

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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### Welcome Back

It was lovely to see some of the children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back in school this week. Everyone has worked extremely hard to make the environment as safe as possible in line with the Government's current guidelines and to help the children complete their learning journey at school.

Once your child has started back in these year groups we will expect them to attend for a full day, every day.

### Reporting Absences

Once your child has returned to school, if they are not well and will not be in school please could you call the school office before 9am to advise the reason for the absence.

from 8:30am	<b>Key worker children in year 2,3,4 and 5</b>	Entry is through the main office as usual
8:30/8.40am – drop off 3.30pm – pick up	<b>Nursery Children</b>	Entrance is through the staff car park, through the emergency gates and onto the main playground
8:50am – 9:00am 3/3.10pm pick up	<b>Reception Children</b>	Entrance is through the staff car park, through the emergency gates and onto the main playground
8:40/8.50 am 3.10/3.20pm – pick up	<b>Year 1 children</b>	Entrance is through the staff car park, through the emergency gates and onto the main playground
9:00am drop off 3.20pm/3.30pm – pick up	<b>Year 6 children</b>	Entrance is through the staff car park, through the emergency gates and onto the main playground
8:30am – drop off Pick up as agreed with parents	<b>Little Seeds</b>	Arrangements agreed with parents.

### Children remaining at home—online learning (Seesaw/Tapestry)

If your child is not in the year groups which can return to school or you have decided not to send them at the moment they will still need to complete their daily homework using Tapestry for Nursery/ Reception and Seesaw for Years 2,3,4,5. If you are having any difficulty with this work or accessing these platforms please contact the school.

### If you wish to send your child to school—Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6

Under the current Government guidelines we have restricted numbers in class to a maximum of 15 children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and a maximum of 13 children in Year 6.

If your child in these year groups has not returned to school but you would like them to you will need to contact the school office 48 hours in advance in order that we can ensure there is a place available and we have the correct staffing ratio.

### Parentpay (cashless payment)

All payments for uniform, school dinners, nursery fees etc will need to be made using the online payment system Parentpay. If you require an activation code please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.

### Nursery and Reception places for September

If your child is due to start in Nursery or Reception in September we will be contacting you in the next few weeks.

### Income related School Meals

Some families may be facing challenges they have not faced before during the current situation. Are you entitled to income related free school meals? To find out click on [Register on DCC Citizen's Portal](#)

### Year 6 transition information for parents/children

Park Community School and Pilton Community College have designated areas on their websites for Year 6 children and parents to get a taste of what you can expect when moving to Year 7.



[Year 6 Park Community School](#)



[Year 6 Pilton Community College](#)

# Star of the Week

## Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



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

Scarlett for her amazing listening and showing a 'I can do' attitude in all her activities.

Renzo for trying hard with his handwriting and making a great start with his number book

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

Isaac has made lots of lovely videos of his frogs for us and we have shared them with both classes in school.

Darcy has walked 30 miles and cycled 20 miles during May.



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

Isaac has been working really hard at home this week and has created some wonderful pieces of writing!

Magda has worked really hard in school this week and has been working independently in phonics and maths! Well done Magda!

**Mr Quilter's nomination**

Theo has gone above and beyond the past few weeks. His writing has been especially well thought out where he's been using his wide vocabulary to expand his sentences. He seems to have thrived with his fraction work (an area of maths that can sometimes be tricky). Well-done my favourite Clarke!



**Mrs Oldfield's nomination**

Alexa has had another wonderful week of learning, she has really thrown herself into rhyming and has come with some wonderful ideas. Well done Alexa you are a super star.

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

Martha—Every day since home schooling began Martha has tackled every single activity that has been asked of her and more. She has continued to dance and embrace all the different learning challenges we have asked of her. It has been lovely to see her smiling face alongside her completed work. I also loved seeing you dancing by the stream in the video. Keep working hard Martha, you are doing so well and really doing your best. Well done, you are a Star!



# Star of the Week

## Key Stage Two

### Miss Gulliford's nomination



Olivia impressed us with the learning conversations Olivia and her Mum have been having this week. They often send me videos of them discussing maths problems which is lovely to hear. In English, I set the children a task to persuade me not to ban school discos. Olivia and her Mum had a great discussion talking about the reasons for and against the idea. Keep up the good work Olivia!

### Mrs Johnson's nomination

Leo has been a bit of a fractions master this week! He has aced his maths learning, finding and counting in tenths and making whole numbers. He has also really impressed me with his use of inverted commas in his writing. We learnt about the golden rules for writing direct speech this week and Leo has consistently remembered to use effective synonyms for 'said' and to remember to start a new line when a new person starts speaking! He has very high standards for his work and works very hard to complete great pieces of work! Keep it up Leo - you are a star!



### Mr Whapham's nomination



Harrison has been working extremely hard on his home learning during the last week. He is completing each task to a high standard, showing a great level of understanding. I can tell he is focused and is working hard to make sure that each task is well presented. He has also engaged really well with our topic tasks, in particular the science experiments and investigations that have been set recently. Keep up the hard work. You are doing great!

### Miss Squire's nomination

Hollie has come back to school full of energy and with a constant smile. She has worked hard on all tasks uploaded for her and has been incredibly sensible and responsible.



### Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nominations



Ewan continually works hard at home and puts every effort into all of his learning. Ewan completes every task and perseveres even when facing technological obstacles. We have been so impressed in the improvements that Ewan has made in his writing. Having known Ewan for many years, it is fantastic to see he is still the kind, sensible boy he has always been and he is a true credit to the school. Well done, Ewan, you are a pleasure to teach!

### Mrs Harding's nomination

Annalise has been working hard, persevering when task are challenging and keeping Miss Gulliford and Miss Knight amused with her humorous comments. She has kept them laughing this week.



### Mr Lewis' nomination



Corbin has consistently put a huge amount of effort into his work and his writing especially—he has been very impressive. His musical efforts have been thoroughly entertaining, too! Well done Corbin - keep it up!



## 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.

### 60 Second Challenge

#### Climb the Mountain

**The Physical Challenge**

How many mountain climbers can you complete in 60 seconds?

Make it harder by performing a press up after you bring both legs up.

**#StayHomeStayActive**

Equipment

Just yourself and enough space on the floor!

Why not compete against a family member?

**Achieve Gold**

40 Mountain Climbers

**Achieve Silver**

30 Mountain Climbers

**Achieve Bronze**

20 Mountain Climbers

Can you keep going even when you are tired?

**25 YEARS**

Believing in every child's future

### Keep on the Move

#### Home Physical Education

**How to play:**

- Place 3 pairs of socks, 3 cushions and 3 toys in different places on the floor around your living space.
- Players move around the space in a creative way.
- When a player reaches a pair of socks they jump 10 times. When a player reaches a cushion they hop 10 times. When a player reaches a toy they jog on the spot and count up to 10.
- Can you think of your own movement ideas? Can you move at different levels?

Can you make sure everyone is moving around in a space?

Can you keep trying even if you feel tired?

**Top Tips**

**Breathing**

Make sure that you breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth when performing the activities.

**Let's Reflect**

Why did you move around the way you did?

Which way was the most challenging way of moving and why?

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Henry made some scrummy ginger bread men.



Ivy made some lovely dinosaur picture frames



Isaac



Darcy



Archie's mum and baby robot



Naima



This is a jigsaw of all the things Mia Jones wants to do after lockdown is over!



Ms Whiteley's  
Lockdown May 125  
miles race at your  
pace running



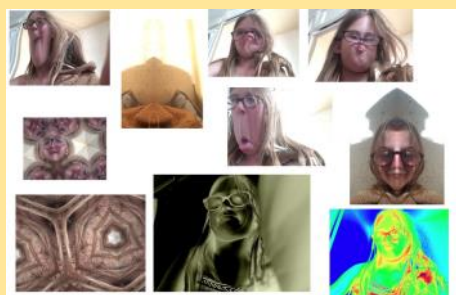
Mr Quilter ran 159 miles  
in may (59 more than  
planned)



Lauren's robot and  
fairy garden.



Heidi's giant pizza



Ria having fun with her camera



Alesha's caterpillars





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As part of our research on Japan during our 'Robots' topic, the children in years 3 and 4 have been finding out about Manga, a style of Japanese art. They have used instructions to draw their own Manga character and here are the fabulous results!



Amity



Charley



Florence



Flynn



Grace



Heidi



Jenson



Kato



Lauren



Logan



Ronnie



Ryan



Shaila



Sophie

Our DT challenge was to make a car using simple recycled materials from home. The cars produced were fantastic, with many of the children overcoming design faults by making modifications.



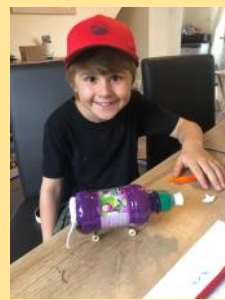
Lauren S



Olivia



Michael



Charlie



Ronnie



Ethan



Ray and Leo

## Access to Social Media Platforms

As children may be spending more time online at the moment there seems to be an increasing safe-guarding concern for children using apps aimed at older children. Please find below a handy chart produced by the NSPCC to help parents assess the age restrictions for social media platforms their children may be using. We hope the following guidance will be of help.



**Chat Health is a text service enabling young people to contact a school nurse to ask for help and advice about a range of health needs**

The service is for anyone aged 11-19 who is looking for confidential advice on a wide range of health issues such as physical health, mental health sexual health, emotional health and wellbeing including relationships, bullying, self-harming, self esteem

Through Chat Health, School Nurses can signpost young people into other local services including emotional support or sexual health services.

The School Nursing Team will respond to texts within one working day; Chat health is:

Confidential  
Quick and easy  
Anonymous  
Non-judgemental

**Chat Health operates Monday to Friday 9am – 5.00pm (excluding bank holidays).  
Outside of these opening times, if you text Chat Health you will receive an automated message with advice on where to get help if your question is urgent.**

**The Chat Health text number is:  
07520631722**

### Devon Family Advice Line

ECI will be launching a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon on Monday 1 June. The number for the new service is 01392 949059 and it will be manned from 10 – 2pm Monday to Friday. People will be able to leave a message outside of these hours, or when the operators are all busy.

It will offer advice on a specific issue around their children and their family relationships, including any communication issues or conflict they are having with their partners or co-parents of their children. It is not meant to be a replacement for more targeted work, but just a way to offer people a place to be heard and a few tips on how to deal with a particular situation or to signpost them to an organisation which may be able to help them.