

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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### Headteacher's message

*Dear Parents/Carers*

What a busy week it has been! With spring tantalizingly close, the sunshine has brought some very welcome relief at the end of the week!

Firstly, let me congratulate the Key Stage 1 children on their excellent behaviour throughout their trips to the Guildhall in Barnstaple. I know the teachers involved have commented on how amazing the children have been, showing excellent maturity and asking fantastic questions during their visits.

Our Eco Club had a wonderful day working alongside the National Trust Rangers at Woolacombe on Wednesday helping to plant trees. I believe they planted approximately 500 saplings, hawthorn, oak, birch and crab apple. What a great legacy.

Although the sun is shining, we have seen a noticeable increase in Covid this week. If your child shows any Covid symptoms, please test them with either a LFD or PCR. We appreciate it is not always easy to spot Covid as many cases present more like colds or upset tummies in children. Our advice would be to test to be on the safe side. We will continue to use good levels of hygiene in class. As you are aware there may be occasions where your child has different staff members working alongside them as we managed staff absences. (Please see more information about on page 2)

You can order test kits on:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms>

It was fantastic to see children and parents exploring the Book Fair and hopefully choosing something to enjoy! Reading is such a huge part of our school culture and it is wonderful to be able to offer this opportunity to the children again after the last two years. Keep up with the reading, children! With your help we now have approximately £250 to spend on books for our classrooms. Thank you.

Around school, the children continue to work hard and put every effort into their learning – this is excellent to see. With Easter approaching, I know that the last few weeks of term might feel like a bit of a slog, but I would encourage the children to keep working hard and we can begin to look forward to a bit of warm weather, spring air (and chocolate eggs!).



Have a wonderful weekend!

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher



### School Council—Magical Friend Competition

In recognition of world Pokémon Day, we would like you to design your own magical pocket friend and describe what positive skills it may have. Your friend may be made up of different animals, a robot, human or any combination you can imagine.

You may wish to draw, paint, create a junk model, collage or digital representation of your friend. You will need to explain at least four positive skills it would have and why you have chosen them. Your imagination has no limits, so be bold and be as creative as you wish.

Remember this friend to use only have positive skills, the winner will be selected based on the most interesting and imaginative creation.

The prize—to have your design printed onto a cushion/t-shirt or made into a soft toy, if possible.

Please submit your design to your class teacher with a £1 donation for judging by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

Good luck! We are all excited to see your amazing designs.

## Covid-19 Update

We are currently seeing a rise in cases of Covid-19 in both pupils and staff across the school, as well as absences due to the normal seasonal ailments.

We will endeavour to maintain continuity of staffing in your child's class as much as possible and to avoid any disruption to their learning journey.

However, there might be occasions when your child will have different staff members working with them. Your help in supporting your child with any change would be greatly appreciated.

Currently, Orchard Vale still need to know if your child exhibits any Covid-19 symptoms and you should keep them at home while they are poorly.

- If your child exhibits Covid symptoms you should take a LFD Test or book a PCR test. (These are free until April but you may have to order one).
- Let the school office know that your child is off school with symptoms and inform us of the results of the LFD or PCR tests when you have them.

You can order test kits

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms>

- If your child tests positive your child should stay off school.



**Day 1** is the day after a positive test.



- **Day 5 and 6** your child should take a LFD test (24 hours apart); If both are negative they can come into school on Day 6.



If the they remain positive your child should stay off school for the full 10 days.

# Star of the Week

## Foundation and Key Stage 2



### Mrs Youll's nomination

Ellie for settling in well and playing nicely with your friends.

### Miss Cawthorne/Miss Boundy's nomination

Corey for working hard and fantastic phonics.

Emi for always working hard and being super helpful.



### Miss Gulliford's nomination

Rhys has an outstanding attitude towards his learning and is extremely kind-hearted. He is attentive and always eager to help. He always sets a wonderful example to other children in class in all areas - learning, behaviour and effort. Rhys is highly considerate of others and ensures that he is a strong role model to his peers. He is reflective and continually strives to improve with his learning. What a fantastic learning journey you are on - keep being incredible, Rhys!

### Mrs Moore's nomination

Kobi has been a really big support to me whilst covering Mrs Johnson's class. No task is too small, from handing out books to putting iPads away. Kobi is a joy to have in class and always has a smile on his face.



### Mr Whapham's nomination

Dexter is Mr Consistent! He works hard in lessons, showing a good level of understanding in the work he produces. He also practises his times tables and spellings weekly to ensure he gets a good score! Dexter has really impressed me this week with his focus and listening when I am teaching at the front of the class. He listens carefully to my input and is always one of the first children to have his hand up ready to answer a question or recap what we have been covering. This shows a real thirst for knowledge! Good job, well done.

### Mrs Rana/Ms Richardson's nomination

Our Star of the Week is Sophie Lock. What a pleasure it is to have Sophie in our class! She is always doing the right thing in the right place at the right time. She has gained in confidence during the year and is much more resilient when faced with challenges. Her work is always completed to the very best of her ability because she listens carefully to instructions, asks for help when she needs it and has incredible focus. As well as all this, she is a lovely friend and a fantastic help to her teachers. Well done, Sophie!



### Mr Boulton's nomination

This week our star of the week is Jasmine. She has blown me away with her incredible work ethic all year, and this week has gone even further. It has been wonderful to see her bringing in her poetry from home, showing a true passion for not only writing, but the very worthwhile subjects she is writing about. She's also shown a brilliant attitude to her assessments this week, taking them in her stride and working very hard. Well done Jasmine, you are a STAR!!

### Mrs Scott's nomination

My star of the week, this week, is Tyler Rippon. This term, I have seen such incredible hard work from Tyler, both in his learning and in his choice-making. He has come on such a long way and we are so proud of him, as well as being excited to see where he goes next. Keep working hard, Tyler, you are a star!

Mrs Scott and Miss Passmore





## National Trust—Plant a Tree



The National Trust in North Devon aim to plant 100,000 trees over the next 3-5 years; at Woolacombe they are aiming to plant 22,000. Our Eco Club were excited to join the National Trust Rangers at Woolacombe on Wednesday.

Since the recent storms over 500 trees across North Devon were lost. In order to boost connectivity for wildlife and biodiversity as well as storing carbon and slowing the flow of water erosion the National Trust planned this initiative and are almost there. If you are visiting Woolacombe this year you will be able to see the areas our saplings were planted in on the opposite side of the valley to the main road there are several oblong scrapings.

The Rangers told us they would hope for at least a third of the saplings planted to survive 15 years when they should start producing their own seeds to repopulate the woodland.

*'When we went to Woolacombe, we had such a fun day out. We walked up a steep hill and walked down a bigger hill and then we were taught how to dig a hole and put a baby tree in.*

*Before putting the tree in the hole, you had to dip the baby tree into this crystal, mud liquid stuff so the tree would grow.*

*We planted over 500 trees in three patches and there was only 15 of us to plant!*

*Then we had to walk back to the minibus.*

*Eventually there will be hundreds of big, beautiful trees for wildlife and people to enjoy.*

*By Lauren P'*



## PE Champs

Well done to the PE Champions from Key Stages 1 and 2.

**Year 1/2** - Noah Le- excellent enthusiasm for PE always willing to challenge himself and always works hard on the task set

**Year 3/4** - Poppy - excellent dribbling skills in hockey, working really hard to keep the ball under control

**Year 5/6** - Kaden - a real improvement in PE showing great sportsmanship and working really hard to control his skills in hockey and basketball

## Year 3 and 4—Proud Cloud (High Flyer Readers)

We are proud to share the children's success for consistently reading 25 times a week at home.

Well done to:

Miss Gulliford class

Well done to Braylan completing 50 reads.

## Pi Day Assembly

This week, we had a challenge in assembly as it had been Pi Day (March 14th - US date 3.14!).



We learnt that the world record for memorising the digits of Pi, of which 62.8 trillion are known, is currently 70,000! So we decided to have our own challenge.

Mr Boulton's class had a short time practicing before assembly, and then shared what they could remember!

Well done to everyone who gave it a go in front of the whole of KS2!, especially Jarrod, Ethan and Nevaeh (who had no practice!).

Our eventual champion, and now current school record holder for indelible remembering digits of Pi, is Riley in year 6! Riley memorised a staggering 17 digits!



Albie began boxing 3 weeks ago. During his third session he really impressed his coach with great listening and giving it his all in trying out and developing new skills!



## School Diary Dates

Tue, 22nd Mar	Dental Survey—Selected children with parental consent
Wed, 23rd Mar	Mrs Rana/Ms Richardson's class visit to Park School Science Department
Thurs, 31st Mar	Y5/6 Boys football festival at Park School
Fri, 1st April	Ukraine School Appeal—Disaster Emergency Fund Wear blue and yellow
Mon, 4th April	Reception—Vision Survey (parents to opt out)
Wed, 6th Apr	New to You—2.45pm to 3.15pm in the Coffee Cabin
Fri, 8th Apr	Easter celebrations (See page 8)

Mon, 11th to Fri, 22nd Apr

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Fri, 29th Apr

Book Swap Day

Mon, 2nd May

### **BANK HOLIDAY**

Mon, 9th May

KS1—Group 1—Visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures

Tue, 10th May

KS1—Group 2—visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures

Wed, 18th May

Wilcombe Wobbler—Ventrus cross country event

Thurs, 26 May

Jubilee Celebration

Fri, 27th May

### **Non Pupil Day**

Mon, 30th May to Fri, 3rd June

### **Half Term**

## Week commencing Monday, 21st March 2022

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>M</b>	Toad in the Hole, Creamy Mash with Gravy	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Creamy Mash Potato	Roast Turkey with Herby Stuffing	Salmon Fish Cakes	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread
<b>V</b>	Spinach, Pepper & Mozzarella Pasta Bake		Vegetable Gratin	Quorn Nuggets	Roasted Vegetable Bolognese
<b>Sides</b>	Sliced Carrots & Peas	Sides - Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Roast Potatoes, Fresh Sliced Carrots, Broccoli &	Chips, Tomato Sauce, Beans & Sweetcorn	Cabbage & Peas
<b>JP</b>	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
<b>SPL</b>	Egg Mayonnaise Bap	Ham Bap	Turkey Bap	Chicken Salad	Sausage Roll
<b>D</b>	Fresh Fruit	Iced Sponge	Fruit Smoothie	Cookie	Flapjack

Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit & Bread will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

# Orchard Vale Community School



## Second-Hand Uniform Sale

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**2.45pm – 3.15pm.**

**Coffee Cabin**

**50p per item.**

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# Orchard Vale's

## Easter celebrations

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April



This year's Easter competition will have a twist,  
hidden in your entry we would like to see a heart,  
alongside the normal Easter ideas.



#### Categories:

Easter Bonnets

Bake a cake, biscuits or fairy cakes



**1st, 2nd and 3rd in each categories will win a prize**

Nursery, Reception

Year 1/2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6



Bring your bonnets and cakes to the school hall on Thursday, 7th April.

Please label them with your name and class.

Entries will be judged in the morning and winners will be announced in assembly.

#### Easter Tuck Shop

Children can bring in 50p for a treat during break and lunch time.

All funds raised will be put towards our Defibrillator Fundraising project.



Dear Parent/Carer

We are running a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) funded programme at Eden Park' School during the Easter holidays. The HAF Programme is funded by the Department for Education and children who are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals (FSM) are given the opportunity to access rewarding activities alongside healthy meals during school holidays.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of games and sports, for example Nerf gun battles, football, hockey, tennis, dodgeball, dance, cricket and tri-golf as well as art and craft activities. Children will also receive a hot meal for lunch.

Venue: Eden park Acadamy, Forches Avenue, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 8EF

Dates: (Children can attend one or more than one day)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Times: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: The programme is free of charge for your child.

Food: Children will receive a free hot meal, drinks, snacks and fruit each day. Parents will be emailed a menu two weeks prior to the sessions starting and will need to let us know if their child would like a hot meal by responding back to our email. Children not wanting a hot meal need to bring a packed lunch. Children should bring a refillable drinks bottle.

There are limited spaces, bookings will be on a first come first serve basis, if you are interested in booking a space for your child, please follow the instructions on the attached flyer. If you have any questions if you have any questions related to any of the above or any problems booking please contact us on [north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk) or text/phone on 07789954068.

Kind regards



## EASTER ACTIVITY DAYS IN NORTH DEVON

MISS SLOMAN and MRS JAMES are running Holiday Activities days at Eden Park Primary School and Pitton Infants school during the Easter holidays for children ages 4-11 years old. Any child from any school can attend the below camps. However, we do have limited spaces, so bookings will be on a first come first serve basis.

### WEEK 1: (Venue and Dates)

Eden park Acadamy, Forches Avenue, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 8EF,  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

### WEEK 2: (Venue and Dates)

Pitton Infants school, Abbey road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU.  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

(Children can attend one or more than one day)

Times: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: **ONLY £16 PER DAY**

Activities: Children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of games and sports, for example, Nerf gun battles, football, hockey, tennis, dodgeball, dance, cricket and tri-golf as well as art and craft activities.

Booking: To make a booking please follow the instructions below:

- 1 – Enter our website – [www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)
- 2 – Click on the "Booking now tab"
- 3 – Click on the "Eden park easter holiday camps" and/or "Pitton Infants Easter holiday camps"
- 4 – Complete the online booking form.

OR <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2022/04/11/eden-park-holiday-camps> and/or  
<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2022/04/19/pitton-infants-easter-holiday-camps>

All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear suitable PE Clothing and daps/trainers and provide their own packed lunch with a drink. Warm/wet weather gear and a towel are also advised. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that inhalers are brought with the child and that the coaches are informed of medical conditions.

**WE HAVE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACES. TO AVOID DISSAPOINTMENT PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE!**

For more details please visit our website. If you have any further questions related to any of the above please contact us on [north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk) or text/phone on 07789954068.

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# HAF Activities



## **Tuesday 12th April**

**10am - 2pm**

Crafts, stories and games - suitable for children 5-11

## **Wednesday 13th April**

**10am - 2pm**

Really Wild Learning (reptile experience) and art activity.

Suitable for children 5-11

## **Thursday 14th April**

**10am - 2pm or 1pm - 5pm**

Brick Ideas Motorised Lego workshops plus activities

Suitable for children 6-12

## **Wednesday 20th April**

**10am - 2pm or 1pm - 5pm**

Sciencedipity fun science workshops plus activities.

Suitable for children 7-11.

**Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.**

**Hot meal provided at each session.**

Activities and food free for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals.



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