

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 1st July 2022

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all of the OV's Got Talent Finalists! We had a tremendous turnout of children who performed by themselves in front of others. This is to be highly commended, it is not easy standing up in front of a room full of people and sharing your talent. They are all winners in my eyes. Well done to Michael Bailey whose 'staff spinning' wowed the audience and was a very popular winner.

We have had another busy week learning outside the classroom with our Year 5's attending the Cricket Festival at Pilton and Barnstaple Cricket Club, the children in Reception visited the Combe Martin Dinosaur and Wildlife Park to round off their topic of dinosaurs this term. We had more Years 5 and 6 children visiting Park School for a food technology session and our Year 6 top up swimmers had their final lesson today.

Over the past few weeks we have noticed a trend of children being absent from school due to sickness/diarrhoea. There is also a trend nationally of Covid cases increasing. To prevent transmission of infections in school staff encourage children to wash hands regularly with soap and water. Please could we ask that parents keep their child at home until 48 hours after the last episode.

We hope you have received your child's annual report which have been emailed to you. It was a privilege to read the reports and to see how well the children have done this year. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Consultations next week.

#### Attendance

Many of you were commenting on the attendance percentage and may have received an attendance letter this week. The Government expectations on attendance are high and we are required to report on your child's attendance in school. The Government require 98% attendance and the Devon average is 92%. We are aware that children have been off school due to Covid or illness and this is recorded in a different way on Arbor. We hope that as children's immunity improves their attendance will be better next year.

We have noticed an increase in children coming into school late (after 8.50am registration time). This late mark contributes to the absence mark and is recorded as unauthorised absence. Please make sure your child is in school by 8.50am each morning.

#### Anti-social behaviour

We have been made aware of some anti-social behaviour outside of school. This is being dealt with by the appropriate outside agencies. My advice to you is to not leave primary aged children unsupervised.

#### Social Media

Children are now being exposed to things which are inappropriate for their ages on Apps such as WhatsApp and Facebook. Please could parents be aware of what your child is viewing and how appropriate it is for their age. Please see the guide below.

Please could we ask adults not to post information which could be regarded as a safeguarding issue on social media. This should be reported to the Police or the Multi Agencies Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0345155 1071.



Have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

Please could we remind parents/carers to check Parentpay regularly and clear any outstanding amounts. It is always worth making regular payments which will stop large amounts of debt accruing for the following:

School dinners

OV Explorers After School Provision

Early Bird Breakfast Club

Nursery Fees

Little Seeds Fees



As trips are arranged these will be allocated to the children on Parentpay and you will receive a letter with full details.

# APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

**13+**



Facebook



Snapchat



Instagram



Twitter



TikTok



Kik



YouNow



Yubo



House Party



Monkey

**16+**



WhatsApp

**17+**



Sarahah



YOLO

**18+**



MeetMe



LiveMe

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)

Twitter  
Facebook  
Instagram  
Pinterest  
Google+  
Tumblr  
Reddit  
Snapchat  
Secret



**13**

LinkedIn



**14**

WhatsApp



**16**

Vine  
Tinder



**17**

Path



**18**

YouTube  
Keek  
Foursquare  
WeChat  
Kik  
Flickr



**18**

(13 with  
parents  
permission)





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## Year 5 Cricket Festival



Our year 5 children enjoyed the cricket festival at Barnstaple and Pilton Cricket Club on Monday.

The weather was kind and we saw great progress over the day in bowling, batting and fielding.

Each team did well, with the Meteor team winning their group.



## Year 5 Cultural Diversity Day



Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Pilton School's Cultural Diversity Day.

As well as finding out lots of interesting information about various countries, they were able to sample delicious foods from all over the world and saw their names written in different alphabets.

They particularly enjoyed having their arms covered in henna patterns!



## 'This Is Me' Young Writers Competition



Earlier in the term, Mrs Scott set a challenge to her year 6 English group - to create an original piece of poetry, based around the theme of 'This Is Me', to submit to a national competition.

Twenty-one year 6s chose to enter, and, this week, we received an exciting letter, along with certificates.

Here is an excerpt of the letter we received:

'Dear Mrs Scott,

Thank you for sending poems from your school to be considered for Young Writers' This Is Me competition.

We have received in excess of 10,000 entries and we are delighted to let you know that we have chosen all of the work from your school for publication in This Is Me 2022 - Amazing Words, which is an incredible accomplishment!

Having all your pupils' work chosen is something to be proud of - it doesn't happen to every school! We were impressed by their writing, each piece was a privilege to read and each will make a fantastic addition to our book.'

A **huge** congratulations to Kaito, William, Ethan, Sophie G, Natalie, Florence, Naima, Mya, Alice, Morganna, Chloe-Rose, Michael, Harrison, George, Joseph, Oliver, Ria, Logan K, Olivia, Phineas and Ava.

## School Diary Dates

Mon, 4th Jul	Nursery Sports Day—9.30am to 10.30am
Mon, 4th Jul	Nethercott Residential parent/child briefing—3.30pm
Mon, 4th Jul	Y6—Pilton Community School—Transition Day
Tue, 5th Jul	Y6—Pilton Community School—Transition Day—Saunton Sands
Wed, 6th Jul	Tuck Shop—3.15pm—Coffee Cabin (ice lollies and ice creams
Wed, 6th Jul	Y5/6 Sports Day—1.30pm
Thur, 7th Jul	Reception Sports Day—1.30m
Fri, 8th Jul	Y3/4—Bristol Aerospace Museum
Fri, 8th Jul	Year 5/6—Junior Lifeguard (children who have signed up for this)
Mon, 11th Jul	Year 6— Milky Way visit and rounders match
Mon, 11th Jul	Y 1 / 2 Sports Day—1.30pm
Wed, 13th Jul	Pro-Strike Fundraising day (details to come)
Wed, 13th Jul	Year 6—Park Community School—taster day
Wed, 13th Jul	Tuck Shop—3.15pm—Coffee Cabin (ice lollies and ice creams
Thur, 14th Jul	Year 6—Park Community School— taster day
Mon, 18th to Fri, 21st Jul	Years 5/6 Nethercott Residential
Wed, 20th Jul	Y5 /6 Boys Football—Finals
Wed, 20th Jul	Tuck Shop—3.15pm—Coffee Cabin (ice lollies and ice creams
Fri, 22nd Jul	Last Day of Summer Term

## Week commencing Monday, 4th July 2022

	Meat Free Monday	Around the World American Tuesday	Roast it Up Wednesday	Tasty Treat Thursday	Fun Time Friday
<b>M</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in a Bap	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Fish Fingers	BBQ Chicken
<b>V</b>		Quorn Hot Dog in a Finger Roll	Quorn Fillet	Quorn Nuggets	
<b>Sides</b>	Malted Baguette, Sweetcorn & Fresh	Wedges, Corn on The Cob & Peas	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Sliced Carrots,	Chips or Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	Wholegrain Rice, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
<b>JP</b>	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
<b>SPL</b>	Cheese Roll	Egg Roll	Chicken Roll	Ham Roll	Sausage Roll
<b>D</b>	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Chocolate Brownie	Fresh Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Flapjack

Low Fat Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Water will be available daily, Milk on request.

Gluten/Dairy Free/Vegan menu available on request





# OV Sports Days

You are invited to attend OV's Sports Days.

Access will be through the playground gate approximately  
30 minutes before the event is due to start.

Refreshments will be available to purchase:

£1—Tea/Coffee and cake

£1—Cans

50p—Ice Lollies



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## Nursery

Monday, 4th July—9.30am to 10.30am  
(for children who attend the Monday morning session)

## Reception

Thursday, 7th July—1.30pm

## Years 1 / 2





Monday, 11th July—1.30pm

## Years 3/4

Tuesday, 21st June—1.30pm

## Years 5 / 6

Wednesday, 6th July—1.30pm







# Tennis Camps 2022



*Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.*

*Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.*

## Junior Camp

5 - 14 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £20 per day\*

## Tiny Tots Camp

3 - 4 yr olds | 10 - 11am | £6 per day

*\*For every full day purchased on our Junior Camp, bring a friend or sibling for free to either the Tiny Tots or the Junior Camp!*

## Summer Holidays

Wk 1	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Barnstaple & Braunton
Wk 2	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Barnstaple & Braunton
Wk 3	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Barnstaple & Braunton
Wk 4	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Barnstaple

## Locations

Barnstaple	Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH
Braunton	Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP



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or sibling for  
FREE!\****

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# Living with Covid

From Friday, 1st April the government rules for Covid were relaxed.



If your child is unwell and has a high temperature they should stay at home.

They can return to school when they feel well enough and the fever has gone.



If you choose to or have been requested to take a Lateral Flow Device or PCR test and the result is positive, please inform the school office in the usual way.

If you test positive the advice from the government is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days (for adults) and three days (for under 18 year olds), which is when they are most infectious.



**To find out if you are eligible and to order a free LFD test click here.**

You can pay for Lateral Flow Tests at some local pharmacists.