

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It is lovely to see some sunshine this week, we are trying to get the children outside as much as possible, whatever the weather so please remember to send your child to school with suitable clothing for the weather conditions.

We hope you found your parent consultations helpful this week. It is always a good opportunity for parents and teachers to meet each other face to face and to build a rapport between school and home.

Lunchtime Running Club has been a great success and the children love getting out with Mr Ovey and Mr Askew. It is gathering momentum and we have a good group of runners that run every week. They are great role models for the rest of the school, and we have seen a renewed enthusiasm for the daily mile.



School photo day was extremely busy, and we thank everyone involved for their support and patience. The children looked amazing, and I saw lots of very lovely photos being taken. You can order photos, online only, using the instructions on the proofs sent home with your child yesterday.

We celebrated Harvest Festival today with an assembly. Thank you for your very generous donations of food, the table was overflowing. All donations will be going directly to the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple (Freedom Transforming Lives Charity) and will be used to support those in need on their journey towards a life of hope.

A gentle reminder for a parents - the turning circle is not a parking area for parents. We use this space during the day for visitor parking. At the beginning and end of the day parents are welcome to use it to drop off and collect children but please do not park here. The spaces are needed for children who use taxi services to enter and exit the school safely.

We hope the sun makes another appearance over the weekend and you have the opportunity to get out and enjoy it.



Fiona Pearce

POP UP SHOP



WEDNESDAY 6TH
NOVEMBER

2.45 – 3.30pm
COFFEE CABIN

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

Orchard Vale Individual/Sibling Photographs



Tempest Photograph Orders

Children were sent home yesterday with a proof of their school photo.

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

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

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

Barney for having a super start to nursery and doing some good listening at learning time.

Mrs Oldfield's class

Lyla is the most helpful, kind bundle of fun. She has made a fantastic start to reception. I am particularly impressed with her attitude to learning, especially in phonics! Lyla has taken to phonics like a duck to water, she is rapidly learning new sounds and is already starting to blend words. What I love most is; after phonics, when she pretends to be the teacher, testing the other children on their sound knowledge and correcting them when they are wrong. Well done, Lyla, you are amazing. Keep up the great work. Mrs Oldfield

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Our star of the week is Bobby. He has settled in so well and is such a joy to have in class. He is a happy, smiley boy and is becoming more confident in communicating what he needs and wants. He is getting used to the routines of the school day; he now sits with the class for registration and snack and enjoys playtime with the other children. We are all so proud of the progress he has made so far this year, well done Bobby.

Mr Quilter's class

My star of the week is George! Wow, what an incredible start to year 2 George has had. He has come back with an amazing attitude towards learning and I have been so impressed with his incredible work ethic and determination! George has been working extremely hard on his writing; his letters are now formed both neatly and correctly. His non-fiction Space book is especially pleasing and he should be very proud of himself. George, you have a massive personality for someone so small. Keep working hard and you will continue to excel in year 2!
Mr Q x

Miss Huxtable's class

My star of the week is Vienna-Rae. Vienna has transitioned into a new class and year group seamlessly. She loves taking on extra responsibility and it has been lovely to see her challenging herself in her learning. This week, Vienna has really taken the Year 1s in our class under her wing. It was lovely to see her reading stories to them in the book corner and supporting them in playing new games. Vienna, you have had a wonderful start to the year! Well done superstar.

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Ellie. This week I have been absolutely blown away by Ellie's phonics. She has amazed me with her sound knowledge and the brilliance of her Fred Talk! There is no stopping her! I also see her using this strong knowledge in her writing and the quality of her sentences is excellent. Ellie is a fabulous learner all round and I am so proud of the way she has embraced Year 1 this term. Well done, Ellie. You are a star! Keep up this wonderful learning.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mr Bayliss' class

Evie has put fantastic effort into her learning this week, starting tasks promptly and persevering to complete all of her work without giving up. I have been very pleased with Evie's positive attitude and her attentiveness to our golden rules. She has worked hard to manage distractions and focus on her learning. Evie has been kind and caring during breaktime, including others in her games and sharing the toys and equipment. Well done, Evie. Keep it up!

Mrs Johnson's class

My Star of the Week is Isaac. This week Isaac has impressed me so much with his work in our reading lessons. Not only has he read our story beautifully, but he has also been able to find all the answers about what he has read, presenting them beautifully, in full sentences. Isaac, you have really shown me your best efforts this week – you are a superstar!

Mr Whapham's class

My star of the week is Ronnie! Ronnie has showed real maturity at the start of this year, stepping into a role position within class. He is participating well in lessons—sharing his ideas regularly and always wanting to answer questions! He has showed a positive attitude to learning and is enjoying being successful! Well done on a great start to Year 4 Ronnie!

Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Layla. She can always be relied upon to be doing the right thing at the right time. She is kind and helpful, always one of the first to volunteer to help in the classroom. Layla is very responsible and mature, and has a great work ethic, just getting on with what she needs to do without making a fuss. She is an absolute pleasure to have in the class!

Miss Williams' class

This week my Star of the Week is Madison. Madison has really impressed me with her independence towards learning this week. She has shown real determination and resilience in her learning, and it has been fantastic to see her getting on independently and using the resources to help her. It has been lovely to see her confidence growing and see her willingly put up her hand to contribute ideas to class discussions in class. She has been working hard to ensure she approaches problems methodically, particularly in maths. Madison is such a kind and helpful girl, and she is an absolute pleasure to have in class. Keep up the hard work Madison!

Mrs Scott's class

Megan is my star this week, due to her fabulously infectious enthusiasm! Megan bounces into class each morning with a marvellous smile and with a great attitude for learning. Since the beginning of term, I have watched her learn how to channel this enthusiasm into her work, and have seen her make progress across a range of subjects. Megan often volunteers for roles and is always willing to help out, assisting both staff and peers. It is a pleasure to have Megan in our class, and I have been so impressed to see how hard she works, no matter what else is happening around her. Well done, Megan - you are a smiley, bouncy superstar!

Mrs Oldfield's class—pumpkin carving treat

The children in Mrs Oldfield's class were given 'tickets' for good listening; work; behaviour and kind sharing this week.

They were able to exchange their tickets at the 'Pumpkin Sale' in Mrs Oldfield's car boot.

The children had a fun morning carving their own pumpkins which they were able to take home at the end of the day.



Reading Road Champions

Years 1 and 2

Congratulations

to:

Caleb, Alice S

For completing 25 reads

Let's get
fundraising!

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

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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School Diary Dates

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
Wed, 20th Nov	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons
Wed, 20th Nov	PFA—School Disco (details to come)
Thur, 21st Nov	Y5/6—Into Film—Scott Cinema
Tues, 26th Nov	Y6 Rising Star
Wed, 27th Nov	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons

Week commencing—Monday, 21st October

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options








LUNCH MENU - WEEK 1





21st Oct 2024
Malted, Wholemeal Sliced Baguettes, Low Fat Yoghurts, Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Butchers Pork Sausages	Butchers Mince Beef Nachos & Wholegrain Rice	Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Harry Ramsdens Battered Salmon Fillets	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	
	Spanish Omelette	Cheese Pasty & Tomato Pasta	Vegetarian Roast	Vegan Nuggets	Oaty Veggie Crumble & Creamy Mash Potato	
	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		
	Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Roast or Mash Potato, Sliced Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Sliced Carrots & Sweetcorn	
	Fruit Smoothie	Pip Organic Lolly	Strawberry Mousse with Berry Compote	Fruity Flapjack	Fresh Fruit	
	Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll	



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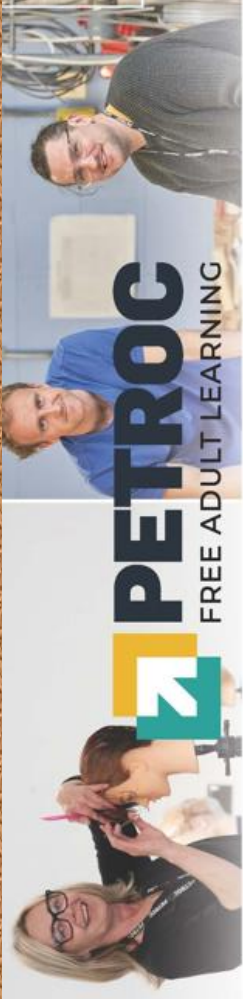
Scarecrow trail

at Arlington Court

5 October - 3 November

Explore the community scarecrow trail inspired by beloved children's book characters. Pick up a leaflet from visitor reception and head on an adventure around the grounds. Normal admission prices apply.

Find out more on our website:
nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington-court



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COURSES FOR PARENTS/CAREERS

- Child Nutrition and Health
- Parenting Skills in Early Years
- Phonics for Parents/Careers of Primary Age Children - daytime
- Supporting Your Child in Making the Leap from GCSE to A Levels

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

- Enhancing Confidence and Communication Through Performing Arts
- Introduction to Digital Photography and Photoshop
- Introduction to Graphic Design Principles
- Introduction to Graphic Story Telling - delivered online
- Introduction to Music and Audio Production Principles
- Introduction to Printmaking
- Introduction to Sewing and Textiles

CREATIVE WRITING

- Introduction to Writing Poetry
- Introduction to Writing Stories for Children

DIGITAL & IT

- Coding for Beginners: Building Your First Website and Apps

EDUCATION, CHILDCARE & TEACHING

- Introduction to Child Development and Wellbeing - delivered online
- Introduction to STEM: Principles & Practical Applications

ENGINEERING & MOTOR VEHICLE

- Introduction to MIG-Welding Technique
- Introduction to Solidworks

HAIR & BEAUTY

- Introduction to Barbering Skills
- Introduction to Hairdressing Skills

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

- Understanding Common Conditions in Health Care - delivered online
- Introduction to Health and Social Care in the UK to International Recruits - delivered online

HUMANITIES

- Architectural Legacy of Ancient Rome - delivered online
- Introduction to the History of Art

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL

- Introduction to Astronomy

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Introduction to Criminology: Understanding Serial Killers
- Introduction to Level 3 Psychology

STUDY SKILLS

- Getting Ready to Study Functional Skills English
- Research for Beginners

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HALLOWEEN

AT THE DRIVING RANGE



Tee off your Halloween with something a bit different.
Treat yourself to a frightfully good evening with us!

Family or friends? Whatever the event, organise a spooky driving range night this Halloween with burgers and balls!

From £35 for a family of 4,* Includes 2x Out Of Bounds Burgers & Fries, 2x Chicken Tenders & Fries, plus 120 range balls. Food served from 12 noon to 8pm. Everyone welcome. Pre booking recommended.



31st Oct



Ask for more details at reception or email
enquiries@portmoregolfpark.co.uk

* We are happy to accommodate larger families, please call us for more information. Full balance to be paid in advance to confirm booking.

BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET

HALLOWEEN

WED 30 OCT & THURS 31 OCT

PUMPKIN CARVING 11am - 3pm

Come along and buy a pumpkin from our stall and create your own design assisted by our pumpkin artist.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT 11am - 2pm

Free spooky crafting provided by Barnstaple Town Council in The Guildhall



THUR 31 OCT

STEMENGINEERING WITH NICK 10am & 1pm

HALLOWEEN FAMILY DISCO 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Featuring fancy dress competition, games and dance performance by DFA Switchframe



FRI 1 NOV - 6.00pm

**FREE BIG SCREEN CINEMA
 HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA**

Bring a blanket or chair and snacks for this film showing



**COME ALONG AND JOIN THE SCARILY FREE FUN AT
 BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET THIS HALLOWEEN -
 WHILST VISITING OUR FABULOUS TRADERS!
 UNDER 16S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



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SCHOOL

Scholarships

Application deadline: 6th November



children's hospice
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Carols by Candlelight 2024

- 📅 Thursday 5 December 2024 - Sunday 8 December 2024
- 🕒 6:00pm
- 📍 Barnstaple, Bideford and South Molton
- 🎄 Christmas
- 👤 Event organiser: CHSW
- £ Tickets: Free

A Christmas celebration

Join us for Christmas carols and celebrations on:

- Thursday 5 December, 6pm – Barnstaple Pannier Market
- Thursday 5 December, 6pm – Bideford Pannier Market
- Sunday 8 December, 6pm – South Molton Pannier Market

These festive evenings will feature:

- Carol services accompanied by a local bands
- Choir performances
- Christmas readings
- Complimentary mince pies and mulled wine

Admission is free, with donations gratefully received.