

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a fantastic first full week back at school and the children are beginning to settle into their new classes and new routines. The children have been involved in choosing their class names around the theme of colours. This is linked to the story we have been learning about called *In Our Hands* by Lucy Farfort.

Our class names this year are:

Little Seeds - The Baby Blues

Nursery - The Pink Panthers

Reception - Mrs Thurlow - The Silver Sweethearts

Reception - Miss Huxtable - The Curious Corals

Year 1 - Mrs Grimwood - The Lively Lilac Learners

Year 1 and 2 - Mr Quilter - The Dancing Red Ravers

Year 2 - Mrs Oldfield - The Marvellous Midnight Blue Macaws

Year 3 - Mr Bayliss - The Precious Pearl Problem Solvers

Year 3 and 4 - Mr Whapham - The Groundbreaking Golds

Year 4 - Mrs Johnson - The Energetic Emerald Explorers

Year 5 and 6 - Mrs Scott - The Athletic Aquamarines

Year 5 and 6 - Miss Williams - The Limitless Lemon Yellows

Year 5 and 6 - Mrs De Ritis - The Jubilantly Jazzy Jades

I am really looking forward to seeing what this year brings for us all. The children have been writing their aspirations for the year ahead and talking about future adventures and challenges. Year 5 and 6 are looking forward to enjoying a wild day out next week, let's hope the weather is kind to them.

I have also really enjoyed getting to know you all and seeing you at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do come and say hello to me, Mrs Gulliford and Mrs Day (SENDCo). We are on gate duty most days and are happy to answer any questions or queries you may have.



Have a great weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

School Dinner Entitlement for Year 3 children

Once your child moves from Year 2 to Year 3 they are no longer entitled to the Universal Infant Free School Meals, which all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can take advantage of.

Meals can be paid for using Parentpay, unless your child is registered for Income Related Free School Meals.

If you would like to find out if you are entitled to Income Related Free School Meals [click here](#) and follow the instructions.



Stars of the week



The Pink Panthers

Elma for settling in quickly to nursery life and happily joining in with lots of activities.

Mason for doing really well settling back into nursery after a long break and playing nicely with his friends.

The Curious Corals

In the short amount of time we've had together, I have already noticed a huge change in Jacob since he first arrived at our Reception doors. Starting a new class can be a daunting experience, but Jacob has turned up every day with a little bit more confidence. He is beginning to step out of his comfort zone, and it has been lovely to see him trying and enjoying new things. Jacob follows school routines beautifully, is always listening on the carpet and has a kind nature towards his peers. Jacob, we are very lucky to have you in our class! Well done on a great start to the year.

The Silver Sweathearts

Beatrix - For always being happy and smiley, helping other children and being a great friend already, after only 8 days in Reception! Well done Beatrix!

The Dancing Red Ravers

Charlie has settled into year 1 like a duck to water. He has been animated about his learning and this has allowed me to get to know him quickly. He has a fantastic sense of humour, and he is very knowledgeable. He has already impressed me with his drawings and his wonderful imagination. Charlie is clearly hard working and I look forward to working with him more this coming year! He is a very deserving star! Mr Q x

The Marvellous Midnight Blue Macaws

Elana has settled beautifully into her new year 2 class. She has shown great resilience and has adapted to a variety of different teachers this week. Elana is a kind and considerate young lady who will clearly offer a great deal to our classroom. Keep trying hard and you will have a fabulous year Elana! Mrs Dunn, Miss Knight and Mr Askew x

The Lively Lilac Learners

My star of the week is Jayden. Jayden has made a brilliant start to year 1. Despite missing the transition day in summer, he has come into his new class sensibly and calmly. He listens to instructions and follows them. He asks for help if he is unsure. He is finding his name on the register every morning and just being a year 1 superstar. Thank you, Jayden for settling into Year 1 so quickly and without a fuss, and for always doing everything with a big smile on your face. It makes my day! You are a star!

WOW!

Wow Moment!!

Mila, Lily Osborne and Aria were in Bideford carnival on
Saturday, 9th September.



Wow Moment!!

Ryder has gone from orange to red belt in only 3 months. His sensei, Brennan, tested him with his new belt round his waist and old belt hanging round his neck.

Well done, Ryder.



Orchard Vale needs your help!

Tesco Stronger Starts



We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in our funding application with Tesco Stronger Starts.

We are in the process of upgrading our existing Forest School area into an accessible outdoor learning and well-being provision. There are 3 grants available, £1500, £1000 and £500. The amount we receive will depend on the public voting for us instore with the blue tokens.

Please could we ask for your help when shopping at Tescos by using the blue tokens, available at the checkout, to vote for Orchard Vale before you leave the shop.

Spread the word

Ask your family and friends to vote for us too.

Voting will commence in stores from
First week in October 2023 until mid-January 2024

Participating stores are:
Tesco Extra – Barnstaple Retail Park
Tesco Superstore – Rose Lane
Tesco Express – High Street



Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to announce that Orchard Vale has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our Forest School.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Orchard Vale, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Orchard Vale on **Thursday 2nd November**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the main courtyard behind the trellis before this date and help us have a good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher



Restart a Heartbeat Monday 16th October

With our ongoing fundraising to support our community defibrillator we will be holding the above 'Restart a Heartbeat' day.

During the day children from Year 1 to 6 will have a "999" workshop run by the SWAST.

Throughout the day Mr Ovey will also be running various activities to increase the children's heart rates.

This will also be a non-uniform day. Children can come dressed in something red and a donation of £1 would be appreciated. Money raised will go towards the upkeep of the defibrillator.

Restart A Heart Day

16 October



Supports Restart A Heart

Week commencing –18th September 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M	Cheese Pizza	Beef bolognese	Roast gammon and pineapple	Chicken goujons	Salmon nuggets
V	Veggie Curry	Veggie hotdog in a bun	Veggie crumble	Quorn Nuggets	Vegan sausage roll
Sides	Pasta or wholemeal rice & home-made coleslaw & peas	Pasta, sweetcorn, green beans	Dry roasted or mash potato, fresh sliced carrots, fresh broccoli & Gravy	Chips or pasta tomato sauce, cucumber & carrot sticks	Herby dices potatoes or wholemeal rice & mixed vegetables or baked beans
JP	Cheese/Beans/Tuna or Coleslaw	Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Cheese/Beans/Tuna
SPL	Cheese roll	Egg mayo roll	(Gammon) ham roll	Tuna mayo roll	Sausage Roll
D	Fruit lolly	Pancakes, apple and honey	Fresh fruit	Fruity flapjack	Fruit jelly

Low Fat Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Water will be available daily, Milk on request.
Gluten Free/Dairy Free/Vegan menu available on request

Lost Property

We have various items, including winter coats, in our Lost Property area.

Please could we ask you to visit the Lost Property area, in the main courtyard, behind the trellis fence next to the school office to see if there are any items belonging to your child.

It would be helpful if parents/carers could come along and have a look to see if any of the unnamed items belong to your child.

If the clothes are not collected, they will be recycled on the Friday 22nd September

School Diary Dates

Mon, 18th Sep	Y6—6pm and 7pm—Pilton Community College Open Evening
Tue, 19th Sept	Y5/6—Wild Day Out
Wed, 20th, Thur, 21st OR Fri, 22nd Sept	Y6—Pilton Open Mornings
Thur, 21st Sep	Y6—Park School Open Evening
Mon, 25th, Tue, 26th, Wed, 27th, Thur, 28th OR Fri, 29th Sep	Y6—Park School Open Day (8.50am to 10.40am)
Wed, 27th Sept	Y5/6—Group 1 Swimming Lessons
Thur, 28th Sep	Year 3/4 Cross Country Event—Park School
Wed, 4th Oct	Y5/6—Group 1 Swimming Lessons
Thur, 12th Oct	Tempest—Individual and Sibling photos (more information to come)

Orchard Vale Community School Fundraiser



Saturday 16th September 2023
9:30am – 12:00pm

Woodland Walk &
Kids Treasure Hunt



Fun Quiz

Prizes to be won!



5K Run

Guess the weight of
the cake..?

Or just come along
for coffee and cake!



Venue: OV School Hall, Westacott Road, Barnstaple EX32 8QY

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PILTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Monday, 18th September 2023
Headteacher talks at 6.00 pm & 7.00 pm
Open Mornings : 20th, 21st & 22nd September at 9.30 am

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PLACES AT OUR OPENING
EVENING/MORNINGS




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ONLINE PROSPECTUS.



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**THE PARK
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL**



PARTICIPATION ASPIRATION RESPONSIBILITY KINDNESS

OPEN DAY EVENTS

Open Evening

Thursday 21st September from 5.45pm

Open Days

25th - 29th September Daily 8.50am - 10.40am



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and to find out more

