

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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We hope you are all well and enjoying this lovely weather.

75 years ago today it was **Victory in Europe Day**, 8th May 1945, when the German Army offered a complete and unconditional surrender to the Allied Forces.

This week, the children will have been completing home learning about VE Day, what it means and why we celebrate it.

Unfortunately, due to lock-down many of the plans to celebrate the day have been cancelled. However, many of you will be celebrating with your families and perhaps, at a proper social distance, with your neighbours. It would be lovely to see how you have celebrated. Perhaps you could send in some photos for us to include in next week's newsletter.



Leah's Union Jack

Have a great weekend and stay safe.



Online Learning platforms—Tapestry and Seesaw



We appreciate the current extended lock-down is not an ideal situation and some of you may be struggling to keep the children engaged in their home learning. Please do not let this add extra stress to you and your family life at this difficult time. You can ask your teacher for help by communicating through the comment section on Seesaw/Tapestry or call the school for advice and support. Just be aware, in a very difficult situation we know that you are all doing your very best.

It is wonderful to see the children engaging with the online learning teachers are putting onto Tapestry (for Nursery/Reception) and Seesaw (Years 1,2,3,4,5,6).

Our teachers are working very hard from home to bridge this gap in the children's education and are obviously seeing a lot of traffic throughout the day on both platforms. If possible, please can we ask you to try to submit your work on the day it has been set between 9am-3.30pm to enable teachers to respond to work, provide helpful feedback, reply to notes and questions and assign suitable work for the next day.

Please do not feel that you are expected to print off worksheets. Work can be completed on any piece of paper.

Work can be submitted via photos of work, videos (with parental consent and supervision) or any other creative ways!

Thank you for your continued support with helping your children continue their learning at home.

We hope you are all well and we miss you all.

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's nomination I have two stars of the week:

Mikey for completing lots of super work and for showing lots of effort and enthusiasm with his learning of phonics.

Isla for completing lots of super work and for her amazing dancing to the song Funky Monkey.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination – I have two stars of the week:

Lola - For fantastic maths that she has been busy completing independently and amazing writing.

Jenson - for working really hard over the past few weeks and amazing reading.



Miss Boundy's nominations - I have two stars of the week:

Jenson P always works really hard at home and this week has done some amazing maths work! Well done Jenson!

Hollie P has done lots of activities this week and I was particularly impressed with her writing, which was fantastic! Well done Hollie.

Mr Quilter's nomination

Jake is clearly working really hard on his home learning and I have loved looking at all of the work he has completed. It's lovely to see him keeping active by riding his bike during his daily exercise and it was lovely to see the picture of him and his sunflower, he is clearly very proud of it! Jake is also king of the jigsaws!!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Elsie has been in school for most of the lock down period and she has taken this in her stride. She is a such a hard worker and never gives up even when she find things difficult. I am so proud of you Elsie, you are a super star, keep it up. Mrs O

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Elena has really engaged with her home learning this week. I can see she is trying her best. I am really pleased with how much her handwriting has improved which means now I can read all the lovely ideas she has in her writing. Keep it up Elena. You are doing really well!



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination

Archie has shone with his home learning. He has made such an effort with his home learning tasks and his handwriting has greatly improved. Archie has shown enjoyment for his learning and has even taken himself away to quiet spaces to concentrate on his work - a very grown up and mature approach. I know Archie finds learning tasks sometimes tricky but he knows when to have some time away doing something he enjoys and then comes back to tackle work later. I am in awe of his home learning attitude and he is a true superstar.

Mrs Johnson's nomination

Lilly-Mai - Since the beginning of lock down, Lilly-Mai has completed all of the tasks set which is fantastic, but she has also kept me smiling with voice clips and videos, showing the different ways that you can upload and share your work. She is a ray of sunshine and I can't wait to see her in person again and have a proper giggle! Well done Lilly-Mai - keep up the great work!

Mr Whapham's nomination

George has worked extremely hard on his home learning while we have been off. He completes all tasks correctly and carefully and takes pride in what he is doing. He has also been completing the topic work each day and having discussions with the adults at home about certain tasks. He has shown a real maturity during home learning and I want to say a big well done for all his effort.

Miss Squire's nomination

Coral as she has worked incredibly hard to complete every task, every day, with everything being worked on to the best of her ability. Her maths particularly has shown such progress recently, she is giving it as much effort as I would expect of her in school!

Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nominations

Max has been working really hard at home, writing fantastic stories and putting together his own project. His work is well presented and we have really enjoyed reading it.

Mrs Harding's nomination

Annalise has been working hard at home over the last few weeks and making me smile by sharing some of the other things that she likes to do such as cooking, model making and running. Well done Annalise and keep working hard!!

Mr Lewis' nomination

Olivia M has consistently shown herself to be an incredibly hard-working and diligent member of the Year 5/6 Seesaw community over the past few weeks. The work that she has produced has been to a tremendous standard and she ought to be very proud of herself.

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](#)— Joe Wicks hosts live PE lessons over YouTube for children at home during the coronavirus outbreak. The classes are specifically designed for all children, from little kids up to secondary school age, although adults can join in as well if they like.



[#ThisIsPE](#) is one of the resources recommended by the Department for Education to support teachers and parents to deliver physical education during the coronavirus lockdown. A new lesson will be added at 1pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



[Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) Cosmic Kids Yoga is yoga for kids like you've never seen before. Jaime's aim is to bring yoga and mindfulness to kids all over the world.



[GoNoodle get active at home](#) GoNoodle's goal has always been to help kids be more active while doing the things they love.

Spaces Monsters Home Physical Education

How to play:

- Choose a start point and place another marker at the opposite end of the space.
- Layout objects; teddy bears, cones across the playing area. These are known as the space monsters (defenders).
- Can you dribble using your hands, from the starting point, around the marker and back avoiding the space monsters?
- If you dribble around the marker and back you score 1 point. If you hit a space monster they score 1 point. The first to score 5 points is the winner.

Can you play fairly and keep the score?

Can you keep trying even if the space monsters score more points than you?

Top Tips
Dribbling: Hands
Keep the ball close to you, use the tips of your fingers.
Try not to let the bounce come above your waist and look where you are going!

Let's Reflect
What were the consequences of losing control of the ball?
Why did you need to keep the ball close to you?

60 Second Challenge Tap Up Tennis

The Physical Challenge
How many times can you tap up a tennis ball on a racket in 60 seconds?
If the ball touches the floor, time continues but your score freezes until you start tapping again!

#StayHomeStayActive

Do you ask for help if you find it hard?

Equipment
A tennis racket and a ball
If you do not have a racket and ball, use a frying pan and a pair of socks!

Achieve Gold
60 Tap Ups

Achieve Silver
45 Tap Ups

Achieve Bronze
30 Tap Ups

Active Learning Synonym Skipping

How to Play:

- Play in pairs or as a family.
- Everyone needs a skipping rope. If you do not have a skipping rope, jump on the spot.
- One person starts by shouting out an adjective (describing word) e.g. small.
- Everyone starts skipping and takes it in turns to shout out a synonym for the adjective e.g. tiny, little, titchy.
- Can you try doing it with a long rope? When it is your turn, run in and shout out your synonym.

small
tiny
little
titchy

Vocabulary
Adjectives describe a person, place or object.

Key Vocabulary
Synonym
A word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase.

Gold Star
Can you think of 4x synonyms while skipping

Silver Star
Can you think of 2x synonyms while skipping

Bronze Star
Can you think of creative adjectives

Something to share? What have you been doing?

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Brunch for lunch this Wednesday.



Mr Borg's ukulele session with children this week.



Evie made some animals.



Isla coloured a beautiful butterfly



Ivy has made a super bug



Arlo's picture chart of The Hungry caterpillar.



Isaac is very proud of his salt dough caterpillars inspired by the



Olivia and Heidi's weather chart



Henry has made a paper boat and sailed it on the stream.



Isla and Isabella's life cycle of a frog in playdough



Theo made a camp fire, packed a bag, slept in a den and prepared a meal for the scouting camp at home world record.



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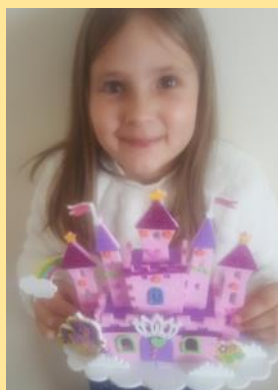
Ezra made a catapult. Knights used them in medieval times to shoot massive rocks at their enemies.



Bibi has been inspired to read lots by Dr. Seuss.



Archie and his brothers made paper boats and sailed them on the stream.



Holly made a beautiful fairy-tale castle.



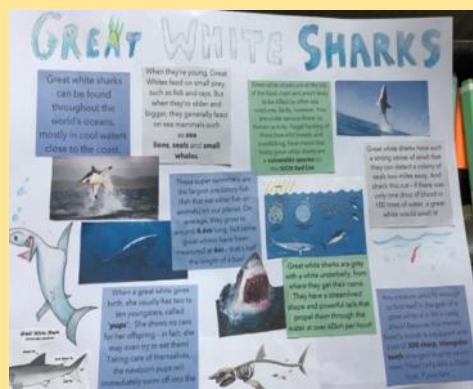
Mila-Monroe has been a busy baker making tea for her family. The cinnamon swirls are her favourite.



Lily-Rose and Bella created posters to display in hospital to support for their Nanny!



Jake's sunflower has started to grow. Will it get as tall as him?



Jack and his family created a fantastic poster on the great white shark. (A real team effort!)



Emmie has made this Catacorn fish for our English work.



Luna is learning how to play happy birthday on the keyboard as she has lots of family birthdays coming up.

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Naima's stunning artwork inspired by Space Day.



Ria's abstract art using home made paints.



Heidi's Mondria inspired straight line artwork.

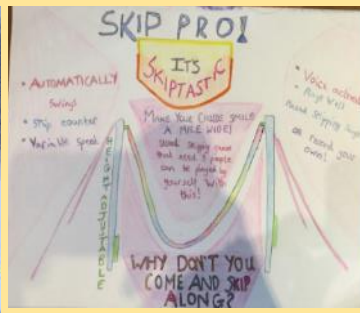
Years 3 and 4 have been looking at persuasive adverts and had a final task of making an advert for anything they like including the key features from what they have been learnt.



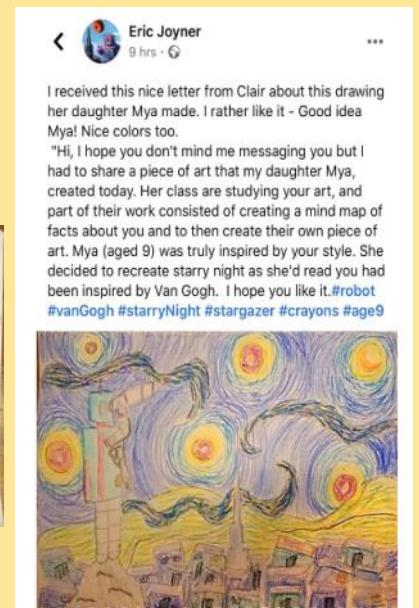
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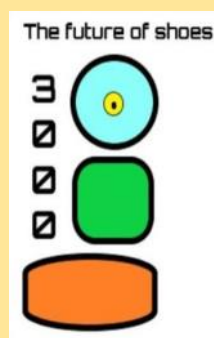
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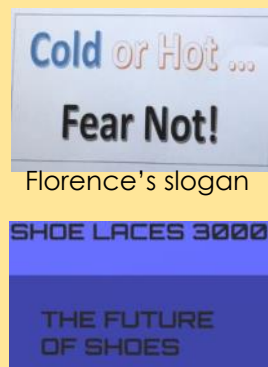
The children had a go at designing their own logos and slogans for their own inventions.



Ruby's logo



Kaito's logo



Kaito's slogan



Leo's logo



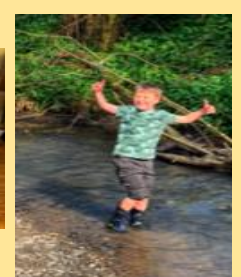
Libby's slogans



Ben taking part in packing a bag, sleep in a den and prepare a meal for the scouting camp at home world record.



Lilly-Mai



Freddie has made a paper boat which floated really well.

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Graffiti artwork inspired by South American artists and Banksy in the UK. Our year 5/6 had a go at creating their own graffiti artwork (though not on the walls, thank goodness!). Have a look at the fantastic examples here and see if you and your family can create some of your own.



The purring spacecraft softly hit the ground, like a bird landing on a branch. Adam carefully walked out of the futuristic doors of the spacecraft and saw mysterious holes in the ground. In the bright light, he saw an unknown creature poking out of one of the holes. Seeing Adam, the creature became frightened and skedaddled back inside. Feeling bewildered, he went exploring, "I hope there's no more of those around!" he said to himself.

It was warm outside, a glorious day. There were two moons in the cloudless sky and the ground was different to Earth's. The strange grass was brown, there were green and pink bushes scattered around on the ground and pink palm trees danced in the heavy breeze.

Walking around, Adam saw a sea of strawberry coloured trees. Adam couldn't think of anything other than how interesting this new planet was and forgot about his mission. He wandered around for hours not keeping track of where he was going. Suddenly, he realised he was lost!

Troubled, Adam tried to remember his tracks. Eventually, he found something which looked like a man-made shelter. What was it doing there? He thought it might have been abandoned until he saw eyes staring out at him through a small crack. Dreading what he would find, Adam approached the lonely, quiet house, treading gently. Written by Max

Recipe for a perfect dream.

Alyssa

A sprinkle of fluffy pink clouds sent from heaven. ☁
A bowl of mixed, colourful glitter. ✨
Two bars of rainbow chocolate. 🍫
Five cups of rainbow. 🌈
Twelve teaspoons of sunshine. ☀
20 milk and white chocolate chips. 🍫
sparkling water from the sparkliest cleanest lake. 💧
last but not least ten bowls of happiness. 😊

A recipe of your the perfect nightmare.

Keira

A dusting of ashes from ghoul who rot in the undergrounds.
A tablespoon of an eerie howl of wolf at midnight sharp.
A cup of broken up ears with blood oozing out of them.
A pinch of echoing people screaming your name as if it is the only thin they can do.
A drop of thickened blood from a hairy tarantula.

For a grim result mix extra tarantula legs and sprinkle the mix over worst enemy's head and give them the fright of there life.

A recipe for a dream

Harry

A cup of the sound of a waterfall swaying through the rocks
A spoon full of cement, to join us together
A jug full of friendship, to make us laugh
A pan full of love, to make us smile
A container, full of family, to make us feel safe

Mix it all together, to make one sweet dream.

Violet

A nightmare recipe.

- A pinch of spiders legs in your food.
- A drop of vampires blood.
- A Sprinkle of a witches poison.
- A teaspoon of bogies.
- A cup of creeping shadows.
- A glass of Zombies brains.
- A glass of a ghosts.
- A measure of spiders eyes.
- A Sprinkle of spiders.
- A dusting of vampires teeth.
- A drop of a witches posion.
- A Sprinkle of a witches hair.
- A pinch of a witches warts.
- A Cup of spiders hairs.

A perfect nightmare

Georgi

A glass of blood from a bat
An ear of a pig
A cup of death
The bladder of a human
500g of soot
A tablespoon of shadows
Your enemies breath
Bandages of a pre-historic mummy
A sprinkle of your beloved dying.
A bowl of ground kittens bones.
Mix it up in unicorns stomach
and sprinkle on my enemies dinner.

Nightmare recipe

Flynn

A bucket of rabbits teeth
The scent of stinky flip flops
A sprinkle of creeping floor boards
The breath of a troll
A handful of coackroaches



Violet's and Florence's rainbow wall.



Calling all OV pupils!

Parents are the children getting a little bit bored of being at home?

Are they missing their friends from OV?

Would you be happy for them to take part in a video project that can be seen by their friends on Seesaw and Tapestry? These are the online learning platforms teachers are using to set home learning tasks on and can only be seen by the children and their parents when they login.

If so, let's do something amazing together and do what we do best at OV!

We hope you enjoyed the staff lockdown video which we shared on Seesaw and Tapestry. We thought it would be a great idea to put together a similar film for the children made by them.

IMPORTANT - Parents please be aware that in sending a video clip for this project, we will automatically assume parental consent is given to put the video on Seesaw and Tapestry for the children and possibly on the Friends of Orchard Vale Facebook page.

Should we receive hundreds of entries, we will try to include as many of them as possible.

What is the song?

The song we have chosen is "Just Sing" from the new Trolls movie. Here is a link to the song: [Just Sing - YouTube](#)

A copy of the lyrics will be attached to the newsletter. Please enjoy listening to the song and try to learn it!

What we need from you...

You can send any of the following:

- A video of you singing a verse of the song (see lyrics for key stage allocation).
- A video of you singing a solo section.
- A video of you singing the chorus.
- A video of you playing a musical instrument.
- A video of you dancing (like the staff video – you can be silly or in costume – as long as it is appropriate).
- A video of you clapping or doing a beatbox (or body rhythm).

The film clips should be short.

If you choose to sing, please look at the lyrics and sing the verse for your year groups or the chorus – that way the clip will be small enough to email.

Parents you can record your child on a mobile phone camera, an iPad or any other device.

Email the video clip to the school address orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk.

Please mark clearly in the subject box the following: **Just Sing project (KS...)** (insert the Key Stage your child is in eg Foundation, Key Stage One or Key Stage Two)

If you have more than 1 child at home – they could sing or dance together. Why not try some harmonies with your sisters/brothers (if the Mums and Dads can bear it...!)

Listen to the song as much as you can, practise as much as you can... then just go for it!! Be brave, be confident.

At OV we are proud of our singers, dancers and those of us who are just individuals with great personalities – let's celebrate our uniqueness and be proud! All the staff members who took part in our video really enjoyed it – now it's the children's turn! Don't be shy!

We are happy to accept different ideas – so if you want to freestyle a rap section or play a bongo drum solo – feel free!

Mrs Lowrey will edit the song together over the next couple of weeks



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BIG CAMP OUT!

Saturday 9th May

Join us on Facebook for a night of fun and camping under the stars in your back garden or living room!

10.30am

Facebook Live Hello, and Brownie making with Evie
Make sure you buy the ingredients listed below

11.30am

Making camp with Mike & Noah
Ideas for inside and outside camping, just in time for lunch and brownies in your den!

2.00pm

Nerf gun competition, making your own targets

3.00pm

Climbing challenge and games

4.00pm

Whittling your smore stick and wood carving with Jo

5.00pm

Fire lighting techniques with Mike and Noah

6.00pm

Sizzling sausages on the fire or BBQ

7.00pm

Smoes on Facebook live around the campfire

8.00pm

The night sky and campfire story

For details of what you will need for the activities visit
<https://www.thekidsadventurecompany.co.uk/events-1-1>



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Things you may like to get ready for the Big Camp Out!

- tent if you have one
- If you don't have a tent you can build a den in your lounge and we will post a video to help you design it. You will need sheets and pegs!
- torch
- sleeping bags
- pillows
- blankets
- torch
- nerf gun
- things to make targets e.g. cardboard box, cardboard, tin cans, old books
- A bit of rope if you have some
- wooden sticks for whittling - get collecting on your walks!
- potato peeler for whittling
- things to make and light a fire with e.g. cotton wool, thin sticks (little finger width), newspaper, larger sticks, bigger bits of wood (thumb width) and anything else you think will make a good fire. We will give you tips on Saturday.
- BBQ food (we are having sausages!)
- a warm bobble hat to wear around the campfire!

BIG CAMP OUT!

Prepare for the day by buying brownie ingredients, campfire food, marshmallows/chocolate digestives, gathering your camping equipment (indoor or out), firelighting equipment, nerf gun, potato peeler, bit of rope

Evie's famous brownie recipe!

Ingredients

1 packet of Oreo biscuits (normal or mint or brownie)

185g dark or milk chocolate

185g butter

3 medium eggs

275g caster sugar

85g plain flour

40g cocoa powder

Don't forget your marshmallows and chocolate digestives for making smores!



Amigos is a charity set up and run from North Devon to support communities in Uganda with:

- Rural community development (transforming communities, conservation farming, water, business skills, bicycles, beekeeping),
- Kira Farm Development Centre
- Child sponsorship.

The #TwoPointSixChallenge is helping to save the UK's charities - many of whom have been hit hard by the reduction in funds from events.

YOU can help AMIGOS by joining this nation of heroes and taking on your own 2.6 challenge!

Changing the world is as easy as 1,2,3:

1. **Think** of a challenge (or pick one below).
2. **Donate** money to Amigos, or create a fundraiser and ask others to donate too.
3. **Pass it on!**



<https://www.amigos.org.uk/pages/category/fundraising>

Click here or visit their website to find out more [Amigos the 2.6 Challenge Fundraiser](#)



Our online resources

We have a range of free resources that all library members can access online:

Download and stream free eBooks, eAudioBooks and eMagazines, with more than 3,500 titles on [Overdrive](#) (eBooks and eAudiobooks), including a range of 'beginner reads' for children in the early stages of learning to read, and 1,000 unlimited use eAudiobooks through [RB Digital Devon](#).

A selection of eMagazines are available on [RB Digital Devon](#).

A range of eAudiobooks via [BorrowBox](#)

Online reference resources at [Devon Libraries](#) including AncestryUK fun online content and live streaming events via social media. Check out individual library Facebook pages for more information

Ensuring all children and families can access their online services

Already a member - All children and families that already have library membership at one of our public libraries will automatically be able to access these services.

Not a member you can register on [Devon Libraries website](#). Once registered you will be issued with a number which will start UNREG - your child can then use this number straight away for the online services and get access immediately.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency are currently working on plans for how the Challenge will run this year bearing in mind that we do not yet know if libraries will be open in time for the summer. What we do know is that the Challenge will definitely be going ahead but probably mainly online, and that the theme will be 'Silly Squad' – an opportunity to get children reading lots of fantastic funny books! We will let you know more details when we have them.

Local events from Barnstaple Library

We would like to invite all teachers, parents and carers to visit and 'like' our Facebook page: Here you will find details of our events and activities which are regularly updated.

[Barnstaple Library - Home | Facebook](#)

Barnstaple Library. 2.4K likes. Barnstaple Library is one of 50 Devon Libraries. Free to join, free loan of books, computer use, photocopy & print facilities. Hire of DVDs, CDs & Spoken Word. Rooms...

www.facebook.com

The Great Indoors

Ideas and activities to inspire young minds at home



Scouts

Bear Grylls and the Scouting movement have produced some great ideas and activities. Scouts normally love the great outdoors, they have pulled together some inspired indoor activity ideas to keep kids entertained while schools are closed due to coronavirus.

Keep your kids learning new skills and having fun (and avoid hearing 'I'm bored' every 30 seconds) all in #TheGreatIndoors.

We know that the social and economic impact of Covid-19 on young people will be significant. These activities are free – of course! Click this link to get started. [The great indoors](#)

Wanted items for our to local refuge



Like many charities, our local refuges are suffering due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Do you have any clothing, equipment, food etc which you would be happy donating. What they could really do with are non-perishable food items, children's books especially for key stage 2 and 3. **New** women's underwear in all sizes, pyjamas suitable for women and children. Perhaps you might have some craft materials for home learning and art projects and dvds, suitable for children, so please make sure its appropriate.



We know this is a trying time for everyone but some families have had to leave their homes with nothing and any contributions could really make a difference, especially to the children.

If you have any suitable donations please feel free to leave them in the school courtyard between 9am and 4pm. Please be mindful about social distancing and please ensure everything is suitable cleaned before donating. We will liaise with the refuge to arrange collection.

More than 100 free Learn Devon online courses now available

Learn Devon, our Adult and Community Learning course provider, has pulled out all the stops to launch more than 100 free online courses today.



These new online learning courses cover three main subject areas – employability, wellbeing and digital skills - and they are part of our response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. They have been designed to support people who may have been made redundant or are currently seeking work, for vulnerable people currently self-isolating, volunteers supporting us during the pandemic, as well as local businesses.

We're working closely with Learn Devon to develop further online courses based on the current needs of local businesses and communities. You can browse the courses and enrol on the [Learn Devon website](#) or by calling 0345 155 1014.

National Careers Online learning platform to boost workplace skills launched



Free courses are available through the new online platform, the Skills Toolkit. This platform signposts to free, high-quality digital and numeracy courses to help people build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects and confidence whilst at home.

Courses on offer cover a range of levels, from everyday maths and the use of email and social media at work to more advanced training. All courses are available online and are flexible so that people can work through them at their own pace.

The Skills Toolkit can be accessed here: [National Careers - online learning platform](#)

Boots pharmacies offering safe spaces for victims of domestic abuse

[Boots chemists are offering safe spaces](#) within their pharmacies for victims of domestic abuse.



Anyone needing help can ask staff at the counter to use the consultation room, where they will be able to contact local services for help and advice. It's been launched by charity, Hestia, following an increase in calls to domestic violence helplines, since lock-down. Devon's regional domestic violence and abuse support charity, Splitz, saw a 62 per cent rise in the number of reports to them during April.

If you need help, please call Victim Support on 0300 303 0554. Lines are open 12pm-6pm Monday to Friday.

If you need support outside of these times, call Supportline for free on 08 08 16 89 111. You can now also access Victim Support's free live chat for 24/7 support.

In an emergency always call 999.