

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## 3rd July 2020

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### Message from the headteacher

#### End of term gifts

As we draw nearer to the end of term, I know some parents have asked if they are able to bring thank you cards and gifts to school to give to teachers. At this time we are still unable to receive visitors onsite and this includes parents unless you are dropping or collecting your child. We are also unable to accept anything on site that may cause infection and we need to keep transference of items to a minimum.

Teachers know you are appreciative and would rather not put anyone at unnecessary risk. They have asked if you could refrain from delivering gifts to school this year. If you would like to express your thanks you can email staff through the school email ([orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk)) and we will make sure they get any messages you send.

#### School uniform

We will be sending out order forms for uniform soon. Items will need to be paid for through parent pay and we will get these ready for collection when school returns in September. We will be relaxing the uniform requirements for the first couple of weeks of the Autumn term to give parents the chance to buy new uniform and shoes without the rush of doing this while we are still in lockdown.

We have some 'New to You' items in school as well as some casual children's clothes that have been donated to the school and we will try and make these available to you before the end of term if you would like them, just to keep you going.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher

#### Returning to School

[The film for primary school pupils can be found here:](#)

#### Government advice:

[Government Guidance for parents/carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak.](#)

[Government advice to parents and carers—what you need know about schools in the autumn term](#)

### Free school meals to be extended over the summer holidays

Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period. A spokesman for the prime minister announced that all children eligible for free school meals during term time in England will continue to be provided for through a 'COVID-19 Summer Food Fund'.

If you are on a low income, you or your family may also be entitled to claim for free school meals.

[The criteria for free school meals is on the government's website.](#)

You can make a quick application online where your eligibility can be assessed immediately, and let you know straight away. To [apply for free school meals please visit the Free School Meal Portal.](#)

If you have any other queries relating to free school meal entitlement you can email the team at [freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk).

## What to do if families are being tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)



If your family are being tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) please contact the school office in the first instance to advise that your child will be absent from school.

Once you have received your test results please contact the school office before sending your child back in to school:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating.

They could still have another virus though, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

- if someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste.

This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

## Managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Orchard Vale will take swift action when we become aware that someone who has attended school has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). We will contact the relevant authorities who will also contact Orchard Vale directly if they become aware that someone has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) and attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace.

The relevant authorities will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

The relevant authority will work with Orchard Vale in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on the advice we received Orchard Vale must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:

- direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin).
- proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1-2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
- travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

The relevant authorities have provided definitive advice on actions to be taken should a child be confirmed as having a positive result.

Household members of any children who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'. They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their setting immediately, and must isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'

## [Stay at home: what to do if you or someone you share your home with has coronavirus symptoms](#)

# Star of the Week

## Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



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

Evie P for good listening and concentration and doing some great P.E.

Lola for being a good friend and trying hard with all her activities.

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

Isabella for working so hard, especially on phonics.

Olivia D for fantastic work at home, especially her fantastic bug hunt map.



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

Myla-Mae consistently works hard and is always listening!! She has produced some amazing pieces of writing this week! Well done Myla-Mae.

Jake has been working really hard at home and has been doing lots of maths and phonics activities! Well done Jake

**Mr Quilter's nomination**

Grace has worked incredibly hard since returning to school. She has especially impressed me with her choice of adjectives when completing writing tasks. Great job Grace!



**Mrs Oldfield's nomination**

Marley has always produced excellent work but this week he has gone over and above, Marely has been exploring insect facts with his Nanny and he has taught me some new information. Well done Marley Mo x

I have been blown away with the attention to detail Lexi Ph has put into her work in class. Lexi's handwriting and spellings have come on leaps and bounds and I know she continues to keep myself and all the adults going with her positive attitude and brilliant sense of humour. Well done Lexi x

**Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination**

Every day, Holly posts her learning which is completed to an excellent standard. She listens to any feedback and will come back again with corrections if they are needed. She is learning with enthusiasm and cheerfulness, just like she did in class. Holly has also shared other things she has been up to and it is always lovely to see her photos. Lately she has been making perfume at home. Well done. Holly for your continued hard work. You are a star and you are doing brilliant learning!





# Star of the Week

## Key Stage Two

### Miss Gulliford's nomination

Lauren has been an absolute star on Seesaw throughout the lock down, working hard to completing pieces of work when she can and trying her best to have a go at every task. It has been lovely to see the work she has completed including some excellent topic work. She also sent a picture recently showing her array of Blue Peter badges, and that she currently has crutches for a fractured bone in her ankle! We hope you recover soon Lauren - you were still smiling away regardless!



### Mrs Johnson's nomination

Lacey-Rae has been awesome all the way through lock down, completing her tasks to a high standard and having fun with our more practical tasks such as bridge building and testing friction on different surfaces. She has created some lovely pieces of art including her poster for The Golden Rule and her origami. She has kept myself and the class smiling with her funny videos and the jokes she sends me with her tasks. I have been particularly impressed recently with the independence Lacey-Rae has shown, completing more and more tasks without adult support, showing how confident she has become. Keep it up Lacey-Rae - we are all very proud of you!



### Mr Whapham's nomination

Olivia has had a really fab week, transitioning back into school life really well! She always comes in with a smile on her face ready to learn. She has been completing her tasks from within school, working without a fuss. Well done on showing us that you are thinking about your learning carefully.



### Miss Squire's nomination

Riley is my star this week for his great attitude to learning. The year sixes are currently working on a transition project, as they prepare for secondary school, and Riley has impressed me each session with how reflective he has been about his time in primary school and his hopes for year 7. He is showing a fantastic 'kid awesome' attitude and I am really proud of him!



### Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nomination

Khloe is a joy to teach in school and out. She shows 100% commitment to her learning and will go so far in life. Her attitude is very much "can do" and she lets nothing get in her way. She is one of the most polite children we know and every day is a pleasure to see her. Very well deserved!



### Mrs Harding's nominations

Jessica for working hard on her division and writing.



### Mr Lewis' nomination

Kade has maintained a consistently high level of work over the previous weeks and this week, in particular, he has been a maths whizz! There hasn't been a single maths challenge that he has shied away from. Fantastic effort - well done!

Laila has been completing the majority of her work in school on Seesaw and has shown a high level of effort for all of her tasks. Of particular note, was the disgusting sandwich which she created during one of her English tasks this week. Fantastic effort, Laila. Well done!



## 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.

### OV's Virtual Sports Days 2020

As we are unable to hold our sports days as normal this year Mr Ovey has organised a Virtual Sports Day for each year group.

Details of how this will work and the sports involved will be put onto Seesaw and Tapestry.

There are 6 events for the children to try.

Don't forget to upload your results, pictures and videos.

A copy of each year group's Virtual Sports Day is attached to this newsletter.

For Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 this copy does not have the names of the children and which team they are in. Please refer to the copy posted on Seesaw to see which team you are in. If you are unable to access this please contact the school office who will be able to forward this to you.

On your marks, get set, go!





## Something to share? What have you been doing?

If you would like to share photos of things you have been doing whilst at home please either send photos/ comments to your class teacher via Seesaw or Tapestry and confirm you are happy for it to appear on the newsletter or email the school on [orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk).



Holly made perfume this week



Isla's house of tissue paper and pen.



Mikey and Tommy made the houses for the Three Little Pigs.

This week years 3 and 4 have been researching an animal of their choice.

Here a just a few of the reports, posters and pictures they have produced



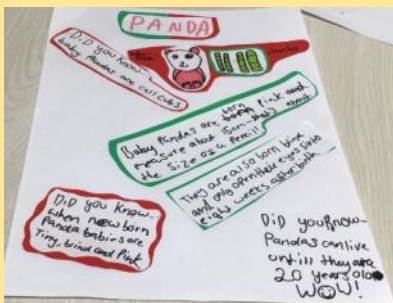
Kaleb's tree frog



Lexi-Mae's koala



Chloe-Rose's bandicoot



Natalie's panda



Naima's koala



Harrison's sloth



Ruby's penguin



Larissa's puppets



Lacey-Rae



Grace



Alice built an Isobutene with Numicon!



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Flynn's van Gogh inspired

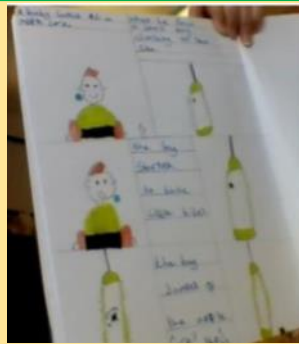


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Years 5 and 6 have been creating their own comics.



Alyssa



Coral



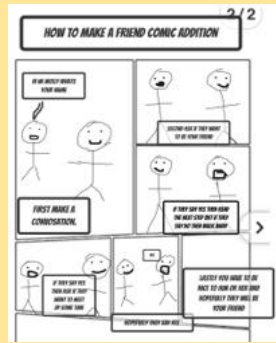
Jamie



Kiaron



Megan



Molly



Olivia

Years 5 and 6 have been making gifts and cards for people they care about.



Jamie



Anisa



Kyra



Alyssa



Penny



Violet



Owen

# Year 6 leavers!

As we begin to move towards a more normal school life, we wish to be able to give you some of the leaving experience that you would typically have as you move on to secondary school.

As a part of this celebration, we would like to put together a video for you, similar to the early video that our staff put together during the lockdown.

Although our leaving celebrations are limited to what we can do safely this year, a video can be put together with those of you who continue to work at home and at school.

## What I need:

Please send me a **short video clip** (roughly 15 seconds or more if you wish) of yourself either dancing or doing something fun and upbeat! As you may recall from the staff video, dancing works well or dressing up and revealing your face, giving a wave or please come up with your own idea! I will not say which music I am using – but it is upbeat!

If you are at school, you can still do your video at home if you wish and email it to the school. You may wish to ask your teacher if you can do this during school time and remember to do this safely!

You can also do both – eg. You could dance with your friends and do an individual video at home. You can also record a short message if you wanted to add this – I will do what I can!

If you wish to take part, please note that by sending in your video clip, you will in turn be granting permission to use the video on seesaw and this will be shared to pupils in school.

Please ask an adult to email the video to the school admin email address and the adult will need to state that they are giving permission to use the clip. Please include the statement: Year 6 leavers video in the subject box and state permission in the email. As always, all videos should be appropriate in every aspect.

Good luck, Year 6 – I will hopefully put together a video that you will be able to keep for years to come and you can look back on as a souvenir of a particularly special and unique time.





## Kids Summer Activity Programme

### Holiday Club

10.00-15.00pm £45 per day  
Max 10 participants (in 2 separate groups)

#### Coastal Day

Exciting adventure day exploring the cliffs & caves of Baggy Point. Climb, abseil, firefighting, rock pooling, beach art, scrambling, smores & more.

Mon 20th July Baggy Point  
Wed 22nd July Baggy Point  
Thur 23rd July Baggy Point

#### Forest Adventure

Fun packed day exploring the woods: orienteering, treasure trails, shelter building, firefighting, smores, cooking, games, whittling & more.

Mon 27th July Wistlandpound  
Tues 28th July Wistlandpound  
Wed 29th July Wistlandpound

All activities will be run within Government COVID-19 guidelines and National Governing Body activity recommendations. See our website for details [www.thekidsadventurecompany.co.uk](http://www.thekidsadventurecompany.co.uk)

### Booking essential



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We are really excited because we are starting to get out on some adventures again both with the kids and with our adult groups too.

At The Kids Adventure Company we have decided to start off very slowly and to build things up as and when Government and National Governing Body advice allows us to do so, but more importantly when we feel it's right to do so. As the advice has now reduced to 1m+ social distancing we feel we can start our climbing courses: we have attached a copy of the Adult Climbing Programme and it would be fab if you fancied joining us!

There will be a maximum of 5 participants at the moment, with Mike instructing. If you have your own kit then we'd encourage you to bring and use that, however we have plenty of kit available if you don't have your own: this will be appropriately cleaned before and after every session. We will ask that you bring and use hand sanitizer before, during and after the session and there will also be some paperwork for you to confirm that you have not shown any symptoms or have been in contact with anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 for the previous 14 days.

If there is another lockdown or guidelines change and we have to finish the course early then there will be a full refund for the remaining sessions left (not a voucher or credit note).

We really hope you're free to join us in some great locations for some cool climbing and enjoy some great sunsets... Weather isn't guaranteed - but enjoyment and learning is!

These are some of our favourite courses to run and we're so glad we'll get the opportunity to run them this year. If you have kids we will be sending out that programme later so hopefully they will be able to enjoy some outdoor climbing and activities too!

Hope to see you next week!

Mike and Jo  
[The Kids Adventure Company](http://The Kids Adventure Company)



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## Kids Summer Activity Programme

### Climbing £15 a session

Max 4 participants Age 8+ all abilities welcome

Thur 9th July	session 1	14.00 - 15.30	Baggy Point
	session 2	15.45 - 17.15	
Fri 10th July	session 1	14.30 - 16.00	Baggy Point
	session 2	16.15 - 17.45	
Wed 15th July	session 1	17.15 - 18.45	Baggy Point
	session 2	19.00 - 20.30	
Thur 16th July	session 1	15.00 - 16.30	Valley of The Rocks
	session 2	16.45 - 18.15	
	session 3	18.30 - 20.00	
Fri 24th July	session 1	13.45 - 15.15	Baggy Point (abseil into cave and climb)
	session 2	15.30 - 17.00	
Fri 31st July	session 1	09.00 - 10.30	Baggy Point
	session 2	10.45 - 12.15	

### Coasteering £30 a session

Max 5 participants Age 8+ competent swimmer

Wed	8th July	18.00 - 20.30	Baggy Point
Fri	24th July	9.00 - 11.30	Baggy Point
Thurs	30th July	13.00 - 15.30	Baggy Point

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## Adult Climbing Courses

### Climbing Set Up Skills

4 weeks, 3 hours a week £120

18.00 - 21.00pm

Every Mon, 6th-27th July

### Outdoor Climbing

4 weeks, 3 hours a week £120

18.00 - 21.00pm

Every Tues, 7th-28th July

This is a 4 week course that will teach you how to safely set up climbs and abseils including placing your own gear. We will cover top rope, bottom rope and abseil set ups. The first week will be at Valley of the Rocks, followed by 3 weeks where we will base ourselves at different areas of Baggy Point. Whilst there will be some climbing on this course, the emphasis will be on the ropework and safety.

This is a 4 week course that is suitable for anyone who would like to experience climbing on real rock, from beginners through to experienced climbers. The first week will be at Valley of the Rocks, followed by 3 weeks where we will base ourselves at different areas of Baggy Point. The emphasis will be on climbing routes rather than spending time on set ups.

Max 5 participants

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### One Off Adult Climbing Session

Wed 29th July 18.00-21.00 £30  
Suitable for all

### Booking essential

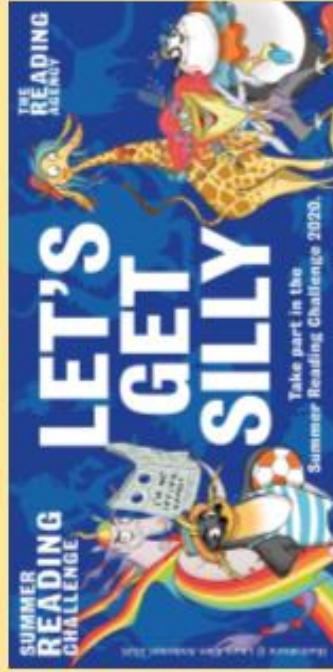


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## Barnstaple Library 2020 Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. Last year more than 14,000 children across Devon and Torbay took part.

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The Challenge will run from June to September.

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter and features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator:

Laura Ellen Anderson  
Amelia Fang  
Evil Emperor Penguin  
I Don't Want Curly Hair

Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The digital Challenge is free to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading-related activities at home.

Although our library buildings are closed we have boosted the number of children's books available to borrow via our e-lending platform which can be accessed from our [Devon Libraries](https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk) website. From July we will also be hosting lots of Silly Squad events and activities on our Facebook pages, so look out for those!

Parents can sign their children up [here](https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk).

OR

Parents can visit their Facebook pages

<https://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleLibrary/>

which will be hosting lots of Silly Squad digital events throughout the summer.

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## Devon Family Advice Line

- Are you arguing more often with your partner?
- Are you struggling to agree about arrangements for your children with your ex?
- Are your children driving you mad?
- Is discipline becoming a problem in your house?



**01392 949059**

- Do you need someone to talk to?
- Someone to offer impartial advice and support?
- Do you need to find an agency who might be able to help you?
- Help and advice is just a phone call away

An experienced Family Support Worker will be available to talk to you Monday to Friday from 10 – 2pm. Or you can leave a message and your contact details outside these hours and we will get back to you.



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