

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 1st March 2024

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a variety of weather conditions we have had this week, but we have still managed to fit in several events outside Orchard Vale. Children in years 1 and 2 visited Exmoor Zoo and were able to identify different animals and their habitats. They loved seeing the 'Exmoor Beast', had a lesson with the zookeepers and got to hold some animals as well as enjoying everything else the zoo had to offer. Everyone had a lovely day.

A group of years 3 and 4 children visited the Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor for a 3-day residential, for some this has been their first experience of being away from home. They have had a fantastic time and have enjoyed a range of activities including a wilderness ramble on Dartmoor, archery and low ropes. They even woke up to a light covering of snow this morning. We are looking forward to welcoming them back to school this afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Johnson, Mr Bayliss, Mr Askew and Miss Gowing for accompanying the children and helping to make this a wonderful experience.

Our Y6 Rising Stars in PE had an enjoyable time at Pilton Community College, with the Barnstaple School Sport Coordinator, taking part in a basketball skills morning today.

We would like to thank our parents and carers for supporting us in trying to create a one-way system in and out of school. There has been much less congestion at the start and end to the day and allows families to enter and leave without having to wait. We really appreciate your support with this.

You still have time to book a place at the PTA school disco on Wednesday please see the poster below for timings. To secure a place payment can be made in advance using ParentPay. On Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are welcome to wear their PJ's to school and enjoy a bedtime story with their class. There will be lots of book related activities going on throughout the day.

We hope you stay warm and dry this weekend.



Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

## We're celebrating World Book Day<sup>®</sup> & you're invited!

When:  
**7th March 2024**

Where:  
**OV School**

How we're celebrating:  
**Wear pyjamas  
Bedtime Stories**

Contact info:  
**Your teacher!**



Changing lives through a love of books and reading



### Easter Disco Night Wednesday, 6th March

Reception, Years 1 / 2—3.30pm to 4.30pm  
(parents must collect children from class at the end of school day as normal and take them to the Community Room door to register for the disco)

Years 3 / 4—5pm to 6pm

Years 5 / 6—6.30pm to 7.30pm

Pre-booked places only

**£2 per child**

to include sweets and a drink

Pre-payment via Parentpay by Monday, 4th March

There will be no allocation of tickets.

A register will be produced for admission.

**IMPORTANT** by paying you agree to collect your child from the main courtyard area at the allocated time.



# STARS OF THE WEEK

## **The Pink Panthers**

Mason for continuing to have a super start to each day and always listening carefully at learning time.

Reggie for amazing rhyming work and doing some good tidying.

## **The Curious Corals**

My star of the week this week is the fabulous Thea. Thea's writing is going from strength to strength, and she has wowed me with the sentences she's been writing independently this week. She comes up with the most imaginative ideas and writes them down with beautiful letter formation, finger spaces and full stops. Thea is a kind friend and follows routine beautifully. Well done, Thea, you are

## **The Silver Sweethearts**

Jesse is our star of the week. Jesse is such a hard worker, he always does his best on anything he sets his mind to. Jesse has made fantastic progress with both his phonics and writing. Jesse is a great friend to others and always looks after his friends. Well done Jesse you are a superstar.

## **The Energetic Emerald Explorers / The Precious Pearl Problem Solvers / The Groundbreaking Golds**

Darcy, Rory H and Ellie-Mai are our stars of the week in Year 3 & 4.

They have been wonderfully helpful, positive and have worked extremely hard this week. They have also coped well with lots of changes due to residential. They have supported adults within school as well and their positive attitudes have helped a lot! Well done.

Mr Whapham and Mrs Moore

## **The Jubilantly Jazzy Jades**

My star of the week this week is Lilly-May. Lilly-May has an amazing attitude towards her own learning. She is always focused, taking pride in her work. Lilly-May is an asset to our class, looking out for her peers when they are sad or helping around the school when something needs doing. Lilly-May embodies kindness and warmth, she is an absolute pleasure to teach. Well done Lilly-May.

## **The Limitless Lemon Yellows**

My star of the week is Louisa is always full of energy and keen to contribute her ideas in class. This week she has really impressed me with her concentration and focus on her learning, especially because I know that this is something she can sometimes find

challenging. Her work ethic in maths has helped her to understand long multiplication and short division well and she is applying her knowledge effectively in her learning. Louisa you always bring a smile to my face and I'm very grateful to have you in my class! Keep up the fantastic focus!

## **The Athletic Aquamarines**

My star of the week is Lexi, as I have been really impressed to see her giving new things a go and stepping out of her comfort zone. Lexi has been working hard in maths and English in the mornings, but has added to this by joining in wholeheartedly with our sea shanties music lesson as well - both singing and performing actions. Well done, Lexi - we hope to keep seeing more of this open-minded approach!

## Congratulations to KS1 Reading road champions

**Hendrix**

On reaching 25 reads

**Farai**

On reaching 75 reads

**Pippa**

On reaching 150 reads

## Congratulations to Years 5 and 6 Tri-reading tournament champ

**Corey Dexter Jake Marley**

**Lola Spencer Vinny**

On reaching 25 reads

**Bella Lilly-Mae**

On reaching 25 reads

The prize for the  
tidiest cloakroom  
goes to

Mrs Grimwood's class

## PE CHAMPS

Mr Ovey has selected the following children to be this week's PE Champs.

### Years 1 and 2

Mia M for always being ready to work and always giving 100%

### Years 3 and 4

Evy for being an excellent role model

### Years 5 and 6

Ella-Rose for never giving up and showing great determination

### EXTREME READING COMPETITION

Upload a photo onto your class teams  
of you reading a book somewhere unusual,  
bizarre or extreme!



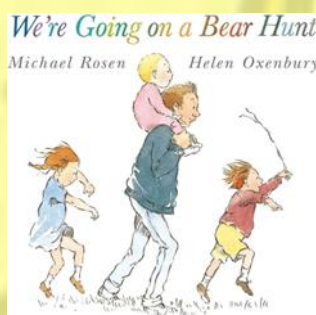
Entries open: Monday 5th February.

Closing date: Monday 11th March.

Winners will be announced in celebration  
assembly on 15th March.

Good luck and happy reading!

# READING CHAMPIONS

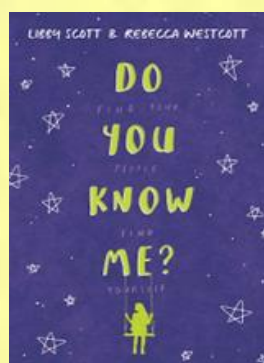


**Year 1/2**

**'We're going on a bear hunt'**

I have chosen this book because I really enjoyed it when I was younger, and I want to share it with others, and give the opportunity to make children feel happy and intrigued

Rhys

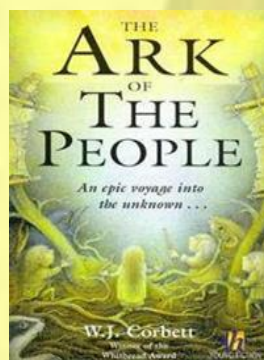


**Year 3/4**

**'Do you know me?'**

I have chosen this book because it is a real heart-warmer and a uniquely beautiful story. It is about an autistic girl that is proud to be different. She is very open and want to share an amazing story.

Lily-Rose



**Year 5/6**

**'The Ark of the people'**

I have chosen this book because we are writing a journey narrative about the woods. Also, it seems interesting.

Mila

You can find all of this week's Reading Champion picks on display in the school library.

Happy reading!

Written by Martha and Theo

## **Crazy Commute - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be running a 'Crazy Commute' to school from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for everyone to think about how they can fit cycling into daily school life and celebrate pedal power.

During this time, we would like to encourage our school community to either ride, scoot or walk to school. The aim is to promote active travel and to foster sustainable habits among school children. Spot prizes will also be awarded throughout our Crazy Commute event!

In class, the children will be looking at road safety, negotiating traffic and safely using different crossings.

### **Events**

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Poetry and colouring competitions**

Nursey, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can enter the colouring competition.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can enter the poetry competition.

Please collect entry forms from the School Office.

Entries close on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and prizes will be awarded.

#### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Decorate your bike/scooter day**

We will be looking for the craziest and most colourful creation! Please remember that your bike/scooter will still need to be ridden safely with no obstructions to wheels, handlebars, or brakes. Prizes will be given out during assembly.

#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Crazy Commute lunch**

There will be a special themed lunch menu on this day.

*"Bicycle Bell" Cheeseburgers/Cheese Wheel, with "Pedal" Veg (Peas & Sweetcorn).*

*"Spoke" Fries/" Saddle" Cheese Roll, Traffic Light Biscuit.*

#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – The Wheely Big Breakfast**

Children who ride or scoot to school will receive a bacon bap for breakfast between 8.00am-8.30am kindly provided by the PTA. Children must remain with their adult/carer until the school gates open.

#### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

To celebrate our 'Crazy Commute' events, we are inviting Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children, who are competent bike riders, to join us on a bike ride via the Tarka Trail to Rock Park. Once there, we will enjoy our own packed lunches and return to school.

We are looking forward to the next step in our sustainable journey!

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

**Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options**

## LUNCH MENU – WEEK 1

30<sup>th</sup> Oct / 20<sup>th</sup> Nov / 11<sup>th</sup> Dec / 15<sup>th</sup> Jan / 5<sup>th</sup> Feb / 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Mar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Butchers Pork Sausages & Potato Wedges	Butchers Mince Beef Nachos & Wholegrain Rice	Chicken Stew (New Recipe)	Harry Ramsdens Battered Salmon Fillets	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Finger Roll
Spanish Omelette	Cheese Pasty & Tomato Pasta	Vegetarian Roast	Vegan Nuggets	Oaty Veggie Crumble & Creamy Mash Potato
Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	
Baked Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Mash Potato & Cauliflower	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Sliced Carrots & Sweetcorn
Fruit Smoothie	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Strawberry Mousse with Berry Compote	Fruity Flapjack	Fresh Fruit
Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll

## School Diary Dates

Wed, 6th Mar	Years 4,5,6—Dance Workshop (selected children)
Wed, 6th Mar	Easter Disco - PTA—book placed via Parentpay
Thur, 7th Mar	World Book Day—Come in your Pyjamas join us for a bedtime story in the morning
Tue, 12th Mar	Years 5/6—Mr Greenslade's class—Guildhall visit
Wed, 13th Mar	Years 5/6—Mrs Scott's class—Guildhall visit
Thur, 14th Mar	Years 5/6—Miss Williams' —Guildhall visit
Fri, 15th March	Rock Steady music workshops—Years 1,2,3,4,5,6
Fri, 22nd Mar	Wheelie Big Breakfast (more details to come)
Mon, 25th Mar	Learn to Ride (selected children)
Wed, 27th Mar	KS1—Oral Health assembly and class workshops.
Wed, 27th Mar	KS2 Cycle to Rock Park (details to come)
Thur, 28th Mar	Easter Fayre (PTA)
Fri, 29th Mar	Bank Holiday
Mon 1st to Fri, 12th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

## Refreshing our willow and forest school



Thank you to Gavin Hendry Tree Surgery & Grounds Maintenance for the logs and bark for our willow and forest school areas. We hope to be able to receive enough to improve these areas.

A big shout out to the OV Explorer After School Club and a group of Year 3/4 children for helping move it into the willow area with Miss Barrett, Mrs Quilter and Mrs Manley.



## Mental Health Ambassadors

Hello I am one of your mental health ambassadors with the latest updates.

[We need egg boxes!!](#)

We would be very grateful for any donations of egg boxes please (this is for the Easter Fayre)

[Assembly](#)

We will be holding an assembly soon to talk about new connection games.

[Mental Health Ambassador Applications and Training](#)

We will soon be handing our applications to Year 5 children who are interested in taking part in MHA training to become our new ambassadors. It is great being one. We would like to encourage some boys to become involved. We are a really fun and you get to help people smile.

### Natter Club

This week in 'Natter Club' the MHAs introduced new games. One of them was a board game all about emotions, chess, and hang-man using words of positivity and emotions.

All these games have been decided on and created by the children.

## Rising Star Basketball

Today some students from Y6 visited Pilton Community College to take part in the second day of the Rising Stars Programme.

We practised basketball skills, including passing the ball through your legs and behind your body.

We played mini matches to conclude the fantastic morning at Pilton.

Larisa and Martha



Come and have  
**FUN** as a  
**FAMILY**

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

# Easter

and Mothering Sunday

crazy crafts,  
great games,  
magical music  
and fabulous food!



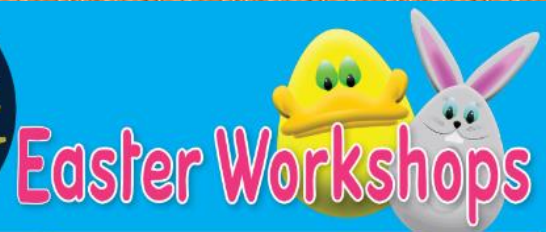
**Date:** Sunday 10th March

**Time:** 4-6pm

**Place:** Trinity Church, Barnstaple (the one with the tower!)

**For Booking link** (booking closes on Thursday 7th March)

**email:** [messychurch@trinitybarnstaple.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@trinitybarnstaple.org.uk)  
**or tel:** 01271 374240



**TUESDAY**  
**2 April**

**5-8s**

## SINGING WORKSHOP with Emma

Come and learn some fun action songs including 'There once was an Elephant', 'I Love the Flowers' and 'Dem Bones'. Also, play some rhythm games and accompany the songs using body percussion and hand-held percussion instruments.

**THURSDAY**  
**4 April**

**9-16s**

## MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP with Liv

The chance for the children to create and learn a number from a well known musical. They will be encouraged to work and create characters within the number. Plus a physical warm up and technical exercises.

**TUESDAY**  
**9 April**

**9-16s**

## SINGING WORKSHOP with Emma

Come and learn songs from classic Broadway/West End shows including the musicals of Andrew Lloyd Webber and 'Les Miserables' by Claude-Michel Schoenberg. Working on expression, technique, and simple costuming to bring these classic songs to life. Ensemble and solo work included.

**THURSDAY**  
**11 April**

**5-8s**

## DANCE WORKSHOP with Helen

Have fun learning rhythms and dances from around the world. Learn Bollywood, african, Irish dancing and more. Fun props to enjoy dancing with.



**All 10am to 1pm £18 per Workshop**

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**WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL**

# FOUNDATION

**Fully Funded Bursary Programme, Years 7 to 13**



## The Programme

West Buckland School Foundation was incorporated in 2003 with the aim of **raising funds** to provide **bursaries** and help **support** the school in delivering **high quality education**.

Whilst closely aligned and mutually supportive, the School and the Foundation are separate charities.

Each year the **Foundation** seeks to **award** up to **two fully-funded bursaries** for entry into Year 7.

The award will **support** the pupil from **Year 7 to 11** and will be reviewed for Sixth Form, should that pupil wish to stay after GCSEs.

All **academic exam costs** will be **met by the Foundation** however, extras such as school uniform, school lunches, school transport, boarding and other costs not included in the school fees are not automatically included in the Bursary award. **Further support** may be available **for extras** at the Trustees' discretion.



## Eligibility

Applicants to the Foundation Bursary Fund must fulfil all the following principal criteria:

- Applicants must be **day pupils** who have been **permanent residents** within **Devon or Somerset** for **at least 1 year** prior to application
- Applicants must **currently** be in **Year 6** and **not** attending an **independent school**
- As a guideline, the Foundation will only consider those families whose joint family **income** is below **£38,000 (gross)** and whose **assets** are below **£250,000**

## Application Requirements

Parents/Guardians/Carers are required to send the following information in support of their application:

- A completed **Admission Form**
- A completed confidential **statement of financial circumstances** and **supporting documentation**
- A **personal statement** from the **parent, guardian, carer** explaining why they think the applicant would benefit from a West Buckland education
- A **handwritten personal statement** from the pupil explaining why they would like to attend West Buckland School
- A copy of the pupil's **Year 5 school report**
- A **reference** from someone who knows the pupil in an **educational capacity** i.e. class teacher or coach from external club

For further information or support completing your application please contact **Amanda Reynolds, Foundation Director** on **01598 760164** or **Cassie Jones, Foundation & Alumni Officer** on **01598 760188** - emails can be sent to [foundation@westbuckland.com](mailto:foundation@westbuckland.com)

For more general information on the school and bursaries please visit [www.westbuckland.com/admissions/bursaries](http://www.westbuckland.com/admissions/bursaries)



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OUR IN HOUSE DJ WILL BE FILLING THE SECOND HALF OF THE EVENING WITH TUNES FROM ALL DECADES, GOT A FAVOURITE SONG? NOT A PROBLEM WE CAN PLAY THIS FOR YOU! SO PLEASE GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, PARTNERS AND RELATIVES AND JOIN US FOR WHAT REALLY WILL BE AN INCREDIBLE NIGHT

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