

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful first full week back in school. Today has been a great end of the week with so many fun activities taking place around school and a beautiful sunny day making playtime and lunchtime a real pleasure. Children are now settling into their new classes and getting used to the new routines.

This year's focus so far has been about kindness and acceptance. Children have been creating their own class rules and learning about acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in school and what makes a great citizen. Children and their teachers are going to be choosing their class names next week and these will be based on our kindness theme.

School Council applications are now open. Children are encouraged to nominate themselves, if they would like to do this role. Once applications are received the class will run elections to decide who they would like to represent them. This teaches the children about fairness and democracy. It is an important position in our school, and we value the input and ideas the children bring to the meetings.

A gentle reminder that the playground gates will shut at 3:30pm. This is to allow afterschool clubs to run on time. If you want to avoid being shut in, then please make sure you collect your child and exit the playground in a timely manner. Please also remind your children that bikes and scooters are not allowed on the playground and please do not let them climb on the fences or wall. As parents it is your responsibility to supervise your children once they have been handed over to you.

Have a great weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

POP UP SHOP



WEDNESDAY 6TH
NOVEMBER

2.45 – 3.30pm
COFFEE CABIN

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Frank - You have remembered our classroom rules after a long break and have been trying your best to follow them.

Mrs Oldfield's class

For the first couple of days back Theo found it a little tricky leaving Mummy at the door, he now bounds into class in the morning with the biggest smile on his face. Theo has really impressed me with his ideas, and how brave he is to share these on the carpet. I am also giving him star of the week because he has been very patient and forgiving of me every time I have called him Riley! I am very sorry Theo. Well done for a FANTASTIC start to year 1 Theo, keep up the great work. Mrs Oldfield x

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Ellie Mae is our star of the week. Ellie Mae has settled beautifully into reception. She has been very helpful and always kind. Ellie Mae always comes to school with a big smile on her face every morning, well done Ellie Mae.

Mr Quilter's class

Freya is my well-deserved star this week. Not only has she settled into her new class seamlessly, she has also shown me what an incredibly hard worker she is. She has amazed me with her positive attitude towards challenges set and has already shown me her readiness and willingness to learn. Freya, you have started well and I look forward to seeing what you can achieve this year! Mr Q x

Miss Huxtable's class

It has been great to see Coby step up to the challenge of starting Year 2. He has been focused during carpet sessions and is sharing his ideas with the class. It has been lovely to hear other members of staff commenting on how well he's doing, too! This week, Coby has worked hard to be more independent, showing that he understands the adults are there to support everyone in the class. Keep it up, Coby!

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Ben. I have been so impressed with the way Ben has started Year 1. He has a can-do attitude, he is friendly, kind and hardworking. He has been commended by Mrs Yorke this week for amazing kindness on the playground, helping a younger child. He has produced super learning too. Ben, you have amazed me with the confident and resilient way you have started year 1! Keep doing everything you are doing. You are a complete star!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mr Bayliss' class

Ellie-Mai has been very kind and caring to others this week. She has quietly helped many year 3 pupils find their feet in KS2, acting as a great role model for our class. Ellie-Mai has worked incredibly hard in her lessons and has shown a real commitment to presenting her work neatly as well as attempting the more challenging questions in maths. Well done Ellie-Mai!

Mrs Johnson's class

My star of the week is Ati. Ati joined Orchard Vale last week and has settled in so well already. She has really impressed us all with her positive attitude and her enthusiasm for learning. Ati has already made lots of friends and it really feels as if she has been a part of the school forever! Well done for a great first week at Orchard Vale Ati! You are a superstar and it is a pleasure to have you in our class!

Mr Whapham's class

Freddy is my star of the week for settling into Year so well. The move from downstairs to upstairs can be challenging for children but Freddy has found his feet and begun to grow in confidence. We have also been looking at kindness in class this week and Freddy has displayed this regularly - helping the children on his table without being asked! Well done! Mr W

Mrs Ledger's class

My Star of the Week is Kornel for always being polite and on task.

Miss Williams' class

This week my Star of the Week is Elsie! Elsie's positive attitude and commitment to learning has really impressed me this week. It has been fantastic to see her confidently contributing ideas in class discussions and attempting all independent learning tasks. She has been working hard to ensure she presents work in her books neatly and carefully and she has become a brilliant year 6 role model for her peers. I am very proud of your positive and constructive start to year 6. Keep up the great work, Elsie!

Mrs Scott's class


My star, this week, is Teagan. I have seen the most wonderful side of Teagan come out over the past week, and I can see so much potential for her, in her final year of primary school. I know she was a little worried, initially, about returning to school after the summer holidays; however, this week, she has shone! Teagan is a keen mathematician and a thoughtful writer, alongside being so keen to help out her classmates and school community. I am really impressed with the fantastic, have-a-go attitude I have seen this week, and I hope Teagan keeps it up, to really make the most of being a Year 6. Well done, Teagan!

School Diary Dates

Thur, 19th Sept	Y5/6—Wild Day Out
Mon, 23rd, Tue, 24th and Wed, 25 Sept	Y6—Park School Open Mornings (Park School have suggested that Orchard Vale children could attend together on Tues, 24th Sept)
Wed, 25th Sept	Y3/4—Cross Country at Park School
Tue, 1st Oct or Thur, 3rd Oct	Y5/6 RAAM Exeter trip
Wed, 9th Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons (information to come)
Mon, 14th, Tue, 15th and Wed, 16th Oct	Bikeability (letters sent home by Mrs Manley)
Wed, 16th Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons
Thur, 17th Oct	School Photos—8am Family, during school individual and siblings
Wed, 23rd Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons (information to come)
Fri, 25th Oct	Non Pupil Day
Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov	HALF TERM (back to school on 4th Nov)


Week commencing—Monday, 16th September

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options



LUNCH MENU - WEEK 2

16th Sept. – 7th Oct.
Malted, Wholemeal Sliced Baguettes, Low Fat Yoghurts, Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Cheeseburger (100% Beef) in a Bun	Chicken Curry, Wholegrain Rice & Naan Bread	Toad in the Hole (Butchers Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding)	Jumbo Fish Fingers	Chicken Goujons with Tomato Pasta
	Roasted Stuffed Feta Peppers	Macaroni Cheese & Crusty Bread	Herby Lentil Loaf	Vegan Sausage Roll	Sweet & Sour Quorn with Noodles
	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	
	Potato Wedges, Peas & Corn on Cob	Mixed Vegetables	Roast or Mash Potato with Fresh Sliced Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Chips, Pasta, Peas, Coleslaw & Tomato Sauce	Sweetcorn & Broccoli
	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit	Date & Rice Crispy Cake	Fruit Smoothie
	Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll



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Open Evening Thurs 19th Sept

Open Mornings 23rd-25th Sept



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Park School have suggested that Orchard Vale pupils may wish to come on the same day which is Tuesday, 24th September.

BUZZ ZONE
FREE SOFT PLAY & BOUNCY CASTLES

GRAND PARADE 6pm

FLOURISHING Barnstaple

What's Occurin'? ...
BARNSTAPLE CARNIVAL

Carnival Village
STALLS & TRADERS
around The Square,
The Strand & Castle Green

thevoice

FIREWORK FINALE
A dazzling end to Barnstaple Fair Week 2024 8pm

SAT SEPT 21

A fun filled day for all the family

LIVE MUSIC FROM MIDDAY

DISPLAYS
PERFORMANCE AREA
DEMOS

UP CLOSE RADIO

FACE PAINTING

PRIZE WINNING TREASURE HUNT
SPONSORED BY QUEEN'S THEATRE

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT Merlin
SHOWS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

COME & MEET Bluey and Bingo

THE PARTY PONIES

PUNCH & JUDY

More details including timings of events on the day will be published w/c 16/9/24 ... Barnstaple Fair Week!

NEW & FREE

Choir School

AUTUMN TERM 2024

A Free Singing Opportunity for KS2 Children

Come along to FREE MUSIC AND SINGING LESSONS on

Tuesdays
3:30-5:30pm
(transport provided from local schools)

with performances on Sunday mornings during Term Time

at St Peter & St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Barnstaple EX31 1BL

For further details
email: office@barnstapleparishchurch.org



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