

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 1st April 2022

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### Headteacher's message

*Dear Parents/Carers*



We were greeted this morning in assembly by a sea of yellow and blue. The children looked amazing wearing the colours of the Ukrainian flag, some were wearing flags and had designed t-shirt with messages of support. The children spoke about what was happening to the Ukrainian people and ways they are being supported by others through international aid. Thank you all for your contributions towards this very worthy cause, we raised £225. We will make sure this will get to the charity as soon as we can. This is a real show of support from our children and families that I know will be put to very good use and much appreciated.

Although cold this week our boys football team braved the weather to come second in the Barnstaple Learning Community Schools' football festival at Park School bringing home a silver medal. A huge well done for their sporting achievement and the great attitude they showed during the competition.



Next week is our last week before the Easter holidays and there is much to celebrate. Congratulations to Miss Porter who will be getting married in the Easter holidays. Mrs Yorke will be starting new adventures of travels for a year; we wish her the very best of luck. I know she will be keeping in touch and sharing tales of her adventures. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Rana and Mr Moir who will be leaving us for pastures new. A huge welcome to Mrs De-Ritis-Murphy who will be joining the OV team in years 5 and 6.

As you all know, Covid rules have now been relaxed. If children show any signs of Covid and are unwell they should stay off school until they feel better and have no temperature. Should you choose to test your child with a Lateral Flow Test (which are now no longer free) the advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, as this is when you are most infectious. Thank you all for your support over the last 2 years, let us hope that we are now able to get back to normality.

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope the sun continues to shine. I will be busy making Easter bonnets and Easter cakes or tasty treats (with a hidden heart) for our Easter celebration next Friday, I hope you do too.



Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

# Living with Covid

From Friday, 1st April the government rules for Covid have been 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.

# Star of the Week

## Foundation and Key Stage 2

### Mrs Youll's nominations

Erin for doing super blending of her sounds in phonics and trying hard in P.E.

Harvey for being a good friend and doing super listening at carpet time.



### Miss Cawthorne/Miss Boundy's nominations

Elliott for amazing phonics and working hard.

Leelan for always working hard and being helpful.



### Miss Gulliford's nomination

Luna demonstrates all the attributes of a truly wonderful learner and friend. She is extremely helpful and promotes all of the values of an OV superstar in all she does. Luna is an exceptional learner who works meticulously hard to achieve her best in all that she does. She is considerate of others and always finds a positive within any situation. She is a quietly determined pupil who adds a little spark of loveliness to the classroom. Luna needs to know just how fantastic she is and that her gentle and kind hearted ways are truly shining through. We are exceptionally proud of you.



### Mrs Johnson's nomination

This week my Star of the Week is Larisa. Larisa is my right-hand girl, always available for any job no matter what it is! In her learning, Larisa is showing so much independence. She doesn't let any task phase her; her writing in particular has improved so much over the course of the year. Larisa, you embody everything that makes an OV star - year 5 will be fighting over you next year!



### Mr Whapham's nomination

Elsie has had a great week in class - with other adults commenting on how focused she has been and how much effort she is applying to her learning. She has also been fabulously helpful in class this week! She has helped her table by keeping their working space neat, tidy and organised. Elsie does jobs around the class without being asked and often offers to help others in class once her work is completed. Well done!



### Mrs Rana and Ms Richardson's nomination

Since the very start of the year, Olivia has impressed us with her positive attitude and determination to do her best. Even when faced with challenges, Olivia remains upbeat and resilient. She is always willing to ask for help and she listens carefully to advice. She is also brilliant at listening to her friends and is very good at cheering them up when they feel upset. What a lovely, caring and gentle member of our class!



### Mr Boul't's nomination

Our star of the week is Riley! Riley has blown us away with his brilliant confidence and work ethic, showing that he really wants to keep progressing his learning. He is always a wonderful listener, a focused learner and a willing participant. It's been great hearing Riley's wonderful answers and sharing his methods in maths. Well done Riley!



### Mrs Scott's nomination

My star, this week, is Grace. Over the past few weeks, I have had a number of adults from across the Year 5/6 team mention Grace to me, for her fantastic attitude to learning, her growing confidence and for being a great role model to others - all points I completely agree with. She also has a fantastic giggle! It has been lovely to watch Grace flourish over the course of year six, so far, and I am looking forward to seeing how she continues to grow. You are a quiet superstar, Grace; keep up the hard work!





## School Diary Dates

Mon, 4th April Reception—Vision Survey (parents to opt out)  
 Tue, 5th April Years 3 and 4 Chinese Day  
 Wed, 6th April New to You—2.45pm to 3.15pm in the Coffee Cabin  
 Fri, 8th Apr Easter celebrations (See page 7)

Fri, 8th Apr Easter Tuck Shop

Mon, 11th to Fri, 22nd Apr **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Fri, 29th Apr Book Swap Day

Mon, 2nd May **BANK HOLIDAY**

Mon, 9th May KS1—Group 1—Visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures

Tue, 10th May KS1—Group 2—Visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures

Wed, 11th May Years 3 and 4—Visit to We the Curious, Bristol

Wed, 18th May Wilcombe Wobbler—Ventrus cross country event

Thurs, 19th May Year 1—Multi Skills Festival—Park School

Thurs, 26 May Jubilee Celebration

Fri, 27th May **Non Pupil Day**

Mon, 30th May to Fri, 3rd June **Half Term**

## Week commencing Monday, 4th April 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>M</b>	Breaded Fish & Wedges	Brunch, Sausage, Bacon & Scrambled Eggs	Roast Chicken	Beef Burger in a Bap	Mild Chicken Korma & Wholegrain Rice
<b>V</b>	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Sunshine Rice	Vegetarian Brunch	Vegetarian Roast	Quorn Nuggets	Cauliflower Bites with BBQ Sauce & Wholegrain Rice
<b>Sides</b>	Peas & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Hash Brown	Roast Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli, Sliced Carrots & Gravy	Chips, Tomato Sauce, Peas & Sweetcorn	Carrots
<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>	Egg Mayo Bap	Cheese Bap	Chicken Bap	Chicken Salad	Sausage Roll
<b>D</b>	Sticky Toffee Sponge & Custard	Fresh Fruit	Fruit Smoothie	Cookie	Flapjack

Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit & Bread will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

## Years 3 and 4—Chinese week



On Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic day of learning - with a carousel of activities including computing and data collection, comparing the nutrients of a variety of meals in design and technology and cooking and enjoying a traditional Chinese stir fry! The children had to understand the importance of a healthy diet and enjoyed chopping and grating the ingredients. Many children even enjoyed the 7 varieties of vegetables and said they were looking forward to making the recipe at home!



## Terracotta Warriors



On Thursday, Years 3 and 4 had an art day. We have been exploring the Tomb of Qin Shi Huang and have researched the Terracotta Warriors. The children had to design, make and evaluate their own terracotta warriors out of clay. To achieve this they experimented with different techniques such as pinching to form pinch pots, coiling and using tools to make facial features.

To conclude our Ancient China topic Years 3 & 4 will be having a special celebration day on Tuesday! The children in Years 3 and 4 can come in wearing red - the lucky colour of joy and happiness.





## Years 5 and 6 Boys' Football Festival



Well done to the year 5/6 boys football team who came an amazing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 11 schools in the school football tournament on Thursday at Park School. They showed excellent team work and amazing skills!

The boys came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Festival and 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall the Park Side Schools so have come home with silver medals.

They are now through to the North Devon Finals in July.

GO TEAM OV!!!



## Orchard Vale Community School



## Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

2.45pm – 3.15pm.

Coffee Cabin

50p per item.

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Member Association

# Orchard Vale's

## Easter celebrations

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April



This year's Easter competition will have a twist,  
hidden in your entry we would like to see a heart,  
alongside the normal Easter ideas.



#### Categories:

Easter Bonnets

Bake a cake, biscuits or fairy cakes



**1st, 2nd and 3rd in each categories will win a prize**

Nursery, Reception

Year 1/2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6



Bring your bonnets and cakes to the school hall on Thursday, 7th April.

Please label them with your name and class.

Entries will be judged in the morning and winners will be announced in assembly.

#### Easter Tuck Shop

Children can bring in 50p for a treat during break and lunch time.

All funds raised will be put towards our Defibrillator Fundraising project.





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## Drums, Piano, Keyboard



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are Orchard Vale Primary School from September 2021. Sue Payne teaches piano and keyboard, Martin Bradshaw teaches drums. Both are experienced teachers working in several of the local primary and secondary schools. All students will have the opportunity to take music exams when appropriate.

Lessons cost £8 for a 15 minute lessons (KS1 only) £11 for a 20 minute individual and £16 for a 30 minute individual. A term will consist of 10/11 lessons and be invoiced at the start of term by Instrumental Music Services.

Lessons are available during the school day and if you would like your daughter/son to receive lessons, and agree with the outline provisions below, please email the information below to [imsnorthdevon@gmail.com](mailto:imsnorthdevon@gmail.com) or phone 07974849303

Students' name.....Age.....Class.....

Instrument..... Lesson length.....

Your name & address (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss) .....

Post Code.....

Phone number.....E-mail.....

A short "Agreement for Instrumental Lessons" will be included with the first invoice which clearly states the terms on which lessons are provided.

By completing this form, you are agreeing to our privacy policy, for more information please visit

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#### GUITAR LESSONS AT ORCHARD VALE PRIMARY

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to be able to offer guitar lessons in school for your child and these will take place during the school day.

We can offer a choice of lessons from groups to individual depending on availability:

Group of 4 for 30 minutes – cost £4

Group of 2 for 30 minutes – cost £8

Individual 20 minute lesson – cost £11

Individual 30 minute lessons – cost £16

There will be 10/11 lessons per term and they will be invoiced for in advance.

Soundpad, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple offers the best selection and advise on buying the correct size guitar. 01271 323686 or [www.soundpad.co.uk](http://www.soundpad.co.uk)

If you would like your child to take lessons on these instruments please can you contact the IMS office on 07974 849303 or email [imsnorthdevon@gmail.com](mailto:imsnorthdevon@gmail.com) or alternatively post the attached form to the above address

This is a great opportunity for your child to learn an instrument. Music lessons have been proven to improve maths and English skills, build your child's confidence as well as being a fun and social experience.

A short "Agreement for Instrumental Lessons" will be included with the first invoice which clearly states the terms on which lessons are provided.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Sarah Steed  
IMS North Devon, [www.imsmusic.co.uk](http://www.imsmusic.co.uk)

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#### ORCHARD VALE GUITAR LESSONS 2022

Pupil's name.....Year.....

Lesson choice (Please circle)

group 2

group 4

individual 20 mins

individual 30 mins

Your name & address (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss).....

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Mobile ..... E-mail:.....

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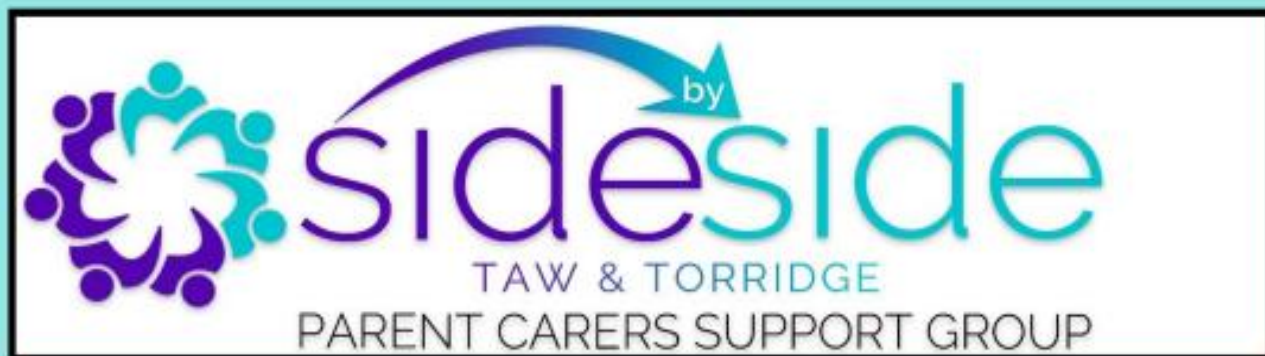
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Come and join our friendly informal support group for an opportunity to connect with other parent carers

We meet monthly for a coffee and a chat offering advice, sign posting, friendship and peer support

### **Barnstaple**

We meet on the 2nd Friday of every month from 11am at:

**St Johns Garden Centre Café  
St Johns Lane  
Barnstaple  
EX32 9DD**

### **Bideford**

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month from 10:30am at:

**Morrisons Superstore Café  
Kingsley Road  
Bideford  
EX39 2LG**

If you are interested in attending or would like further information  
**Please contact: Tracey**

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## **EASTER ACTIVITY DAYS AT PILTON INFANTS SCHOOL**

**MISS SLOMAN and MRS JAMES** are running Holiday Activities days at Pilton Infants School during the Easter holidays for children ages 4-11 years old.

**Venue:** Pilton Infants school, Abbey road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU

**Dates:** (Children can attend one or more than one day)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Times:** 8.30am – 3.30pm

**Cost:** **ONLY £16 PER DAY**

**Activities:** Children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of games and sports, for example, Nerf gun battles, football, hockey, tennis, dodgeball, dance, cricket and tri-golf as well as art and craft activities.

**Booking:** To make a booking please follow the instructions below:

- 1 – Enter our website – [www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)
- 2 – Click on the "Booking now tab"
- 3 – Click on the "Pilton infants easter camps"
- 4 – Complete the online booking form

**OR click on this link:** <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2022/04/19/pilton-infants-easter-holiday-camps>

All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear suitable PE Clothing and daps/trainers and provide their own packed lunch with a drink. Warm/wet weather gear and a towel are also advised. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that inhalers are brought with the child and that the coaches are informed of medical conditions.

**WE HAVE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACES. TO AVOID DISSAPOINTMENT PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE!**

For more details please click on the below link. If you have any further questions related to any of the above please contact us on [north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk) or text/phone on 07789954068.

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