

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 2nd May 2025

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a fantastic week with the weather and the children have been keen to get outside as much as possible. There has been daily forest school sessions offering ample shade and we have made sure children have stayed hydrated during their PE sessions. If the sunny weather continues, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before leaving home. If your child can apply sunscreen themselves, you may wish to pop some in their bag (please put their name on this). Extra drinks and hats may also be required. Children can top up their drinks bottles with water whilst at school.

We have a busy summer term ahead of us and are beginning to organise dates for the rest of the term. Children in several year groups will be completing statutory assessments over the next month or so and it is vital they attend school daily so they do not miss out. Children are well prepared for these, and we know they will be fine. Anxiety and nerves are normal feelings, and all staff are prepared to support your child if this happens. Please try not to put any additional pressure on them, instead reassure them that all will be ok.

Mrs James is starting her maternity leave next week and we wish her the very best of luck. I am sure she will be in touch when there is any news. While Mrs James is away, Mr Quilter will be covering her duties as Deputy Head Teacher. This will require him to be out of class at times and so we are delighted that Miss Tillman is stepping in to teach Mr Quilter's class. As a qualified teacher and a very familiar adult, Miss Tillman is perfectly placed for a smooth transition.



I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and I look forward to see you all back in school on Tuesday.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

May Day!

Recruiting in North Devon:

- Primary Teachers
- Primary Teaching Assistants

No need to travel, we are hosting recruitment days throughout the summer term in a North Devon school.



- Submit your application and attend an online interview
- Meet with us to complete your document checks at a school local to you
- Discover ESP's unique approach

**Exeter
Supply
Partnership**

North Devon Recruitment Days:
Thursday 22nd May
Thursday 26th June

Apply
now!

Tidiest
cloakrooms
this week were
Mr Whapham's
class
and
Miss Huxtable's
class

Intergalactic Reading Challenge

Years 3 and 4

Congratulations to:

Chloe H
For completing
Planet 2—Uranus

Alice M
For completing
Planet 3
Saturn

The 100 Club

Well done
to the following children in our
times tables challenge

Theo C Teddy
Marley Isabella

Gold Award

Lilly H

Silver Award

Hollie P James F

Bronze Award

Tri-Reading Tournament Champ

Years 5 and 6

Congratulations to:

Olivia T
For reaching 100 reads

James F
For reaching 150 reads

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Mrs Youll's class

My star of the week is Tommy J for settling in well and showing good independence.

Mrs Oldfield's class

My star of the week this week is Ava. Since coming back from Easter, we have seen Ava grow in confidence in phonics, Mrs Owen is super impressed with how hard she is working in the clarity of the sounds she is saying and working on blending sounds together. Ava has also impressed us with her enthusiasm for our class garden centre. Ava has loved planting seeds, learning about what plants need to grow and survive, and ensuring that this is done in class. Ava you are a super star, and we are all very proud of you. Keep up the great work. Mrs Oldfield x

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Our star of the week is Harry. Harry has been working very hard recently. He has written some amazing sentences in drawing club and has had a great attitude towards his phonics. We have also been very impressed with Harry tidying up in class. Well done Harry you are a superstar.

Mr Quilter's class

Nixie is my super star this week! She has shown excellent effort in Phonics, really impressing Mrs Grimwood with her engagement and effort! Nixie has produced some lovely writing this week; I have been especially pleased with her writing stamina and her handwriting. Nixie is a very kind and caring little girl and is a pleasure to have in class. She is working hard and trying her best, even when things are tricky. Keep up the hard work Nixie! Mr Q x

Miss Huxtable's class

My star of the week is Harvey. Harvey is a fantastic member of our class who always follows routines and gives tasks his best effort. He has a great competitive side and always works hard but what stands out is his positive attitude - he's not afraid to make mistakes or give new challenges a go. He has become much more confident in generating his own ideas and believing in them. This week, Harvey found out he needs glasses, and he has handled the news with real maturity. We can't wait to see him looking awesome in them next Tuesday! As part of our handwriting focus this week, Harvey also impressed me with his determination to form his letters neatly and consistently. Harvey, you are a joy to teach!

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Lucas. I have noticed in these last few days that Lucas has really surged forward in his attitude to learning. Lucas is a very bright spark. He can sometimes feel that the learning is quite easy for him and he doesn't need to use support materials or resources provided. This has led to mistakes. As he has matured, we can now see him making excellent learning decisions and this has really polished him off as a learner. His attitude is overall more positive and he seems to be more resilient in so many ways. Lucas has so many gifts and skills and it is wonderful to see him realising there is always something new to learn and the way he is embracing that knowledge is fabulous. Well done, Lucas, for being such a splendid learner! You are a star!

★ STARS OF THE TERM ★

Mr Bayliss' class

Arthur has demonstrated great dedication to his learning this week. He has settled very well into Orchard Vale, quickly becoming a hard-working member of our class. He consistently follows our classroom expectations and takes pride in completing his work to a high standard. Arthur is a kind and friendly pupil who has already built strong friendships in year 3 and 4. He naturally looks out for others, showing our classroom ethos of being kind and caring. Well done, Arthur, keep up the fantastic work!

Mrs Johnson's class

My Star of the Week is Jasmyn. I have chosen Jasmyn because of the way she has been working so hard in class, building her confidence, and independently tackling her learning. She is also more focused, is less distracted by what is going on around her in the classroom, and is generally showing amazing maturity as a Year 3 role model. I am just so proud of how far she has come; it has not been an easy journey. She continues to show how resilient she is through perseverance and self-belief. A huge well done Jas - you are an absolute star!

Mr Whapham's class

Charlotte has made a lot of fantastic contributions to the class this week. She is continually raising her hand to share her answers and thoughts and working really well with her partner in Reading and Maths. Charlotte has also been really polite and considerate of others ; an excellent role model for her peers!

Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is James F. James doesn't always find school easy, but this week he has really been putting the effort in. He has been attentive and engaged, and has really shown how well he can do in Y6, tackling SATs revision with great maturity. He has been enthusiastic in lessons, and has begun to look forward to the challenges ahead. Well done James, keep it up!

Miss Williams' class

My Star of the Week is the wonderful Malaki. Over the past couple of weeks, Malaki has embraced the new environment of Mrs. Scott's teaching group, showing remarkable resilience, motivation, and a determination to achieve his best in preparation for his SATs. Malaki is someone who has consistently put his best foot forward, demonstrating a genuine desire to involve and support his peers. His positive attitude and willingness to help others have made a significant impact on our classroom environment. It has been a real privilege to have him in my class for the last two years. During this time, I have watched him grow into a mature and kind young man. Malaki, your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Keep up the fantastic work, and continue to shine brightly!

Mrs Scott's class

My star of the week, this week, is Marley. Marley has been a hard worker all year, but I have seen fantastic focus and drive from him since starting our revision sessions. Marley puts care and attention into his learning, and this is leading him to great success. Marley is not only a great student but also a wonderful friend to many and a keen sportsman - he is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Marley - keep being fantastic!

School Diary Dates

Mon, 5th May	Bank Holiday (back to school on Tue, 6th May)
Tue, 6th to Fri, 9th May	Y3 / 4 Bikeability
Tue, 6th May	Y2—Northam Burrows trip
Wed, 7th May	Y1 Multi-skills Festival—Park School
Thur, 8th May	Y1—Northam Burrows trip
Wed, 21st May	Wilcombe Wobbler Cross Country (details to come)
Fri, 23rd May	Aquathlon—Torrington
Fri, 23rd May	Y6 and Reception—National Child Measurement
Fri, 26th to Fri, 30th May	HALF TERM
Wed, 4th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Thurs, 5th to Fri, 6th June	Y3/4—Sleeping with the Sharks
Wed, 11th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Wed, 11th June	Reception—Caffyn's Farm Visit (details to come)

Week commencing— Monday, 5th May

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options









LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3

5th May – 2nd June & 23rd – 14th July – 8th & 29th Sept – 20th Oct

Available Every Week - Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit, Low Fat Yoghurts,
Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Cheese Topped Sweet Pepper & Sweetcorn Pasta	Chicken & Butternut Squash Curry with Wholemeal Rice	Roast Gammon & Pineapple	Breaded Fish Fillet	Hot Dog in a Finger Bun 
 Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Quorn Stir Fry & Noodles	Summer Vegetable Crumble	Vegetable Nuggets	Veggie Sausage in a Finger Bun
 Egg & Lettuce Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings		Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	
	Pizza Muffin	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Ham Bap	Sausage Roll
Sweetcorn & Peas	Mixed Vegetables	Roast or Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Peas or Carrot Sticks & Tomato Ketchup	Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Green Beans
 Fruit Crunch Pot	"ABC" Cake	Ice Cream Pots	Cookie & Milkshake	Chocolate Brownie 



NORTH DEVON



Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th August
Ages 11 to 18 years | 9am to 5pm each day

Performances: 9th August @ 5pm & 7:30pm

To book, contact:
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Monday 4th to Friday 8th August
Ages 9 to 13 years | 9am to 5pm each day

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PRELOVED BABY & CHILDREN'S SALE



SATURDAY 7TH
JUNE
2PM - 3.30PM



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TEENAGERS!



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THE CEDARS INN BARNSTAPLE

MAY

2nd may - live music - 8pm
4th - kids disco - 11am - £5 per child
9th - 90's night - 7:30pm - £7pp
15th - open mic - 7:30pm
16th - comedy club - 7:30pm £15pp
18th - charity coffee morning - 10am
19th - charity bingo - 6pm
26th - bank holiday bbq - 12pm

JUNE

6th - live music - 8pm
16th - charity bingo - 6pm
19th - open mic - 7:30pm
20th - summer party - 6pm
29th - kids disco - 2pm - £5 per child

JULY

11th - live music - 8pm
18th - charity country night for macmillan -
7:30pm - £15pp includes food
20th - kids disco - 4pm - £5 per child
21st - charity bingo - 6pm
24th - open mic 7:30pm

AUG

1st - live music - 8pm
3rd - family fun day - 12pm
13th - murder mystery - 7pm - £35pp includes
2 course meal
18th - charity bingo - 6pm
21st - open mic - 7:30pm
24th - family fun day - 12pm
25th - live music - 12pm

SEPT

5th - live music - 8pm
12th - tina turner tribute - 7:30pm - £15pp
15th - charity bingo - 6pm
18th - open mic - 7:30pm
19th - comedy club - 7:30pm - £15pp
21st - end of summer party - 12pm

THE CEDARS INN BARNSTAPLE

£40PP 3 COURSES

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