

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful week!

Our Key Stage One classes enjoyed visits to RHS Rosemoor Gardens on Tuesday and Wednesday. They took part in a Fantastic Foods Workshop and then were able to tour the beautiful gardens. They were very lucky and had some brilliant weather.

Our Year 5 children were able to take part in a Cricket Festival organised by the Barnstaple Schools' Sports Co-ordinator held at Barnstaple and Pilton Cricket Club. Again the weather was fantastic and everyone had a wonderful day. Thank you to Niama and Riley for providing a report on their day (see page 8).

During these visits the children all behaved impeccably and were a credit to Orchard Vale – well done I am proud of you all!

We are currently planning our online Summer Fair. More information will be coming home soon on how to take part at home. We will have activities during the day in school for the children to take part in as well as the online Summer Fair Teams where you can enter competitions and win prizes.

The children have been practicing for our sports days this year. Unfortunately, we will be unable to invite families to join us but we are looking into ways of sharing the event with you perhaps with photos or videos shared on Teams. We will update you once we have finalised arrangements.

Parent/Guardian Feedback

We really value your feedback and evaluation of our school as a whole. You will soon receive an email asking you to spend a few minutes to complete an online feedback form, anonymously. Information received will help us to understand your opinions and either continue with things which are going well or amend our practice to further meet your needs. The survey will close at 12 noon on Monday, 5th July. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Fiona Pearce
Head teacher

September Reception Applications

If your child is due to start Reception in September you should have received an application form in the post. Please could we ask you to complete this and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk.

If your child is in our Nursery you are still required to complete an application form for the main school.

Replacement School Boundary Fencing

Work has now started on replacing the school boundary fences and security gates.
Please bear with us whilst this is being completed.

The contractors will try to keep disruption to a minimum.

June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is crucial that, as a community, we are aware of the re-emergence of Coronavirus in our area and we do all we can to protect ourselves and others. Can you please support our community by reminding you and your child(ren) of the importance of good hygiene, hand washing and being aware of the symptoms. Please do not send your child into school if they are feeling unwell.

Please call the school office to report **all** school absences on 01271 375074. We ask that all parents to children who attend from the Nursery and Little Seeds Baby Unit through to Year 6 inform us as soon as possible of absent children.

We will continue to monitor cases locally and respond as appropriate and will continue to keep parents informed through our weekly letters or additional messages home.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test-or-by-calling-119>.

If you receive a negative result to the PCR test your child may return to school.

Please note: A PCR test is the test that your child will need to have carried out, a Lateral Flow test is not sufficient.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days unless a negative PCR test result is received. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online. Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

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Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If your son/daughter develops any symptoms or receives a positive coronavirus test result please DO NOT send them into school, keep them isolated at home and telephone the school to update us regarding the absence.

Thank you for your continued support in controlling the virus and protecting each other.

Kind regards

Mrs Pearce

Headteacher

OV Euros

To celebrate the Euros 2021 Mr Ovey organised for the children in Years 3 and 4 to take part in their own football championship matches.

Children were asked to come to school wearing a coloured t-shirts representing a country:

White—England; Yellow—Ukraine; Purple/Pink—Germany; Red-Spain; Green-Portugal; Blue-France

Teams were selected by Mr Ovey. Each class ran their own matches with the cumulative scores deciding the winning team.

Well done to the Green's – Portugal who were the winners.

It will be Key Stage One's turn next week.

'Our favourite thing was scoring 7 goals in 1 match.' by Martha and Corey



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's nomination

Grace for settling in well and happily joining in new activities.

Miss Cawthorne's nominations

Lily for amazing phonics and being a kind friend.

Riley for fantastic phonics and writing.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Chloe-Grace has been amazing in phonics this week and has shown good independence in her writing! Well done Chloe-Grace

Tahlia tries her best at everything she does. She is good friend to all and has done amazing in phonics this week! Well done Tahlia

Mr Quilter's nomination

Kindness is a fantastic attribute and Malaki has shown this in abundance. He was very considerate of others during our school trip making the day even more enjoyable for others. What a truly lovely boy you are Malaki. Mr Quilter, Miss Paine and especially Mrs Roberts x



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Phoebe-Rose has joined our class this week after a time away, she has settled in beautifully into the class routines and has enjoyed making friends and spending time with the others in the class. It is so lovely to have you back Phoebe-Rose. Mrs O



Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Our Star of the Week is Cole. Cole has had a super week. He has been working really hard at his literacy and maths. I can see how hard he has been concentrating. Cole is great at working in a small group and has come up with some super adventurous words this week, Well done Cole. Keep it up you are a Star!





Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination

Ruby has a brilliant work ethic and has shown great perseverance this week. She demonstrates the importance of hard work and reaps the rewards. Her work is always beautifully presented and she clearly takes pride in all she does. Ruby has great charisma and adds fun to the classroom. Well done for a great week, Ruby!



Mrs Johnson's nomination

This week I have chosen someone in our class who I can remember when I first came into Mrs Johnsons class as being a quiet, shy, nervous young lady. However, what is now lovely to see is how her confidence has grown and grown, this shows in her participation when providing answers and suggestions during lessons. She is also a great, fun friend and a fab artist. Keep being marvellous Isla-Grace!



Mr Whapham's nomination

My star this week is Lillie B. She has worked hard this week and shown resilience in her learning. She has shown real growth in her maturity when it comes to working, no longer being fazed by errors or mistakes but taking these in her stride. She now learns from her mistakes and uses them to push her learning further. She also showed great resilience in our football tournament this week, getting stuck in and working hard for her team. Well done Lillie



Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

Libby, you are my star of the week for being cool, calm and collected! During a tricky week of assessments, you have come in each day with the same cheerful disposition and positive attitude you display every day. You have carefully taken your time to show me everything you have learnt and have managed the week so well. Your generous attitude and kindness has been noticed by all members of staff and you have been the first person to help anyone who's needed a little extra support this week. Keep being a superstar, Libby!



The Adventurers nomination

Our star of the week this week is someone who has a very bubbly personality, a great sense of humour and is a delight to have in class. He is a very hard worker and is always very enthusiastic about learning. He is a really loved member of the class for so many reasons. He is such a unique and funny character; he makes the room fill up with laughter and smiles every day. He works so hard and really tries his best with everything he does. Well done, Zach!



Mrs Rana's/Mr Boul't's nomination

Year 5's star of the week this week goes to Kelsey! It was wonderful to see Kelsey at the cricket festival this week, learning a new skill and really showing amazing confidence and ability! She was loving telling everybody how far she could hit the ball - almost to the fence! Well done for really throwing in yourself into a new skill and showing just how awesome you are!!



Miss Squire's nomination

This week's star of the week is Amber. She showed great dedication in cross country and she has put in huge effort this week with positive attitude towards our testing. Keep up the great work Amber! Miss Squire and Miss Jarvis



Mr Ovey's PE Champions

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

1/2- Lexi Pa - for excellent football skills

3/4- Joseph - for excellent effort in PE and clubs

5/6- Logan - for excellent cricket skills at the cricket tournament

School Diary Dates

Wed, 30th June	Years 3/4 Allotment Team—visit to Fairview Allotments
Thurs, 1st July	Years 3 and 4 visit to Watermouth Castle
Wed, 7th July	Summer Sounds Music Festival—Choir
Fri, 9th July—AM	Possible Years 5/6 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)
Fri, 9th July	OV's Got Talent Finals
Mon, 12th July-AM	Reception Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)
Mon, 12th July-PM	KS1 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)
Tue, 13th July—PM	Years 3/4 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)
Wed, 14th July	OV Virtual Summer Fair
Thurs, 22nd July	Last day of school

Menu for week commencing 28th June 2021

Week 1 28th June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M – Ham carbonara with pasta and sweetcorn	M – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and carrot sticks	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Crunchy chicken fillets with French fries and peas	M – Beef bolognaise with pasta and salad
V – Quorn sausage hotdog with wedges and sweetcorn	V – Butternut squash risotto with focaccia bread and Carrot sticks	V – 3 cheese, Cauliflower and broccoli bake with potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas	V – Sweet tomato cheese quiche with sauté potatoes and salad
JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna
PL – Pasta pot (pasta with carrot, cucumber, tomato, sweetcorn, diced pepper, onion, ham)	PL – Cheese roll	PL – Ham Roll	PL – Chicken and bacon salad	PL – Sausage roll
D – Fresh fruit	D – Banana cake	D – Fruit smoothie	D – Apple cake	D – Cookie



The Adventurers—Exeter Chief's Rugby Festival

On Friday, 18th June, the Adventurers went to Exeter Chiefs' training ground to learn different rugby skills. This included:

Throwing a rugby ball—which needed to be thrown backwards.

Kicking a rugby ball—we needed to position the ball in front of us, hip height and horizontally.

How to pass the ball—whilst we were running - we found this tricky!

Lastly, we learnt to play tag rugby, this was our class's favourite activity of the day



Year 5 cricket festival Written by Naima and Riley



On Wednesday, Orchard Vale year 5 students went to the Barnstaple and Pilton Cricket Club; there were 5 groups, and each group played 4 or 5 games against other schools.

The first event for Orchard Vale Asteroids was against Sticklepath School. Sticklepath scored 117 runs and after that, they announced OV had scored 110, so Sticklepath had won!

Once that round had ended, the Asteroids had a winning streak 3 wins in a row!

All of the OV teams played brilliantly and showed some excellent batting, bowling and fielding skills. What a great day!



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Key Stage One visits to Rosemoor Gardens

We had a couple of wonderful visits to RHS Rosemoor this week.

We had the chance to explore the beautiful gardens, play in the exciting play areas and enjoy an interesting workshop with the teaching staff there.

We learned all about the Fabulous Foods we eat that come from plants. Everyone had a chance to plant some seeds which they will take home and hopefully grow and eat.

It was very special to be out on a school trip again and a great time was had by all.



Clarks Shoes Fitting Service



Did you know that if your child needs a quieter environment when buying new shoes, Clarks offer this service?

Call to book your appointment 01271 322165

EU CITIZENS LIVING IN THE UK APPLY TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME NOW



HM Government



If you're an EU citizen and were living in the UK by 31st December 2020, now is the time to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. You could lose your rights to live and work in the UK if you miss the deadline (30th June 2021). You can complete the application online today, and there is lots of support available if you have any questions.

Start now at

gov.uk/eusettlementscheme

Irish citizens or those with valid indefinite leave don't need to apply.

IMPORTANT

BREXIT TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS & RIGHT TO WORK IN THE UK

As the UK has now left the EU, if anyone in your family meets the Government's criteria outlined below, they need to follow the link provided to check their status. You will be given the result and advise on the steps needed if appropriate to register with the EU Settlement Scheme before the **30th June 2021 deadline**.

If you meet the criteria to apply and miss this deadline you and any qualifying members of your family can lose the right to access services and funding in the UK, including schooling.

Please read the "Who should apply" section from the government website below carefully to decide if you need to do anything further. <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility>

The below tool will analyse your personal circumstances, which will provide you with a personalised list of actions required: <https://www.gov.uk/transition>

Who should apply

Except in a few cases, you need to apply if:

- you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen
- you're [not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen](#), but your family member is (or is an eligible person of Northern Ireland)

The EEA includes the EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. This means you need to apply even if you:

- were born in the UK but are not a British citizen - you can [check if you're a British citizen](#) if you're not sure
- [have a UK 'permanent residence document'](#)
- are a family member of an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen who does not need to apply - including if they're from Ireland
- are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen with a British citizen family member
- If you have children, you [need to apply for them separately](#).
- If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen and you have a family member who is an eligible person of Northern Ireland, [you may be able to choose which way you apply](#).

Who else can apply

You can [apply to join your EU, EEA or Swiss family member](#) if they started living in the UK by 31 December 2020. You can either:

- apply from outside the UK, if you have a certain type of passport, identity card or residence document
- come to the UK on an [EU Settlement Scheme family permit](#) and apply to the settlement scheme once you're here
- You cannot apply to the EU settlement scheme from inside the UK if you arrived after 31 December 2020 and you're here:
 - on a Standard Visitor visa, Permitted Paid Engagement visa, Parent of a Child Student visa or Transit visa
 - without a visa, for example if you came through an e-passport gate
- You also cannot apply if you're here on a Marriage Visitor visa, unless you're applying after you have married or entered into a civil partnership with the EU, EEA or Swiss person you're joining.
- Irish citizens do not need to apply to the settlement scheme. If they choose to, they can apply from within the UK regardless of how they entered.

If you're not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen

You also may be able to apply if:

- you used to have an EU, EEA or Swiss family member living in the UK (but you've separated, they've died or the family relationship has broken down)
- you're the family member of a British citizen and you lived outside the UK in an EEA country together
- you're the family member of a British citizen who also has EU, EEA or Swiss citizenship and who lived in the UK as an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen before getting British citizenship
- you have [a family member who is an eligible person of Northern Ireland](#)
- you're the primary carer of a British, EU, EEA or Swiss citizen
- you're the child of an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen who used to live and work in the UK, or the child's primary carer
- you're the [family member of a 'frontier worker'](#)

Who does not need to apply

You do not need to apply if you have:

- [indefinite leave to enter the UK](#)
- [indefinite leave to remain in the UK](#)
- Irish citizenship (including British and Irish 'dual citizenship')
- You cannot apply if you have British citizenship.

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen and you moved to the UK before it joined the EU

You only need to apply if you do not have [indefinite leave to remain](#). If you do have indefinite leave to remain, you'll usually have a stamp in your passport or a letter from the Home Office saying this.

If you work in the UK but do not live here ('frontier worker')

You do not need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if you're a 'frontier worker' or have a [Frontier Worker permit](#).

If you're exempt from immigration control

You cannot apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. You do not need to do anything to continue living in the UK while you're exempt from immigration control.

You'll have been told if you're exempt from immigration control, for example because you're:

- a foreign diplomat posted in the UK
- a member of NATO

Your family members may also be exempt from immigration control. If they are not, they may be eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

If you and your family members stop being exempt, for example if you change jobs, you will usually need to apply to the scheme within 90 days. If you stop being exempt after 30 June 2021, you'll be able to apply after the deadline of 30 June 2021, as long as you were living in the UK by 31 December 2020.