

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Devon Ability Games



Well done to the 11 children who took part in the Devon Ability Games at Tarka Tennis on Wednesday.

The children were able to take part in a range of different activities such as wheelchair basketball and fencing.

We all took part in an archery competition where we came 2nd and 3rd overall.



Well done!



Magic Martin the Magician



On Tuesday afternoon the School Council arranged for KS1, Reception and Nursery to have a special treat. We were very lucky to have a visit from Magic Martin the Magician and he was AMAZING.

The magician chose Layla and Freddie to be his glamorous assistants. Layla magically changed a red hanky to pink and Freddie was able to push a knitting needle through a balloon without making it pop!

At the end of the show Magic Martin challenged Mr Quilter to a game of Russian roulette to see who would be pied, unfortunately Mr Quilter won the game.

We would all like to say a huge thank you to the School Council and Mrs Shury for organising this for us.



If your child has misplaced any unnamed items of uniform, coats, lunch boxes, drinks bottles etc over the term please could we ask you to check the Lost Property area on the Key Stage Two landing, outside Mrs Rana's class.

We will be clearing the lost property on Wednesday, 12th February. Any unnamed items will be donated to the New 2 U or local charity shops.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY—RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 ONLINE ORDERS

The closing date for FREE postage and delivery for parents is approaching for the recent Reception and Year 6 photos via online orders. If you have already placed an order for photographs thank you. If not or you wish to order more, simply enter your image reference number and website access code (found on your original order form) at www.tempest-orders.co.uk.



Tempest Photography If you need assistance feel free to contact Tempest 01736 751555 (option 3).

Nursery—This week

We have continued to learn about Chinese New Year and have been reading the story 'Dragon in the City.' We have made a large dragon collage using a variety of materials and have been trying to think of words to describe what the materials feel like. In maths, we have been practising recognising numbers and putting the 12 animals in the race in the correct order.

We have been learning about the letter 't' and practicing how to form it correctly. Next week we will be learning about the letter 'p' so if your child would like to bring in something beginning with that letter we can show it during our learning time.

Please can I remind all the parents of the new children to hand in their Tapestry forms if you haven't already done so, so we can add you to the system.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Youll

Reception classes / Miss Cawthorne's Year 1—This week

We have continued to look at our dinosaur fact books. The children have been busy acting out their own stories using the model dinosaurs as well as writing their own dinosaur facts. With the sunny weather we have been exploring the adventure trail and making music outside.

This week's sounds— Miss Boundy's Class- **tch nk ai ee** Miss Cawthorne's Class- **All sounds learnt so far.**

Please let your class teacher know when your child knows all of their words on their word chart.

In maths, we have been looking at addition and writing addition number sentences (sums) with the children. For **homework** you could talk about adding things up around the house e.g. if we had two more cakes how many would we have?

Year 1- We have been busy describing different dinosaurs and writing about what they look like. We have continued learning our number bonds to ten in maths. **For homework** you could write some sentences which include **me, my, there, said, are.**

P.E days are Monday and Friday for both classes, all children are now getting changed for PE so please bring kit on these days. Next week our book is How to look after your dinosaur.

Have a super weekend. Miss Cawthorne Miss Boundy

Years 1 and 2—This week

Mrs Grimwood/Mrs Huggins' class wrote their own 'King of the' stories this week. We had cats, dogs, unicorns, and even dragons. There was some great writing. Well done everyone for persevering!

In maths, year 2s continued to divide and look for links between what we know to find what we don't know and working on word problems involving sharing. Year 1s have concentrated on place value to 100, counting on and back successfully.

We looked at the shape and style of Tudor houses and made some pictures of our own. Why not have a look in the classroom at some of these.

In art, we have continued looking at Picasso by drawing objects from different angles.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Quilter Mrs Grimwood Mrs Huggins Mrs Oldfield

Years 3 and 4— This week

We are really impressed with those who have started the 'High Flying Readers' initiative this week. It is great to see the number of children who are reading at home for at least 10 minutes daily, getting their records signed and moving quickly towards the 'proud cloud'. We look forward to celebrating reading success in the coming weeks and adding our 'proud cloud' members to the newsletter.

This week we have finished our information leaflets for the seven wonders of the world and are starting to explore newspapers. We would appreciate any donations of old newspapers to explore in class next week.

Homework - please complete another task from your sheet - we love seeing all of your creativity and enjoy celebrating your home learning in school.

Have a great weekend. Miss Gulliford Mrs Johnson Mr Whapham

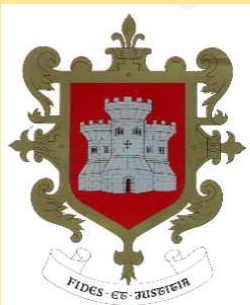
Years 5 and 6—This week

We have been looking at non-fiction texts, specifically non-chronological reports and writing our own 'Great Plague' ones for next week.

Homework and updates are all on Seesaw. If you need help logging in please talk to your class teacher.

Please could the children practise times tables and spelling for testing next week. They can practise maths on the website www.mathstest.org and spellings/homework on Seesaw <https://app.seesaw.me/>.

Have a great weekend. Miss Squire Mrs Rana Mr Lewis Mrs Lowrey

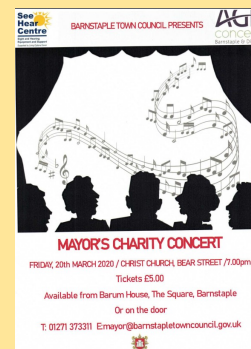


School Choir at the Mayor's Charity Concert

The Orchard Vale Choir have been asked to perform alongside other choirs at his Charity Concert on Friday, 20th March.

If you would like to attend see the information on the poster.

All monies raised will be used to support the Mayor's chosen charities Age Concern and the See Hear Centre,.



Key Stage One—Parents are invited to join their child for lunch

Wednesday, 18th March—11.45am

We would like to invite parents of children in Key Stage One to join their child to sample our delicious roast dinner.

We have limited spaces available, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The cost will be £2.30 cash, payable on booking.

Menu

Roast Turkey with stuffing Vegetarian option—Cauliflower/broccoli cheese.

Roast/Mash potato

Chefs veg and gravy

Lemon Drizzle

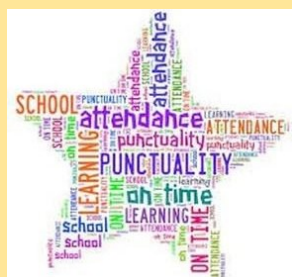


Pupil Absences

We appreciate this is the time of year were bugs are prevalent.

If your child is going to be absent from school please could we ask parents to contact the school office on 01271 375074, before registration at 8.50am, and leave a message with either a member of the office team or on the school answerphone.

We need to know your child's name, class and reason for being absent.



Breakfast club runs from 7.30am to 8.30am—Monday to Friday during school term times.

Children can be dropped off at the Community Room from 7.30am onwards, where a member of staff will greet them.

Children can select cereals, toast, muffins and other breakfast items along with jams, spreads and squash.

At 8.30am pupils are escorted to class by our staff.

Registration—Parents must register their child at the School Office before they are able to attend.

Payment— If you wish to cancel your child/ren's place please contact the office 48 hours prior to the booking to allow a refund or credit to be given.

**Payments are non-refundable should your child not attend without prior notification
(except in the case of sickness)**

Friends of Orchard Vale News



The Friends of Orchard Vale (FoOV) plan events through the year to raise funds to help subsidise trips and events across the school as well as equipment for classes and larger projects.

We are desperate for people to help out at events. All volunteers must be DBS checked, which is a relatively quick process and free to you. If you are not DBS checked please speak to the school office who will be happy to start the process.

Planned events: Easter Bingo Disney Quiz Night (dates to be confirmed)

Wanted



Little Seeds are looking for donations of **pots, pans, lids, off cuts of guttering/drainpipes** to be mounted on their fence and used for outside water and musical play.

If you have any that you would like to donate please bring these to the school office.



Key Stage One are looking for donations of empty **small cardboard boxes** so that they can start building their own Pudding Lane for their Fire of London topic.

Dates and Events

Future diary dates (don't forget to check the school website, www.ovschool.co.uk for up to date information)

Tue, 11th Feb—School Council—Big Breakfast (whole school will be provided with breakfast in class at 9am)

Wed, 12th Feb—School Council—**Non Uniform Day** in aid of Julian House homeless charity

Wed, 12th Feb—Key Stage Two Assembly—Julian House—homeless charity

Fri, 14th Feb—Year 6—Geography/Orienteering walk (Group 3)

Fri, 14th Feb—Year 5—Geography walk

Mon, 17th to Fri, 21st Feb—HALF TERM

Wed, 26th Feb—Really Wild Learning—School Council treat—Key Stage Two

Wed, 26th Feb—Movie Night—School Council

Fri, 28th Feb—Year 6 Exmoor Challenge—Team walk

Fri, 28th Feb—Years 3/4—Spaghetti Challenge

Tue, 3rd Mar—Mr Quilter/Mrs Oldfield/Year 1— Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple

Wed, 4th Mar—Sustrans—Walking Zone—Years 3/4—9am to 11.130am

Fri, 6th Mar—Sponsored Pro Strike Shoot Out—Year 1 to 6.

Fri, 6th Mar—Year 6—Exmoor Challenge—Team walk

Tue, 10th Mar—Mr Quilter/Mrs Grimwood/Huggins' Year 2— Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple.

Fri, 13th Mar—St Petroc Cross Country, Bude

Fri, 13th Mar - Year 6 Exmoor Challenge practice walk

Lunch menu week commencing 10th February 2020

Please see the website for our Autumn 2019/Spring 2020 menu)

School dinners are now £2.30.

Menu available:
4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec,
20th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th Mar

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Pizza	Breaded fish	Roast pork with stuffing and gravy	Beef bolognaise	Crunchy chicken with tomato salsa
Vegetarian	Cheese and tomato pasta bake	Vegetable lasagne	Quorn sausage roll	Haloumi and roasted peppers	Veggie burger
Served with	Croquet potatoes and carrot salad	Wedges and peas	Roast/mash and chefs veg	Pasta and sweetcorn	Tomato ketchup, fries and veggie sticks
Dessert	Fruit Jelly	Banana and blueberry cake	Fresh fruit	Carrot and orange cake	Shortbread finger

Sustainable Travel

to school and cycle safety

We have a few places available on both levels. If your child would like to take advantage of this FREE Bikeability sessions please complete and return the Consent Form.

Level 1 - Years 3/4—Fri, 20th and Fri, 27th March

These sessions will take part on the playground.

Level 2— Year 6

(THIS HAS BEEN OPENED UP TO YEAR 5)

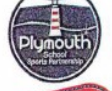



Mon, 23rd Tue, 24th, Wed, 25 and Thur, 26th March

These sessions will take part on the playground and on roads in Whiddon Valley. Valuable training for a life skill.

The children must be able to ride a bicycle without stabilisers and have good balance/control. They will need to be able to bring in their own bicycles and helmets. Bikes must be roadworthy.

As you are aware this course is valuable in making children aware of how to stay safe when cycling.

If your child would like to take up this offer please read the literature above, complete the form and return it to Mrs Manley by Friday, 14th February. You will be notified by letter if you have secured a place for your child by Friday, 6th March.

Take YOUR CYCLING seriously, don't miss out on Bikeability!

With Bikeability Level 1, you'll learn to control and master your bike in a safe space away from traffic such as a playground or closed car park. Bikeability Level 2 takes place on local streets, giving you a real cycling experience. You'll learn how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops.

At Level 1 you can:

- Prepare yourself and your bike for cycling
- Get on and off your bike without help
- Start off, pedal and stop with control
- Pedal along, use gears and avoid objects
- Look all around and behind, and control the bike
- Share space with pedestrians and other cyclists

At Level 2 you can:

- Prepare for on-road cycling
- Start and finish an on-road journey
- Recognise typical hazards
- Let others know what you are about to do
- Know where to ride on the road
- Pass parked vehicles and side roads

Parents & Carers

Please read the following information carefully and return the consent form to your child's school. The school will inform you about dates when the course for your child is due. If you sign up for a holiday course, please return the form directly to your local training provider.

Note each child must be able to ride a bicycle (without stabilisers, have good control and balance) before enrolling for this course. There may be courses to support those who can't ride.

All trainees must provide a bicycle in a suitable condition (a bicycle check diagram is provided) and a helmet must be worn. In certain areas, spare bicycles may be available. High visibility waistcoats will be provided.

All courses are conducted by approved National Standard Instructors, who are DBS checked and have attended a First Aid course. Please ensure child is wearing appropriate clothing suitable for cycling and the weather conditions of the day.

We request that you discuss the Bikeability course with your child, and encourage them to practice what they have learnt each session - maybe by accompanying them on a bike ride and discussing the Highway Code. Your child must attend every session - if they miss any sessions they may not be able to complete the course.

For more information about Bikeability please visit <https://bikeability.org.uk>

FREE HALFORDS BIKE CHECK, DISCOUNT VOUCHER AND PRIZE DRAW




Overleaf we show you how to safety check your bike, however why not also get a professional mechanic to check over your bike free of charge, through Bikeability's exclusive partnership with Halfords, the nation's biggest cycling retailer? All you need to do, to receive some amazing incentives, is register at: <https://bikeability.org.uk/participants-hub>

REGISTER NOW TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM HALFORDS

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your free offers;

- A free bike safety check by a trained mechanic at all stores nationwide
- A voucher with money off incentives (exclusive money off discounts for Bikeability participants and their families)
- Entry into a prize draw to win a free Carrera kids bike

In accordance with General Data Protection Regulation, for information on how we store your data, please visit: www.cyclepsp.co.uk or <https://www.devon.gov.uk/privacy/privacy-notices/privacy-notice-for-road-safety/>

Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Consent Form
(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS IF WRITING BY HAND)

Child's Name		
Child's School		
Date of Birth		
School Year		
(all participants must be in Year 5 or 6)		
Parent/Carer Name		
Telephone Number		
Emergency Contact Name & Number (if different from above)		
Please provide details of any medical conditions that we need to know about... <small>Ensure that if your child requires medication e.g. inhalers, that they have it with them at all times during the course</small>		
Please provide details of any learning support your child needs at school... <small>Does your child have any learning or behaviour issues that we should be aware of so that your child has a more positive experience?</small>		
My child can ride a bike competently, without stabilisers <small>(Note that all children will be assessed before going out on the road, as this is part of the Level 1 course)</small>	Yes / No	
My child currently rides a bike to school	Yes / No	
<p>We are offering all adults in Devon* a free two hour adult cycle confidence session!</p> <p>If you want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn to ride a bike • brush up on your skills • get tips for riding as a family • get advice on suitable routes to work or education <p>Enter your email address in the box opposite and someone will contact you to discuss this opportunity further!</p>		

* Age 18+, excluding Torbay and Plymouth

I have read all of the information and understand that completion of this application form acts as my consent for my child to take part in a cycle training course and by signing below I agree the following:

- I give permission for my child to be supported for balance as necessary. If my child cannot ride a bicycle, I consent to them taking part in playground based "Learn to Ride" training where possible
- Whilst every care will be taken to ensure your child's safety, Devon County Council provides public liability insurance only and not personal accident insurance for anyone taking part in this course, nor does it accept responsibility for the actions or personal behaviour of participants. Devon County Council, the Plymouth School Sports Partnership and your training provider are not responsible for any injury to persons, or loss or damage to property which is not the result of the negligence of an instructor
- I will ensure my child's helmet fits and their bicycle is in a safe, usable condition - (please refer to bicycle checklist)
- I consent to allowing the instructor to make necessary adjustments to my child's bike to ensure that my child can take part in the course
- I consent to my child receiving any first aid treatment as required
- I understand that any participants who persistently misbehave or put others in danger will be asked to leave the cycle sessions and will not be allowed to attend in future

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

In accordance with General Data Protection Regulation, for information on how we store your data, please visit www.cyclepsp.co.uk or <https://www.devon.gov.uk/privacy/privacy-notices/privacy-notice-for-road-safety/>



Home safety



FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service offer free home fire safety visits.

This visit will include fire safety advice and free fitting of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms if required.

The service is completely free and could save the lives of you and your family.

If you would like to book a visit or want more information please send your name, address and phone number to kpearce@dsfire.gov.uk or text the information to 07971 773493.

Kevin Pearce

Community Responder (Constable & Firefighter)

kpearce@dsfire.gov.uk or kevin.pearce@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk



Calling all running friends and 'coffee & cake' lovers!

You are invited to join me for a 'Run, Coffee & Cake' morning from 9:30am on **Saturday 15th February** at Orchard Vale Community School, Whiddon Valley, Barnstaple EX32 8QY. All funds raised will go towards my London Marathon fundraising in support of the Calvert Trust Exmoor.

For those who wish to run, there will be a fairly flat 2.5k route around the Whiddon Valley area (no off road) that is suitable for all abilities. You will be able to complete as many laps as you wish, and children can take part but **ONLY** if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Please note that this is not a race - it will not be marshalled and there is no entry fee, although any donations will be gratefully received.

Cakes and drinks will be available after you have finished your run.

For those who do not wish to run, please come along to Orchard Vale Community School at any time between 10:00am - 12:00 to enjoy a selection of cakes and hot and cold drinks in return for a donation.

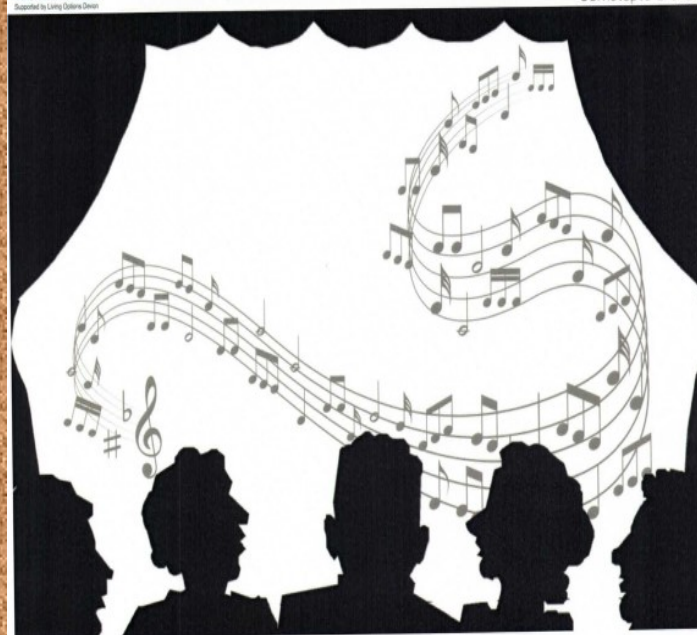
Thank you for your support ☺

Neil Partridge



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MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT

FRIDAY, 20th MARCH 2020 / CHRIST CHURCH, BEAR STREET / 7.00pm

Tickets £5.00

Available from Barum House, The Square, Barnstaple

Or on the door

T: 01271 373311 Emayor@barnstapletowncouncil.gov.uk



February at Barnstaple Library

Wednesday 5th February 2-4pm Banish the Winter Blues wellbeing event with One Barnstaple- Zen Den at the library- Including Colouring and Coffee, relaxing treatments by The Body Shop, refreshments Also Banish the Computer Blues with help from our Digital Assist volunteers. Donations welcomed to help cover costs.

Wednesday 12th February - Quiz Night with Barnstaple Library Friends Group
Doors open 630 for 7pm start. Teams of up to 6. Book your team's place at the library. £6 per person includes first drink. Raffle on the night. Funds raised support library events and facilities.

Thursday 13th February 2-3pm - Jane Austen: her life, work and money –
A talk by Jonathan Edmunds. Tickets £3 including refreshments. Booking essential.

Thursday 13th February 3-4pm – A talk by Mary-Flawa Houldsworth (Flawa).
a nurse and midwife with Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF). Flawa worked in the Kunduz region of Afghanistan as an MSF nurse and midwife and will present her experience and the stories she heard of those who had been forced to flee their homes and become refugees.
Alongside the talk Flawa will have set up an example of a small area of a refugee camp including a tent. Tickets £3. Booking essential.

Tuesday 18th February 10-12pm - Still Life Drawing Workshop with Julian Vayne from the Burton at Bideford. Suitable for families with children 7 years and older. Free workshop - Booking essential.

Wednesday 19th February 10-12pm - Lego Motorised Vehicles workshop with BrickIDEAS. Suitable for 7-12 year olds. Tickets £5. Booking essential.

Thursday 20th February 10-12pm - glf Term Drop-in crafts.
Donations welcomed to cover costs.

Tuesday 25th February 2-3.30pm - Peter Christie talk-Organised by BFGs Friends of Barnstaple Library

Reporting of folklore beliefs in the 19th Century. Tickets £3 per person from Barnstaple Library. All proceeds to Barnstaple Library Friends group. Refreshments provided.

Thursday 27th February 2-3pm - talk by Mary-Flawa Houldsworth (Flawa).
a nurse and midwife with Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF). Flawa worked in the Kunduz region of Afghanistan as an MSF nurse and midwife and will present her experience and the stories she heard of those who had been forced to flee their homes and become refugees.
Tickets £3. Booking essential. Please note there not be an example of a refugee camp at this talk.

March at Barnstaple Library

Monday 2nd March 4.30-5.15pm

Storytime with Mama G - Panto dame. Mama G shares stories with children and their families about being who you want to be. Free event (donations welcome) for children 3+ and their families. No need to book, just drop in.

Every Wednesday 2-3pm - Wednesday Wanderers-Barnstaple Library

Are you aged 55 and over? Want to enjoy the outdoors more? Want to be a bit more active? Join us for a friendly walk exploring the walking routes around Barnstaple and over the 12 weeks maybe make some new friends too. Programme funded by Connecting Actively to Nature-Active Devon. Suggested donation of £2 per session to help cover costs. Book your place via barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or on 01271 318780 or in person at the library.

Thursday 5th March 11-12pm - Treasures of the Stack - To celebrate World Book Day 2020 enjoy a guided tour of the stack and access to some hidden treasures. Time included to browse and borrow stock. Tickets £6 to be booked in advance at the library.

Monday 9th and 16th March 1.30-2.30pm - Book Start Corner

A free two-week course for parents and preschool children to encourage a love of reading. Booking essential as places are limited.

Wednesday 11th March 2-3.30pm - North Devon Savages- Talk with Peter Christie
Tickets £2 from the library. All proceeds to the BFGs Barnstaple Library Friends Group.

Friday 20th March 19.30-21.00 - Live Screening of Simon Armitage from the British Library
Enquire at Barnstaple Library to express your interest.
Free session but donations welcomed.

Wednesday 25th March 9.30-12.30pm - Lloyds Bank Digital Knowhow Workshop

Lloyds Banking Group in partnership with Business & IP Centre Devon, Libraries Unlimited, North Devon Council & Heart of South West Digital Skills Partnership are proud to host an event centred on driving digital excellence and improving the skills and understanding of how best digital practice can benefit small businesses and charities across the UK. Experts from our partners at Spin & Sway will enable people like you to develop the confidence and skills you need to thrive in today's digital economy. Attendees can learn the tips and tricks from industry leaders on how to grow your audience using Facebook & Instagram advertising. This 2-hour workshop is a great introduction for small organisations to social media, advertising and campaigns. What we will cover: • Facebook Ads and using Ads Manager • How to set up simple but effective ads for a targeted audience • Tracking the performance of your ads. This is an interactive workshop so bring along your tablets and laptops and look to grow your digital skills. To confirm your place at the event please click on the registration link below. If you have any questions please contact alisonledson@halifax.co.uk Please note refreshments will be available at 9am with the event starting at 9.30am. This is a great opportunity to network with like-minded individuals, grow your connections and collaborate with organisations in your area. To book: <https://bit.ly/2RFJOpS>

February and March events at Barnstaple Library

Please see below for our February and March events at Barnstaple Library and FabLab.

FabLab Events: Book at fablabdevon.org

Monday 17th February

- 3D Printed Keychain
1pm - 2pm £7.50 6-15yrs
- Laser Cut and Engraved Keepsake Box
2:30pm - 4:30pm £12.50 10-16yrs

Thursday 20th February

- Vinyl Design for Fabric, T-shirt or Your choice
2pm - 3pm £7.50 8-16yrs
- Laser cut Nameplate for Wall or Door
4pm - 5:30pm £10 8+

Saturday 14th March

- 3D printed 16gb USB Case
11am - 12pm £10 10-16yrs
- 3D Printed Face Scan
12:30pm - 1:30pm £7.50 6yrs+/All Age

Thursday 19th March

- Record a Message Kit with 3D printing
4pm - 6pm £15 13yrs+

Wednesday 19th February

- 3D Printed Face Scan
11am - 12pm £7.50 6yrs+/All Ages

Saturday 29th February

- 3D Printed Feminist Earrings or Pendant
11am - 12pm £7.50 12yrs+

Monday 16th March

- Laser Cut and Engraved Keepsake Box
2pm - 4pm £12.50 Adults