

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 14th July 2023

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### Headteacher's message

*Dear Parents/Carers*

With only a week to go until the summer break, it has been a very busy week in school. I was delighted to see such a great turn out at parents' consultations this week and hearing some excited (and a few nervous) children looking forward to September. This is always an unsettling time for children and parents. By the time September arrives the children are happy to return to school and although there maybe a few nerves or reservations, within a couple of weeks these are usually forgotten, and children settle happily into their new classes.

On Monday the PTFA organised a wonderful treat for Reception to Year 6 visited Junglaroo and Nursery and Little Seeds will be visiting next Monday. The children had an fun time and were extremely well-behaved walking down and back for their sessions. Well done everyone. Thank you to our amazing PTFA for their fundraising efforts and thank you to our families and friends for their generous support of these events.

Next week, all children will have the opportunity to visit their new class on Wednesday. I know the teachers are looking forward to this and getting ready to start the new school year. Miss Williams will be moving to year 5 and 6 next year and Mr Bayliss will be starting in year 3 and 4. Mr Bayliss will be in school to meet his new class on Wednesday.

We will also be celebrating our Year 6 leaving us next week. I know there are many activities planned for them so I am sure we will have a very special time. We are also looking forward to our usual end of term activities and I am hoping the weather will improve for these.

*We hope the weather picks up for the weekend.*

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher



### Settling ParentPay debt

Please could we ask parents/guardians to settle any outstanding ParentPay debts by the end of next week:

School dinners  
Breakfast Club/Breakfast Club Siblings  
Explorers After School Club  
Late pick up charges  
Little Seeds and Nursery fees.

This is especially important for parents/guardians of Years 6 leavers.

In the event of a built up of debt you may be refused access to some of these services.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

### Mr Ovey's After School Sports Clubs

Please see below information about Mr Ovey's afterschool sports club for the remainder of the school year.

**Week commencing 17th July (NO CLUBS WILL RUN THIS WEEK)**

**MONDAY 17TH - VENTRUS FOOTBALL – CANCELLED**

**TUESDAY 18TH - KS1 FOOTBALL CLUB – CANCELLED**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH - KS2 TENNIS CLUB – CANCELLED**

**THURSDAY 20TH - 3/4 FOOTBALL CLUB – CANCELLED**

Mr Ovey would like to thank all the children who have attended my sports clubs this year! As always, the uptake has been excellent and all children have been a pleasure to have.

Please look out for new clubs which will begin in September.

## Price Changes as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

We need to inform all parents that, after careful consideration, we are having to increase the cost of:

**Breakfast Club - £3.50 per child/per day (£3 for siblings)**

**After School Club – OV Explorers - £7 per child/per day**

**School meals - the cost of a meal will be £2.50.**

This decision has not been taken lightly, but with the significantly higher costs we are now facing for our gas and electric, along with the food and non-food inflationary costs increasing by over 12%, we are now at the point where we need to reflect these in our price costs.

We fully understand how difficult times are, therefore, we have tried to keep the increase as small as possible. As a nation we are all hoping that food and utility costs stabilise or potentially drop in the months ahead but as a precaution we will be undertaking a further review of meal prices in spring 2024.

The Government has continued to support the Universal Infant Free School Meals project, and this means that all the children, from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge.

If your child is in Years 3-6, they can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. Please contact the school office for information or help in completing forms.

If there is a difficulty in providing payment for meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible. All queries and requests for support are confidential and we will always work with families to ensure find the best solution we can.

**Nursery and Little Seeds fees remain the same.**

Thank you for your support and understanding.

### Congratulations to Reading road champions

**Lily**

On reaching 75 reads

**Pippa**

On reaching 200 reads





# Stars of the week



## **Rising Rosens**

Alice for settling in well and completing your first term at nursery.

## **The Winning Williamses**

This week my Star of the Week is Alfie! He has been fantastic child to have in class all year and the progress he has made in his learning makes me so proud. His independence towards learning has flourished throughout the year. I know I can always rely on him to be on task, and it has been brilliant to see him supporting his peers in their learning. I have no doubt that Alfie will continue to be an excellent role model as he heads into year 4! Keep up the great work Alfie; we are very proud of you!

## **The Hamilton's Helpful Heroes**

My Star of the Week is Noah. Over the past two weeks Noah has shown just how much he has matured this year, whilst still retaining the crazy 'Noah' energy that we all love him for! He has been working hard in his role as school councillor despite nearing the end of term and has also been amazingly helpful in class as we prepare for the new academic year. Noah, you are such a star - thank you so much for all of the crazy memories this year!

## **The Limitless Lionesses**

Theo is my star of the week! He has really impressed me with his attitude to learning this week, taking on board some advice given to him at his parent pupil interview. He has already started to think carefully about his handwriting as well as looking at how to improve his time tables ready for next year. This shows a great attitude to learning and someone who understands the importance of learning in school. Well done Theo - great effort!

## **The Marvelous Malalas**

My Star of the week this week is Lara. Lara could be star every week but this week in particular Lara has shone. All staff that have worked with Lara this week agree that she has a real 'get on with it' attitude and she has shown that this week. She gives every task her all and the work she produces is credit to that. Keep it up Lara!

## **Resilient JK Rowlings**

My star of the week is Freddie J - At a time of the year where classes and lessons are a little unstructured, Freddie has conducted himself with great maturity and has embraced all the different tasks and activities that have been thrown at him. Freddie conducted himself incredibly well on the Somerset cricket trip and was a pleasure to take. Freddie is in an excellent position to transition into Year 6 and has an exciting year ahead.

## **The Efficacious Emma Watsons**

My star of the week is Kobi. Throughout the year, Kobi has worked hard and shown how kind and caring he is towards others in our school community. He has shown progress in many different ways over the year and is ready to start year 6 in a really positive way. I have also heard fantastic things about Kobi's swimming this term! Well done, Kobi; keep working hard.

## School Diary Dates

Mon, 17th July	Nursery/Little Seeds—PTFA Junglaroo treat
Mon, 17th July	Year 6 End of Primary School Trip to Milkyway
Tues, 18th July	North Devon Boys Football Finals
Wed, 19th July	Whole School transition to new classes.
Wed, 19th July	Allotment visit
Wed, 19th July	September 2023—Reception drop in taster session (4pm to 4.45pm)
Wed, 19th July	Year 6 Presentation Evening
Thur, 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri, 21 July	Non Pupil Day
Mon, 24th—Tue, 25th July	Non Pupil Days
Wed, 26th July to Wed, 6th Sep	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>Wed, 6th Sep</b>	<b>First Day of Autumn Term</b>

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO MENU

### Week commencing 17th July 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>M</b>	Cheese Pizza	Beef bolognaise	Chicken goujons	Salmon nuggets
<b>V</b>	Veggie Curry	Veggie hotdog in a bun	Quorn Nuggets	Vegan sausage roll
<b>Sides</b>	Pasta or wholemeal rice & homemade coleslaw & peas	Pasta, sweetcorn, green beans	Chips or pasta tomato sauce, cucumber & carrot sticks	Diced potatoes or wholemeal rice & mixed vegetables or baked beans
<b>JP</b>	Cheese/Beans/Tuna or Coleslaw	Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Cheese/Beans/Tuna
<b>SPL</b>	Cheese roll	Ham roll	Tuna mayo roll	Sausage Roll
<b>D</b>	Fruit lolly	Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit	Cookie

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



## Somerset –v– Hampshire cricket

We were lucky enough to receive some free tickets to watch Somerset vs Hampshire County Championship cricket match at the county ground cricket club.

On Wednesday, Mr Whapham, Mr Ovey and a group of Years 5/6 children got to see some amazing cricket, take part in activities around the ground and even managed to get a few autographs!

All children behaved beautifully and represented the school in the correct manner!



## Years 5/6 Junior Lifeguards

On Friday 7th July, the 2<sup>nd</sup> group of Year 5/6 children visited Putsborough beach in Croyde for a day of junior lifesaving and surfing. After arriving at the beach around 10.00am and slipping into their wetsuits, the children went to the beach for an introduction to beach safety from our instructors. Throughout the morning, the children took part in a variety of activities including beach safety, relay races in and out of the sea, surf practice and lifesaving, whilst in the water.

Following a break and lunch in the sun, the children shed their wetsuits for an afternoon of beach games. After a very intense and well-contested game of capture the flag (well pole), Ashton emerged victorious but was pushed all the way by Lexi-Mae.

A huge thank you must go to Nick Thorne's staff and volunteers at Putsborough beach for making the day enjoyable and allowing the children to learn vital skills that may stand them in good stead in the future.





## Y6 Athletics Festival

On Wednesday, Mrs Scott and Mr Askew took a group of Year 6s to Park School to participate in a multi-school athletics festival, where the children took part in a wide range of athletics events, such as high jump, hurdles, and sprints. The children behaved excellently, represented the school incredibly well and had a really great time.



## Watermouth Castle visit by Years 3 and 4

On Tuesday 4th July, Year 3/4 visited Watermouth Castle as part of our current topic. When we arrived, we spent some time exploring the main 'castle', which was full of weird and wonderful artefacts from the past.

The children particularly loved the dungeons; there were many shrieks and screams - especially from Miss Williams!

We all enjoyed the colourful water show and then had fun on the rides in the main grounds. Every child spent time panning for gold, and each received a special Watermouth Castle gold coin.

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# Orchard Vale Community School Fundraiser



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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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## SUMMER HOLIDAY COOKING WORKSHOPS

**ROUNDSWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST**

9th - Marble Cake 'Bake off' & foodie games

16th - Stuffed Crust Pizza & Tiramisu

23rd - Piñata Cakes and Edible Necklaces

**9 - 11am**  
**Ages 2 -12**

**All ingredients included!**

**Cook Stars**

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Email: olivia@cookstars.co.uk  
Book Online: <https://cook-stars-north-devon.class4kids.co.uk>

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ARTS CENTRE**

### What's on at The Plough Arts Centre over the Summer Holidays?

**The Plough's Open Air Theatre Festival**  
For some outdoor (and educational!) entertainment at one of many beautiful venues, why not experience some Open Air Theatre – perfect for all the family. There's plenty to choose from:  
<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/live/open-air>

**Family Film Fun**  
Enjoy a Family film outing with the added benefit of The Plough's £1 Kids Meal Deal (with any full paying adult lunch). Check the website for dates & times of *Elemental*, *Ruby Gillman*, *Teenage Kraken*, *Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse*, *Barbie*, *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*, and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem* (please note many films also offer a relaxed screening):  
<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/film>

**NEW! Plough Youth Theatre Summer Show 2023 for 8-17yr olds**  
Come to the free Introduction afternoon on Sunday 23rd July, 2-5pm. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the performance, register interest in specific performance and production roles, and show off your singing, dancing, acting and musical skills, to be cast in the show!  
There will be six rehearsal sessions. 10am - 4pm on Sundays: 30th July, 6th August, 13th August, 20th August, 27th August, 3rd September Tech rehearsals: Sunday 10th September (10-4pm), Wednesday 13th September (4-7pm) for tech rehearsals and a **public performance on 14th September at 7pm**. You do not need to attend every Sunday, although it would be beneficial, but we recommend attending 4 or more sessions, plus at least one tech rehearsal, to get the most out of the experience!  
<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/event/pyt-summer-show>  
If you have any questions feel free to contact Katherine on 07715605506 or [Katherine@ThePloughArtsCentre.org.uk](mailto:Katherine@ThePloughArtsCentre.org.uk)

**Creative Fun at ThePlough@StAnne's!**  
Take a look at some of the fantastic workshops taking place at The Plough's beautiful Barnstaple venue:  
*Play in a Day - My heart was a tree* (8-12 yrs)  
<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/event/play-day-my-heart-was-tree-8-12-yrs>  
*Under the Sea Children's Clay Modelling Workshop*  
<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/event/under-sea-childrens-clay-modelling-workshop>  
*Jurassic Park Children's Clay Modelling Workshop*  
<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/event/jurassic-park-childrens-clay-modelling-workshop>

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## PILTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Headteacher talks at 6.00 pm & 7.00 pm**

**Open Mornings : 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9.30 am**

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## 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





# FINE ART WORKSHOP 5-13YRS!



## Summer Dates

Saturday 8th - Andy Warhol, Fabric bag  
Saturday 22nd - Canvas board painting  
Wednesday 26th - Oil pastel sunflower field  
Thursday 27th - Watercolour pencil seascape

10.00am-12.00am - £15.00 per class

Taught by Emmylou Shine, Muralist  
and fine artist. Students will learn  
how to create their very own  
masterpiece!

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[www.dangerousdads.org.uk/dadfest2023](http://www.dangerousdads.org.uk/dadfest2023)

## September 22nd, 23rd & 24th DadFest2023™

Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson, Devon. TQ7 2HW

The 10th DadFest! Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK' & the only festival just for dads & their children

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Official 2023 World Dad Dancing Championship

Friday 22nd Sept to Sunday 24th Sept

DadFest2023 tickets must be bought in advance

Children aged 5 & under	£10
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Dads/ male carers:	£80

DadFest Ticket = camping & all weekend activities included  
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or email: [dadfestbookings@gmail.com](mailto:dadfestbookings@gmail.com)



## PSA Blood Testing Evening at Tiverton RFC on Tuesday 1st August 6.30pm - 9pm

We are pleased to announce we are supporting PSA blood testing events in your local area.

It is important for men aged 40 and over to take this simple blood test to detect the early signs of prostate cancer as the earlier it is found, the more treatable it is.

A raised PSA level in your blood may show that you have a problem with your prostate. However, this may not be prostate cancer.

Other conditions, such as an enlarged prostate, prostatitis or a urinary infection, can also cause a raised PSA level.

### Did you know:

In the UK about **1 in 8 men** will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.

About **15% of all men** with a 'normal' PSA level (under 4ng/ml) may have prostate cancer.

**One out of three** men with a raised PSA level will have cancer.

**Two out of three men** with a raised PSA level don't have prostate cancer but may have other prostate health issues.

[Click here to book a slot](#)

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# FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 16th September,  
10.30am-3pm

Registration at ABF Gazebo on Appledore Quay

Join us for a Family Trail Blaze through Appledore Village

Pick-up your free Trail Sheet on the Quayside, opposite The Seagate, and see how many activities you can do!

Choose from a range of fun activities including:

- Potato Printing
- Biscuit Decorating
- Lego Workshop
- Puzzles & Quizzes
- Drama & Improvisation
- Face Painting
- Storytelling & Poetry

and much, much more

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With thanks to all the local businesses and charities taking part

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**Plus! DRAWING WITH JONNY LAMBERT:**  
Bear & Bird: Find a Footprint  
10.30am-11am and 11.30am-12noon Baptist Church **FREE**

Draw your favourite animal and colour in a poster with popular artist Jonny Lambert, as he leads young readers through a woodland trail in this latest adventure of Bear and his best friend Bird.

**FREE**