

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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## Thank you for staying home and staying safe!



With the announcement that lock down will continue for a further 3 weeks we would like to thank all of our families, parents and children, for staying home and staying safe. This is really making a difference and you are doing a fantastic job.

We hope you are all able to access the online learning platforms of Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) and Seesaw (Years 1,2,3,4,5,6). If you are experiencing any difficulties with the home learning, please contact the school for guidance so that we can help you get online and connected.

**Requests to collect personal belongings** - In line with Government guidelines, the school is closed to anyone other than the members of staff providing critical childcare. We are not currently allowing anyone else access to our premises. Once it is safe to do so and we have been given the authority to allow people back onto the school premises we will let you know.

These were left at our care home today ❤️



Clayfield Care Home were very grateful to receive some lovely daffodils and pictures made by the children of critical workers, with the help of staff members on duty this week. They have been put on display for the residents to enjoy.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Burchell who provided some scrumptious chocolates for the small number of children of critical workers/ vulnerable children and staff to share.



Here are some official sites which provide more up to date information about the current situation.

Government information and advice about the Corona Virus <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Public Health England—<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Devon County Council—<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/>

## Not everything is cancelled

Sunshine is not cancelled.

Spring is not cancelled.

Love is not cancelled.

Relationships are not cancelled.

Reading is not cancelled.

Naps are not cancelled.

Devotion is not cancelled.

Music is not cancelled.

Dancing is not cancelled.

Imagination is not cancelled.

Kindness is not cancelled.

Conversation is not cancelled.

Hope is not cancelled.

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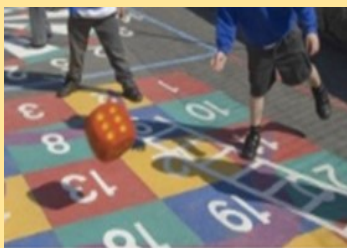


Did you know that hippopotamus milk is pink?

We don't think it tastes of strawberry though.

## Primary school places for September 2020

### National allocation day, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April



Devon County Council Admissions Team is still on track to being able to confirm school places to parents of children due to start in September 2020. Parents who applied online for primary school places should have received confirmation on the morning of Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April by email.

Read what happens on 'offer day' on [DCC Apply for a primary school place](#)

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Orchard Vale is currently only open for children of key workers and the most vulnerable pupils. The admissions team has requested that **you do not contact your allocated school at this time.**

Please be assured that Orchard Vale will contact you directly to discuss the admission and transition arrangements. However, we will not be able to discuss admission prior to us contacting you.

## Devon County Council appeal to return community equipment no longer needed



Posted on: 14 April 2020

Devon County Council is urgently appealing for members of the public to return community equipment they no longer need, including **commodes, walking frames, shower stools, and raised toilet seats**, as increased demand during the COVID-19 pandemic for these items has meant stocks are in danger of becoming short in supply.

Equipment like this is often given to people when they leave hospital, or after a period of illness, to help them stay safe and regain their independence. However the outbreak of the virus has meant that NHS and social care teams have needed to quickly support a much higher volume of patients with items of equipment, placing an increased demand on the local equipment service.

Also, with COVID-19 putting staffing pressures on manufacturers; supply and distribution chains are also feeling the strain.

So the usual supplies, in normal times adequate, right now are low. Some items, such as commodes, are in especially high demand.

The Council is asking that anyone who has items of equipment they are no longer using to

**contact Millbrook Care on 0330 124 4491**

so that a collection can be arranged, free of charge. Once a collection is arranged, people will be asked to leave the item outside or in a safe place for collection by Millbrook.

Items that can be re-used will be fully tested, refurbished if required, and thoroughly cleaned before being reused.



## Mr Ovey's PE at home ideas

Here are a few ideas of fitness/PE activity websites/activities from Mr Ovey that you might like to check out.

Joe Wicks Kids fitness sessions <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhHY8mOQ5eo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhHY8mOQ5eo</a>	Go Noodle- An app for them to download with games. <a href="https://www.gonoodle.com/blog/gonoodle-games-movement-app-for-kids/">https://www.gonoodle.com/blog/gonoodle-games-movement-app-for-kids/</a>
Cosmic Kids- Yoga <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JI01thiHYI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JI01thiHYI</a>	Super Movers- Dance <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks2-physical-education/zj2n92p">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks2-physical-education/zj2n92p</a>



## Fun Fit with Mrs Roberts

If your child has taken part in Fun Fit with Mrs Roberts in school they might like to visit our website to take part in an exercise routine she has filmed especially for you.

<https://www.ovschool.co.uk/website/parent-information/7646>

My Goal: Complete each exercise every day.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 Jumping Jacks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Sit Ups	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Squats	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Lunges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Push Ups	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Toe Touches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Leg Raises	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Arm Circles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Knee Raises	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Simply Motivation - Kids!						
March Fun Challenge						
	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Family Walk	15 jumping jacks	10 second plank	15 squats	5 burpees	15 jumping jacks
						REST
10	Family Walk	5 push ups	10 squats	10 second plank	15 jumping jacks	5 burpees
						REST
17	Family Walk	15 jumping jacks	10 second plank	10 squats	5 burpees	15 jumping jacks
						REST
24	Family Walk	5 push ups	10 squats	10 second plank	15 jumping jacks	5 burpees
						REST
31	Family Walk	Yay! You did it! Great job!				
		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/SimplyMotivation">https://www.facebook.com/SimplyMotivation</a>				

**Parents please make sure your child is safe whilst using the internet and ensure you have set the appropriate parental safety settings.**



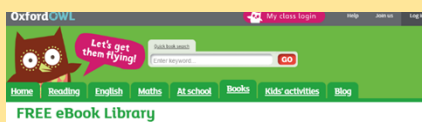
## Story Time from Space

Why not visit this website and watch/listen to astronauts reading stories about adventures in space on the Story Time Video tab or find out some interesting facts on the Science Time Videos tab.

[Story Time from Space](#)



## Oxford Owl Free eBook Library (for duration of school closure)



Need some fresh reading material for your children?

Oxford Owls are offering Free eBooks for the duration of the school closure.

You will need to register and login to gain access.

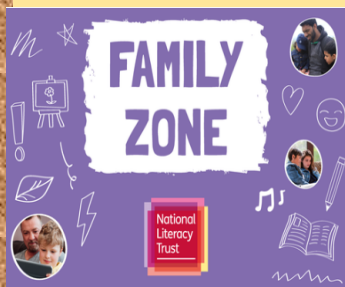
You are able to select books by genre, book banding, age or series.

[Oxford Owl Home Reading Free eBooks](#)

## Family Zone by the National Literacy Trust

Parents you might like to check out these wonderful reading resources on the Literacy Trust website.

The Family Zone has information regarding reading and activities you could do with your child whilst they are at home eg,



Hungry Little Minds,  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt,  
Dream Big at home activity sheets,  
CBeebies magazine resources,  
Michael Rosen narrates lots of poems and stories,  
Premier League writing stars poetry competition,  
Timmy Failure: Crack the Case—writing challenge for KS2 pupils  
and much more.

[Literacy Trust Family Zone](#)

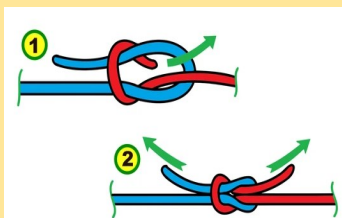
## Let's learn to tie knots

Tying knots is one of the most useful skills for backcountry camping and backpacking. However, with hundreds of possible knots to learn, you'd have to dedicate a lot of time in memorizing every single one.

Let's start with the:

**Reef Knot** - Also known as the Square Knot because it was used by sailors on ships; this is a quick knot to tie.

Used mainly to tie two ropes that need to be loosened quickly. Not advisable to secure climbing ropes. You will need 2 pieces of string/rope.



- To tie this knot, create a loop on the end of the first rope.
- Put the second rope through the loop and around it then back through the loop. You should have two loops around each other now, pull to tighten.

Keep practising this during the week and we will try another knot next week.



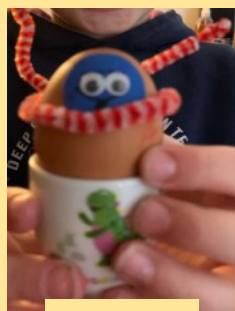
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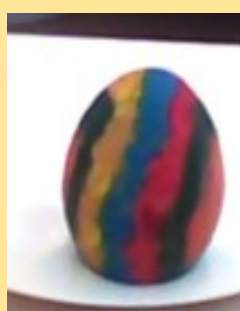
Wow—You were all busy creating some lovely crafts to celebrate Easter last week.



Sophie G



Riley BJ



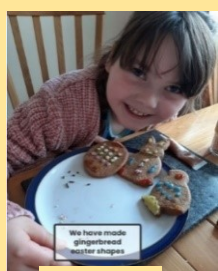
Kaito



Naima



Lacey-Rae



Ruby



Tyler B



Lexi



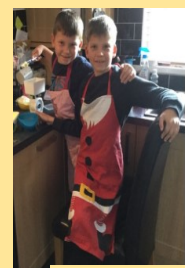
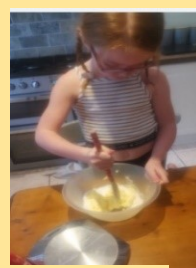
Leo and Ray



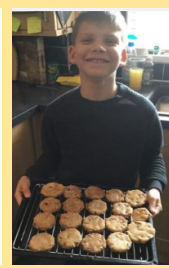
Grace



Chloe and Lexi-Mae



Logan and Rhys



Tyler has been watching crystals grow



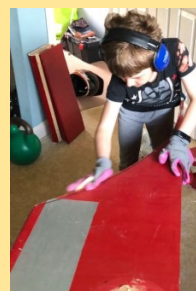
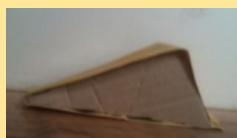
Logan's Easter hat



Jenson is proud of his huge crystal.



The chicks have hatched. Josh, Talia, Alfie-John and Kaylan.



Charlie created several ramps out of cardboard, taking care to get the angles right. He may have had some help creating this amazing quarter pipe.

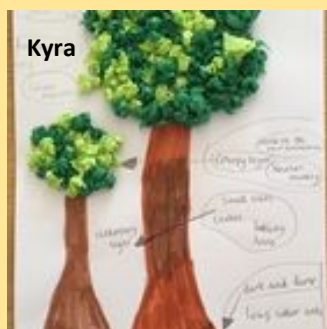


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Year 5 and 6 have been showing the layers of the Amazon Rainforest using drawing and collage.

Here is a selection.



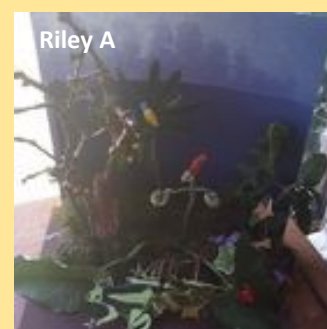
Kyra



Ollie



Tippi



Riley A



Kiaron

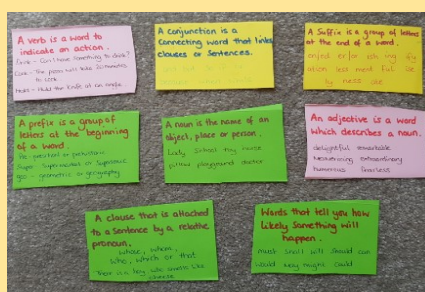
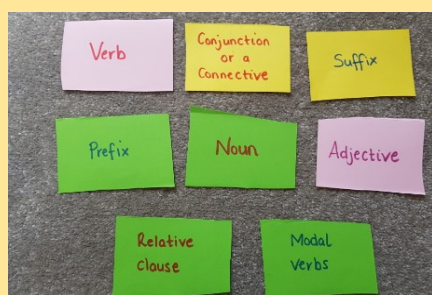


Will P



Anisa

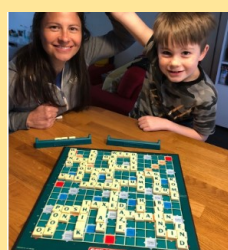
Max has made some really useful revision cards for English.



Alexa-Jade came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the community easter competition



Alexa built a castle for KS1's We are Britain topic



Great words in Scrabble, Coby!



Fantastic rollercoaster, Archie!

Mrs J, I am a rock hero!!! my time on the 2nd of April was 0.99 and I hope you can tell the class because I am the first rock hero in the class!!

Oliver T was very proud of himself