

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Guardians

This week the children have been engrossed in their learning. We have had slime making in KS1 and Years 3/4 have made created some intricate watercolours, which look beautiful. Ten girls from years 3/4 attended the girls' football at Kingsley School, where they represented Orchard Vale fantastically and had great fun.

Children have enjoyed taking part in Sign Language Week and have been learning the basics through an online lesson delivered by the British Deaf Association. Yesterday was also International Happiness Day - and what a wonderful day it was being the first day of spring and for the sun to be so warm.

We would like to thank all parents/carers who are parking respectfully and courteously and have ensured that the car park remains for staff only. Please do ensure that your children are always supervised within the car park and remain on the pavements for their own safety. The staff car park is in use throughout the day.

Change in payment system to Parent Portal/Arbor App

As you will be aware, we are due to move our online payment system from ParentPay to the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor APP payment system.

In anticipation of our change over, please ensure you have activated your Parent Portal/Arbor App. Contact the School Office if you need any assistance.

Did you know that all Primary Guardians are able to have their own Arbor login linked to their child/ren? If you or your partner would like to have access to Arbor to make payments, book guardian consultations etc please contact the School Office to ensure we hold a valid email address for them, we can then arrange for Login details be sent to them. Please note this access can only be given to Primary Guardians.

Although accounts will be transferred over to the new system, please could we ask parents to settle any outstanding debts for dinners, wrap around provisions, nursery fees, forthcoming trips to make the process run smoothly.



Places in our Nursery

If your child is due to start nursery after Easter, we currently have availability. Children can be accepted from the term after their 3rd birthday. Please contact the school office for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher

Bake a Difference Fundraising

In honour of Bill Tabberner, one of our valued Schoolreaders, we are hosting a bake sale on **Friday 25th April**. If you would like to bake or buy cakes to donate please bring these into the School Office in the morning.

We will host the bake sale at lunchtime and after school. We have a live link for online donations and we will also be able to accept cash donations.

Please do share the link on social media if possible. All funds raised will help raise money towards this invaluable charity that give children the reading skills they need for a brighter future.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please click this link for the [Bake A Difference](#) fundraising page.



Change to online payment method

From the end of April this year we will be moving our online payment system for meals, trips, breakfast and afterschool provision etc. over to the Arbor App.

Parent Pay will not be accessible to you after 30th April.



Please ensure you have activated your Arbor App so that you are ready to go when the payment option goes live.

Please could we ask you to bring all outstanding balances for meals, childcare provision, Little Seeds and Nursery fees up-to-date on Parent Pay before this change over.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Archie for showing new independence and making new friends.

Mrs Oldfield's class

Nora is amazing, over the past few months we have really seen her grow in confidence and resilience, we are now seeing Nora have a go at sounding out more unfamiliar words, recognising set 3 sounds in words. In maths Nora is the bingo queen! We have been playing bingo as a way to help us learn place value to 100, Nora had so much fun doing this she now asks to play it every day. We also need to say a massive thank you to Nora for her constant diligence in keeping our cloak room tidy, we hold the school record for most wins, and we are still going strong. Nora you are a super star. Keep up the amazing work. Mrs Oldfield P.S. Happy birthday darling girl xx

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Austin has been working really hard on his listening both in school and at home recently. Austin now sits beautifully on the carpet and it is great to hear him answering questions. Austin is also working very hard in phonics and his drawing club writing has been fantastic. Well done Austin, you are a superstar.

Mr Quilter's class

My star of the week is Elodie! Elodie is a massive help in class. She organises, tidies and cleans up without being asked and is always happy to do a job or help others. I was flicking through Elodie's English book this week and I was super impressed with the effort she has clearly put into her writing. Clear progress has been made and she should be very proud of herself. Elodie is an excellent, kind friend and children cheered when they heard that Elodie was the star of the week! Keep up the hard work Elodie, you are a shining star and a pleasure to have in class. Mr Q x

Miss Huxtable's class

My star of the week is Mila. Mila is simply wonderful! Every single week Mila does what is asked of her, listens well, and goes above and beyond to help around the classroom. It has been lovely to see her mature into the role of a Year 2 and she has really enjoyed taking on more responsibility. This week, after our slime making afternoon, she saved us all from the slime taking over our classroom. One second it was all over the tables, up the walls, on the floors... and the next Mila had sprung into action and tidied it all up into its container. As well as being our queen of clean, Mila has been taking more pride in her work recently. She has been working hard on her handwriting and presentation, and this is evident in her work. Mila, thank you for always working hard and being our little helper. You are amazing!

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Ruby. Ruby is a great learner. She is doing well in all areas of the curriculum. She listens carefully to what is required and puts in a lot of effort to do the very best she can. She particularly takes pride and care over the presentation of her writing. She has lovely handwriting and is starting to join some letters very successfully. Last week Ruby wrote a wonderful story called The Cold Mountain. Ruby is also gaining strength with her reading and starting to use her reading skills in lots of different areas. Also Ruby is a bubbly, lively person and she likes to be part of everything that is going on. Well done, Ruby for being such a super learner and for bringing your sunshine to school every day! Keep doing this always.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Mr Bayliss' class

Ryleigh has shown outstanding effort in English this week. She has developed brilliant ideas for her fairytale story, taking the time to carefully put her thoughts into her work and presenting it beautifully with care. Additionally, Ryleigh has been a great friend, always looking out for her peers on the playground and making sure everyone has someone to play with. Well done, Ryleigh, you have been a star! Keep up the fantastic work.

Mrs Johnson's class

My Star of the Week is Evalyn. Evalyn is a quiet member of the class, but it has been lovely to see her confidence grow throughout the year. We are now seeing the chatty side to Evalyn in class, where she is taking part in class discussions and putting her hand up to answer questions more readily. Evalyn quietly gets on with her learning tasks and has been persevering with areas she finds challenging. She is a polite and friendly member of the class, never leaving anyone out and supporting her peers when they need it. Evalyn, you are going to be such an asset to year 5/6 when you move up, keep up the good work and enthusiasm for learning!

Mr Whapham's class

My star of the week is Oliver! Oliver has had a good week, working hard and focusing on his learning. He has made an effort to work more independently this week—especially in his writing. He is giving things a go and then asking for adult support when needed. Oliver has also very helpful and extremely polite in class! Well done, Oliver!

Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Elliot. He has been trying hard to be doing the right thing at the right time, and it is really starting to show. He has shown good focus in maths and will often be able to explain his thinking clearly, helping others to understand the calculations. He has also written a great story this week and has shown me that he can take real pride in his work. Well done Elliot, keep it up!

Miss Williams' class

My Star of the Week is the wonderful Ala! Ala is truly a ray of sunshine in our classroom — her positive energy, kindness, and dedication light up every corner of our learning environment. She continually shows grace, respect and gratitude, always treating others with thoughtfulness and care. Ala approaches every task with unwavering focus and gives 100% effort in all she does. Whether it's tackling a challenging lesson or helping a classmate, Ala consistently leads by example. One of the many things that makes Ala so special is her reflective nature. She takes real pride in her learning and is always looking for ways to grow. Her contributions to class discussions are insightful and meaningful, and she engages with her peers in the most thoughtful and encouraging ways. She lifts others up, and it's clear that she finds real joy in being part of our school community. Ala, you are a true star — reliable, respectful, and radiant. Thank you for shining so brightly and making our classroom a better place every

Mrs Scott's class

This week, Jenson is my star! Jenson has been on a big journey already this year, with an awful lot of growing up having taken place since he joined me in September. The road to this hasn't always been smooth, but, throughout, both Jenson and I have seen him progress, in a wide range of ways: from how he focuses on his learning, to how he speaks to adults, to how he plays with others. Both Jenson and I have been hoping for a while now that he could earn star of the week, and this week, he's done it! All week, I have watched Jenson make good choice after good choice, even when sometimes being tempted otherwise. Jenson truly is the master of his own fate, and I am very proud that he is stepping up and taking responsibility for this, as this is enabling adults and children across the school to see just how fantastic he can be. Well done, Jenson - now you need to keep it up!

Years 3/4—Art Project

Years 3 / 4 have completed their art project using water colours. They have practised how to blend colours, create different shades and create texture within an image. Their final piece depicts an Anglo-Saxon church within the UK.



Making Slime in KS1

As a part of an English unit, KS1 attempted to follow a set of instructions to make slime. The children explored the use of bossy verbs to give each other instructions and learnt that following a recipe/ set of instructions is really important when trying to reach a desired outcome.

Some groups were highly successful in making slime, whilst others managed to make an exciting, sloppy mess!



Tidiest
Cloakroom
This week was,
once again,
Mrs Oldfield's
Class!

Reading Road Champions
Years 1 and 2

Congratulations
to:

Elodie Seb Jasmin

For completing 50 reads

Alice

For completing 100 reads

Tri-Reading Tournament Champ

Years 5 and 6

Congratulations to:

Colby Toby Ellie

Malaki Madison

For reaching 25 reads

Jensen W

For reaching 50 reads

The 100 Club

Well done

to the following children in our
times tables challenge

Mila Toby Jensen P

Platinum Award

Ala

Gold Award

Olivia

Silver Award

Emmie Isabella Cole

Teddy Lilly



Bronze Award

School Diary Dates

Wed, 26th Mar	Y5/6 U11 Girls Football Tournament
Fri, 28th Mar	Ready Steady Rock Bank Practice
Tues, 1st Apr	Y3/4 Watermouth Castle Trip (details to come)
Wed, 2nd Apr	Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament
Fri, 4th Apr	Ready Steady Rock End of Term Concert
Mon, 7th to Mon, 21st Apr	Easter Holidays (Last day of school Fri, 4th April)
Tue, 22nd Apr	Back to school
Wed, 23 Apr	Y2 Tennis Festival—Tarka Leisure Centre
Fri, 25th Apr	Y5/6—Tag Rugby Festival
Fri, 25th Apr	Cake Sale in memory of Bill Tabberner
Tue, 29th Apr	Y6—Pilton Community College—Virtual Welcome Evening
Mon, 5th May	Bank Holiday (back to school on Tue, 6th May)
Tue, 6th to Fri, 9th May	Y3 / 4 Bikeability
Tue, 6th May	Y2—Northam Burrows trip
Wed, 7th May	Y1 Multi-skills Festival—Park School
Thur, 8th May	Y1—Northam Burrows trip
Fri, 16th May	Y3 Cricket Skills Festival
Wed, 21st May	Wilcombe Wobbler Cross Country (details to come)
Fri, 23rd May	Aquathlon—Torrington
Fri, 23rd May	Y6 and Reception—National Child Measurement

Week commencing—Monday, 24th March

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>LUNCH MENU - WEEK 3</h3> <h4>Week Commencing 24th Mar 2025</h4> </div> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63;">Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bowls, Low Fat Yoghurts, Fruit, Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.</p>				
Meat Free Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Roast it up Wednesday	Treat Yourself Thursday	Finish it off Friday
Mac Cheese & Spring Onion Bake	Chicken Goujons	Toad in the Hole (Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding)	Breaded Fish Fillet	Pork Meatballs in Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta
	Vegan Sausage Roll	Quorn Fillet	Vegan Nuggets	Plant Based Meatball Sub with Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	
Crusty Bread, Carrots & Peas	Potato Wedges, Corn on the Cob or Baked Beans	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	Chips, Pasta, Mixed Veg, Beans & Tomato Sauce	Malted Baguette, Carrots & Cauliflower
Cheese Bap	Ham Bap	Tuna Bap	Ham Bap	Sausage Roll
Pancakes & Syrup	Date & Rice Krispie Cake	Custard Biscuit with Fruit Juice	Chocolate Shortbread	Pip Lolly

Coming Soon!

After Easter we will be selling Ice Lollies on Wednesday
afternoons between 3pm and 3.45pm

The first Wednesday will be 23rd April
Look forward to seeing you all there.

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered
these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11

CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC



Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics
across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

For more information,
scan the QR code, or
call us to speak with a
member of our team



Call us on **01392 342678**



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Monday 7th April
10am-5pm
8-16 years
Musical Theatre



Tuesday 8th April
10am-3pm
5-8 years
Musical Theatre



Monday 14th April
10am-5pm
8-16 years
Musical Theatre

