal on penalties and went on to win their 3rd place playoff game.

At the end of the day, they were placed 3rd out of 10 teams and qualified for the North Devon finals in March!

Congratulations to the team.



Carol Singing at Barnstaple Library

Miss Williams and Mrs Manley travelled to Barnstaple with some wonderful carol singers from Years 5 and 6.

They enjoyed travelling down to Barnstaple on the Stagecoach bus, it was the first time for some children travelling on a service bus.

They sang traditional carols at the Wellbeing Café held at Barnstaple Library.

Everyone performed brilliantly and Mrs Manley commented, in particular, on Kornel's beautiful voice.

Well done everyone!



Reception and Years 1 and 2 visit by Space Odyssey

As a finale to their space topic the children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Space Dome when it visited on Tuesday.

We learnt about the solar system; what is happening in space at the moment; about the British team who are training to visit the International Space Station; had a look at the surface of the moon and much more.

Did you know that Shaun the Sheep has just returned from the International Space Station?

We had an amazing time and it was the perfect way to finish our space topic.

Thank you to our parents for your contributions and making this experience a possibility.



Christmas celebrations at Orchard Vale

Wednesday, 11th December - 10.30am to 11.30am

Some years 5/6 children to sing carols at the Barnstaple Library.

Thursday, 12th December - 9am to 1.30pm

Beauty and the Beast Panto - Selected children.
More information will be sent to parents of those attending.

Friday, 13th December - 9am to 10am

Rocksteady End of term concert - Only parents of performers are invited to attend.

Friday, 13th December - 2.30pm

KS2 carols in the playground.

Allocation of places for all performances/assemblies

Initially 2 places allocated per child, under 3 year old siblings to sit on laps of parents.
Any spaces left nearer the dates will be made available.

<p>Monday, 16th December - 9.30am (Coffee Cabin open for drinks 9am-9.30am) Doors open 9.15am for audience to take their seats.</p> <p>KS2 Christmas Assembly in the hall.</p> <p>Places bookable via Teams only.</p>	<p>Monday, 16th December - 2pm Doors open 1.45pm for audience to take their seats.</p> <p>KS1 and Reception performance in the hall.</p> <p>Places bookable through class teacher only.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 17th December - 9.30am (Coffee Cabin open for drinks 9am-9.30am) (Doors open 9.15am for audience to take their seats.</p> <p>KS1 and Reception Performance in the hall.</p> <p>Places bookable through class teacher only.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 17th December - 2.30pm Doors open 2.15pm for audience to take their seats.</p> <p>KS2 Christmas Assembly in the hall.</p> <p>Places bookable via Teams only.</p>

Nursery / Little Seeds

We will be filming the children's performances and putting this on Tapestry for parents to enjoy.

Wednesday, 18th December - Xmas Dinner - Christmas Jumper Day.
(Dinners must have been pre-booked by 27th November)

Wednesday, 18th December - Winter Ball
(places bookable through Parentpay)

Friday, 20th December - Non uniform day.

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.

Intergalactic Reading Challenge
Years 3 and 4

Congratulations to:

Heath Isaac
For completing
Planet 2
Uranus



Ati
For completing
Planet 5
Mars



Ati
For completing
Planet 3
Saturn



Farai
For completing
Planet 6
Earth



School Diary Dates

Mon, 16th Dec	KS2—Christmas Performance—9.15am to 9.30am
Mon, 16th Dec	KS1 and Reception—Christmas Performance—1.45pm for 2pm
Tue, 17th Dec	KS1 and Reception—Christmas Performance 9.15am for 9.30am
Tue, 17th Dec	KS2—Christmas Performance—2.15pm for 2.30pm
Wed, 18th Dec	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
Wed, 18th Dec	PTA Winter Ball 2.30pm to 3pm—Little Seeds/Nursery 3.30pm to 4.30pm—Reception and Years 1 and 2 4.45pm to 5.45pm—Years 3 and 4 6pm to 7pm—Years 5 and 6
Thurs, 19th Dec	Class parties—after lunch
Fri, 20th Dec	Non Uniform Day—Last day of term
Tues, 7th Jan	First day of spring term

Week commencing—Monday, 16th December

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MAIN OPTION ON TUESDAY/THURSDAY HAVE BEEN SWAPPED

LUNCH MENU – WEEK 1

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	Christmas Dinner day	Treat yourself Thursday	Finish it off Friday
 Margherita Pizza	Fish Fingers	Christmas dinner will be the only meal choice today	Big Brunch, Sausage, Bacon & Omelette	Beef Lasagne 
 Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	Veggie Brunch Sausage & Omelette		Vegan Nuggets	Cheese & Onion Pasty
Pasta & Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	
 Cheese Bap	Tomato, Baked Beans, Mushrooms & Hash Browns		Chips, Pasta, Sweetcorn, Peas & Tomato Sauce	Garlic Bread, Green Beans & Corn on the Cob 
Strawberry Mousse with Fruit Coulis	Ham Bap		Ham Bap	Sausage Roll
Fruit Cocktail & Ice Cream	Fruit Lolly		Fruit Lolly	Flapjack 

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DAY OF ACTION

25th January 2025



Join our organised cleans

25/01

Many locations TBC across North
Devon

Do your own clean

Get outside, get active and clean
up as you go

Businesses

Organise a clean with or at your
workplace from 20th - 24th Jan

Schools

Organise a clean with or at your
school from 20th - 24th Jan

Then send us your stats to evidence what has been achieved

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