

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has definitely started to show signs of winter this week with the drop in temperature and the hail spells! Please ensure your children are wrapped up warm and dressed appropriately for the weather with sturdy shoes.

We have had another busy week in school finishing with a Bikeability morning today, for some children in years 3 and 4. A group of year 4 children started swimming lessons on Wednesday and had a fun time. Years 5 and 6 visited the cinema, courtesy of Into Films Festival. It is lovely to be able to offer a range of opportunities to enhance children's experiences at school. I know the film was a huge hit and the children showed maturity and responsibility whilst walking to and from the cinema, and whilst watching the film. With a lot of events coming up on the diary, please ensure you read letters carefully to keep up to date.

There has been a large increase in lost property this week, especially sweatshirts/jumpers. This is due to items being unnamed. Please can you spend a moment over the weekend labelling items of clothing for your child to ensure any misplaced property can be returned to them. Please visit the lost property boxes near the school office to retrieve any lost items. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Finally, it was wonderful to re-open the Coffee Cabin on Wednesday morning. To make payments easier, you can now pay using your ParentPay account to enable you and your children to have drinks and snacks without the need for cash. You must ensure the money is in the Parentpay account in advance of making any purchases. Mrs Manley will keep a list of your purchases, and this will be debited off your balance in Parentpay weekly. Cash will still be accepted. We are looking for volunteers to help ensure the Coffee Cabin is a success. If you have time to spare and would like to support Mrs Manley in running the Coffee Cabin, please speak to her or contact the school office.

Don't forget to prebook your child's Christmas dinner. Slips must be handed to the office by Wednesday, 27th November for Mrs Williams to order sufficient supplies. See page 5 for full details.



Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm!

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher



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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!



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal



To ORCHARD VALE SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £389-27



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Charlie for trying hard at learning time and showing good independence.

Mrs Oldfield's class

Rex has had a wonderful week, he has become a big brother and he has certainly stepped up to the role with pride. Rex has given new things a try this week, he has worked hard to persevere with things that he has found difficult and tackled them with a much more positive attitude. Rex has loved learning about hibernation and drew a wonderful picture of a bear and its cave as part of one of his English tasks. Well done Rex, we are all super proud of you. Keep up the great work. Mrs Oldfield x

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Our star of the week is Millie. Millie is always kind and helpful and is fantastic at looking after others. Millie is the best person at tidy up time and keeps our classroom looking great. Millie has worked extremely hard in all subjects and is making fantastic progress. Well done, Millie you are a superstar.

Mr Quilter's class

My star of the week is Leighton! Leighton sometimes finds school tough, especially when challenged with a new 'sound' to learn or a new concept in maths. This week all the staff in class have noticed how incredibly hard Leighton has been working, where he has completed all of his maths tasks quickly and showing great efforts. You have worked so hard this week Leighton, all of your efforts deserve to be recognised. Keep up the incredibly hard work and I am certain your star will continue to shine.

Miss Huxtable's class

My star of the week is Louie. He is such a pleasure to have in class and will often be found bouncing around with a smile on his face telling everyone how much he loves phonics and loves school. This week in particular has really highlighted just how much Louie has grown up during his year in Reception. Learning hasn't always been the easiest for Louie, but this half term he has really found his stride, and this is evident in the work he is now completing. His effort and determination in phonics has skyrocketed his confidence. This has translated into his writing as well, where he has been using his phonics to write sentences with increasing independence. Louie, I am so proud of you!

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Leo. I have been so impressed with Leo this week. He has made some brilliant connections in maths which have really helped him solve some calculations efficiently and effectively and this was wonderful to see. Also, in his phonics he is really strengthening both with his reading and his spelling. I can see how much effort he is putting in during our sessions and that is driving his learning forward. His reading is just going from strength to strength. I can also see how he is applying his phonics in his writing in class too. Leo, you have had a great week this week but I can see that generally you are becoming a more resilient and conscientious learner. Keep doing this! I am so proud of you!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mr Bayliss' class

Emi has been working incredibly hard in her lessons this week, putting lots of effort and focus into her tasks. She listens carefully to instructions and takes pride in her work, presenting it neatly and finishing it on time. I have been very pleased with Emi's bravery this week, putting her hand up to share her ideas with the class. Emi is very kind and caring to her classmates and is always happy to let others join in with her games at playtime. Well done, keep it up!

Mrs Johnson's class

My star of the week is Jessica. Jessica has always shown such a great learning attitude and is such a lovely friend to so many. She has a fun-loving spirit and is a great role model to other children. This week she is my star of the week for showing this positive attitude in a completely different setting - swimming! Jessica is not an experienced swimmer, yet she was ready to try and leave her comfort zone. By the end of the first lesson she was confidently splashing in and under the water, which I am sure helped others to overcome their worries. Well done Jessica, you are a true learning superstar!

Mr Whapham's class

My star of the week is Ben! Ben is a very hard worker who listens extremely well in class. He is focused and always thinks carefully about his learning. It has been lovely to see Ben really start to understand the importance of his learning and he is producing high quality examples of work in class! Ben is a good example of someone who is thriving in a mixed aged class and sets himself high standards!

Mrs Ledger's class

My star this week is Lilly. She has been really focussed this week, and putting in lots of effort, especially in maths, and has shown a great attitude to her learning.

Miss Williams' class

This week, my Star of the Week is the wonderful Colby. Colby has really impressed several members of staff with his attitude and resilience towards his learning. He is always on task, doing the right thing at the right time and he is just such a brilliant role model for his peers. It has been fantastic to see him attempting challenging maths questions in an independent and methodical way to enable him to reach the correct answer. Also, Colby is just such a helpful boy, and he is always offering to help with a job! Keep up the excellent work Colby!

Mrs Scott's class

My staff of the week this week is Charley-May. Charley-May has been trying her absolute hardest in her learning and it is not going unnoticed in both core subjects and the wider curriculum subjects. Charley-May Has started to get involved in class discussions a lot more and she has been given some great ideas this week. Charley-May is always in the right place at the right time doing as she's asked, and she is such a great asset to the class and the school. Well done Charley-May keep it up!

Reading Road Champions
Years 1 and 2

Congratulations
to:

Ruby

For completing 25 reads

Aria

For completing 50 reads

Tidiest Cloakroom
This week was
Mr Quilter's class

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

Let's get
fundraising!

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.

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

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
Tues, 10th Dec	Reception and Key Stage 1—Space Odyssey experience (school hall)
Wed, 11th Dec	Y4/5/6—Swimming lessons
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 (please pre-book these with the office)
Wed, 18th Dec	PTA Winter Ball
Fri, 20th Dec	Last day of term
Tues, 7th Jan	First day of spring term

Week commencing—Monday, 25th 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

Food to excite
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 Catering for your children's education

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
Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	Veggie Brunch Sausage & Omelette	Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake	Vegan Nuggets	Cheese & Onion Pasty
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

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

VOLLEYBALL TRAINING

AGE 7-13
SATURDAYS 9:30-10:30
BRAUNTON ACADEMY

OPEN TO ALL!

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SANTAS ON A BIKE
14TH DECEMBER 2024

ANNUAL CHARITY MOTORBIKE RIDE
The Annual Santa Ride from Taunton to Little Bridge House Children's Hospice will be visiting South Molton Town Square for

THE MAYOR'S FUNDRAISER FOR CHSW
Fundraising for Children's Hospice South West

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ALONG TO ENJOY THE FESTIVE EVENT!
14th December 2024 - From 10.30am - 1pm
Santas arrive at 11AM

FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN THE TOWN SQUARE!
Join us for a magical day filled with festive fun:
Reindeer Petting - Meet & Greet Santa's reindeer!
Snow in the Square - Experience the magic of a winter wonderland
Santa Sleigh Photo Opportunities - Capture the moment with Santa himself
Live Carols - Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the South Molton Town Band
Christmas Pannier Market - Shop for unique gifts & festive treats
Win amazing prizes at the Children's Hospice Raffle Stall
Be amazed as over 100 Santas arrive on bikes, trikes & quads!
Marvel at the spectacular sight & check out the magnificent bikes on display

We will also be fundraising in the town for Children's Hospice South West - YOUR support makes a difference!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

ALL RIDERS WELCOME TO JOIN THE FESTIVE RIDE!
FOR MORE INFO & HOW TO JOIN THE RIDE - CLICK [HERE](#)
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