

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Guardians

A huge thank you to all the friends, family and staff members who attended the summer fayre this week. This was a huge success. I cannot believe how busy the playground was and how everyone had a fantastic time, despite a few drops of rain at the end.

Thank you to the stall holders who gave up their time willingly to help out and to tidy up at the end. The PTFA with the support of everyone raised a huge £1,795. This was a great effort and the monies will be used to support future trips and school events over the coming year.

We had a fantastic result at the year 5 cricket festival on Wednesday. We fielded 2 teams in this against other schools across North Devon and both teams did amazingly well. The main purpose of these events is for children to enjoy safe and healthy competitions without any pressure. The children showed a great level of sportsmanship and respect for the other players. I was delighted to see both teams came home with medals, winning their matches. Some may even be cricket starts of the future.

The children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 were visited by an member of the Oral Health Team at Torrington Dental Practice who talked to the children about eating healthy and taking care of their teeth. The children were all sent home with a new toothbrush.

This year's Parent/Pupil/Teacher meetings are now available, Tuesday, 8th and Wednesday, 9th July, for your to book using Arbor.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher

Sports Day Information 2025

All sports days will be held on the school field.

Monday 7th July - Nursery 9:30 - 10:30

Tuesday 8th July - Reception 1:30 - 3:00

Wednesday 9th July - Year 1/2 1:30 - 3:00

Monday 14th July - Year 3/4 1:30 - 3:00

Wednesday 16th July - Year 5/6 1:30 - 3:00

Nursery Sports Day

Please come to the main playground gate from 9:15am for a 9:30am start. You will be asked to sign a photo and video disclaimer on arrival.

At the end of the sports day, could all parents and spectators walk with their child/children back to the nursery garden. Children who have come in additionally will be dismissed from here with their families. Children who are remaining in Nursery will be able to say goodbye to their families and return to the Nursery classroom safely.

Reception, KS1 and KS2 Sports Days

Please come to the main playground gates from 1:15pm for a 1:30pm start. You will be asked to sign a photo and video disclaimer on arrival.

At the end of each sports day, ALL children will be taken back to their classes to collect their things. We kindly ask parents and spectators to make your way back to the main playground and wait for your child/children as you would at a normal pick up.

Refreshments

During Sports Day, cold drinks will be available on the bottom minack. Ice-cream will be sold from the Coffee Cabin from 2:30pm-3:30pm. Apologies, but we are unable to sell ice-creams during Nursery Sports Day. We thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

We look forward to seeing you all.
The OV team.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Edith for good tidying, being a kind friend, and taking part in some super role play.

Mrs Oldfield's class

My star of the week is Myah. Myah has really impressed us with herself belief over the past few weeks, she is much more confident to give something a go without needing any support to get started. Myah wrote some fantastic sentences about both her wild thing and also her wild world, and she was very proud of her work. We have also seen this confidence shining through in reading, Myah will often celebrate her reading achievements with the whole class, and then she will take herself off to the book corner during her choosing time to read some more on her own. Well done Myah you are amazing. Mrs Oldfield x

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Our star of the week is Tyler. Tyler has really matured in the last few weeks, and he is being a lot more independent. Tyler has made great progress in both his reading and writing and is now writing some sentences independently. Tyler's confidence has also grown and it is great to hear his voice during our whole class discussions. Well done Tyler, you are a superstar.

Mr Quilter's class

My star of the week is Ida. Ida is a ray of sunshine. When she bounces through the classroom each morning; you can guarantee your day has gotten that little bit better. I sometimes forget that Ida is only in year 1. Her attitude to learning, a mature sense in the classroom and her devotion to making people happy make it easier to think she is older than she is. I have been working with Ida in English recently, and I have been blown away by her short story. She has used a variety of adjectives to describe the setting, which has allowed for a wonderful atmosphere to build. She is more confident in using her phonic knowledge when finding a word tricky to spell and will refer back to her sound mat to help. Anytime Ida has free choice, she often uses the time to work on her maths and is writing addition sentences on her board. Ida is constantly doing the right thing at the right time and is a joy to be around. You are a wonderful addition to our classroom, and we are all very proud of you! - Miss Tillman

Miss Huxtable's class

My star of the week is Mila. Mila has been such a superstar all year this year and I really felt we had to get her back on the happy bench again before the end of Year 2. I have been writing Mila's report this week, and it was incredibly easy to think of how many wonderful things Mila has contributed to our class this year. Mila has such a natural kindness for others. She never looks for anything in return, but is always polite, supportive to her friends, and looks out for everyone around her. She recognises when children are finding school a challenge and will offer up her friendship and guidance. Her relationships with others have made such a positive impact on the classroom this year and she appreciates her friends for exactly who they are. Mila has also been working hard on her handwriting and presentation recently, and this has improved dramatically too! Mila, you are wonderful! Miss H x

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Ben. Ben is an amazing learner and a wonderful member of our class. Ben is hardworking and is always looking to do the very best learning he can. He listens so well to what he is asked to do and always produces fantastic learning. This week it is his story that has just blown my socks off! It has everything! It has suspense, funny moments, great vocabulary and is so well written. And Ben is only in Year 1! Ben, you are a superstar and I absolutely love the story you have written this week! I am so proud of you! Keep being this outstanding learner!

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Mr Bayliss' class

Kiara has had a really lovely week in class. She is always polite and respectful, and it has been great to see how well she listens and takes everything on board. Kiara has a great sense of humour that brings a smile to the pupils and teachers around her, and she's always ready to help out or show kindness to others. Kiara follows our classroom expectations closely and sets a great example for her classmates. Well done, Kiara - you're a real star, we are lucky to have you in our class.

Mrs Johnson's class

Tahlia Humphrey is a breath of fresh air in our class; always smiling and showing kindness to others. This week, Tahlia has shown what a positive learning attitude she has while writing a short piece of writing about a magical, watery world! She has been using shared ideas to structure her work, editing it to make improvements, and making sure it includes the punctuation it needs to produce a lovely piece of work! Tahlia, your sunny disposition and your hard-working nature shows us all how ready you are for your move into Year 5—Well done!

Mr Whapham's class

Heath has had another great week, showing a great, positive attitude towards his learning. He has shown a good determination in his work, trying hard to overcome challenges. Heath has come along way this year, now showing a real love to school and learning and has fully immersed himself into OV life. So many adults have commented to me on the changes in Heath's attitude towards his learning and he should be very proud of himself. Well done!

Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Jamie. He is a kind, caring, and thoughtful member of our class who quietly shines every day. Jamie always gets on with what's expected of him without any fuss, showing a fantastic attitude and work ethic. He regularly shares thoughtful and sensible ideas during class discussions and is always ready to lend a helping hand when he sees someone in need. His politeness, reliability, and calm confidence make him a true role model. Well done, Jamie — we're lucky to have you in our class!

Miss Williams' class

This week's Star is the one and only Emmie! It's been a true privilege to have Emmie in my class for my entire teaching career so far. We've built such a brilliant bond, that is full of laughs and jokes, but she always knows where the line is and always shows respect to every member of staff. I'll miss her so much next year! Emmie is always the first to help – whether it's for me, her classmates, or Mr. Ovey (who calls on her like clockwork!). She's motivated, kind, and a total joy to have in class. Thank you for being consistently fabulous, Emmie – and never stop being the GOAT!

Mrs Scott's class

I have chosen Dylan as my star this week, as I have been so impressed with his work in our writing lessons over the past few days. The children have been independently planning and beginning to write their own adventure story, set on the North Devon coastline, and the work Dylan has been producing really shows his progress over the course of this year. It was lovely to be able to take a moment to step back and really appreciate his journey as a writer, especially as this is something he finds tricky, and I wanted to celebrate this, as well as give encouragement to keep going! Well done, Dylan.

Reception and Key Stage 1—Oral Health sessions

This week Reception and KS1 were visited by the dental nurse, Kim.

She gave a great talk about how to look after our teeth then we all had fun practising how to brush.

She also brought in some foods and we had to predict how much sugar each contained. The results were quite shocking!

The children all got to take home their new toothbrush and we hope they will now all be brushing twice a day for 2 minutes to keep their teeth sparkling.



Year 5 Cricket Festival



Congratulations and a huge well done to the 23 year 5 children who represented the school at the Barnstaple schools cricket festival on Wednesday at the Barnstaple and Pilton Cricket Club.

The children were split in two teams and competed against other schools from the local area.

Both teams won all of their games and came away with winners medals for their efforts

Well done team OV.

School Diary Dates

Mon, 30th June	Y5/6 Junior Lifeguards and Surfing Lesson
Mon, 30th June	Y5/6 -Somerset –v– Hampshire cricket trip
Tue, 1st July	Y6 Park School transition workshops
Wed, 2nd July	Y6 Pilton Transition Day
Wed, 2nd July	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Wed, 2nd July	September Reception Starter—Parents evening —4.30pm to 5pm
Thur, 3rd July	Y6 Pilton Transition Day
Fri, 4th July	Y6 Wimbledon
Mon, 7th July	Nursery Sports Day—9.30am
Tues, 8th July	KS2 Oral Health Visit
Tues, 8th July	Reception Sports Day—1.30pm
Tues, 8th July	Parent Pupil Consultations (bookable by parents on Arbor)
Wed, 9th July	KS1 Sports Day—1.30pm
Wed, 9th July	Y6 Athletics at Park School (details to come)
Wed, 9th July	Parent Pupil Consultations (bookable by parents on Arbor)
Thur, 10th July	Y6 Park Induction Day
Thur, 10th July	Y6 Park school Parent induction evening
Fri, 11th July	Y6 Park Induction Day
Mon, 14th July	Y34 Sports Day—1.30pm
Tues, 15th July	September Reception Starter—Stay and play—3.45pm to 4.30pm
Wed, 16th July	Y5/6 Sports Day—1.30pm
Wed, 16th July	September Reception Starter—Stay and play—3.45pm to 4.30pm
Thur, 17th July	Y6 Milkyway
Thur, 17th July	Y3/4—Park School Theatre/Choir performance at OV
Fri, 18th July	Rocksteady end of term concert
Fri, 18th July	Whole School & Reception Starter transition 10.45am-11am

Week commencing— Monday, 30th June

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita pizza	Pasta Bolognaise	Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding	Breaded Fish Fillet	Spanish Chicken with Diced Potatoes
	Bean Chilli & Rice	BBQ strips	Vegan Sausage Roll	Super Duper Noodles
Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings		Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	
Egg Mayo Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Crispy Salmon & Salad & Mayo Wrap	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap	Ham Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Sausage Roll
Pasta, Sweetcorn & Fresh Carrot Sticks	Peas, & Carrots	Roast or Mash Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Baked Beans or Peas & Tomato Ketchup	Corn on the Cob or Green Beans
Pancakes & Syrup	Fruit Jelly	Frozen Yogurt	Iced Farmhouse Cake	Banana Flapjack



Summer Holidays DCC Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Summer Holiday Activity Programme's for children eligible for benefit related Free School Meals.

Devon County Council are pleased to announce the Summer Holiday Activity and Food Programme for 2025 is now Live.

We are now using the EEQU booking system, so we no longer use unique HAF codes.

Here is a link to the new booking system

[Eequ - After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#)

Here is a link to the parent pages of the HAF website for further information

[Information for parents and carers - Children, families and education](#)



KEIRA'S SOCCER SCHOOL



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Looking for an exciting way to spend the summer holidays? Keira's Soccer School is the perfect place for girls to develop their football skills, build confidence, and make lasting friendships! Open to players of all abilities. I offer 1-1 tailored training sessions as well as summer holiday camps. Ages 5-15.



Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August

9am - 12pm

MORETON PARK Bideford



Prices:

£15 per day for the soccer camp 9am-12pm

£15 per 1-1 training session

Contact Details:

Email: keirassoccerschool@gmail.com

Tel: 07749972653

JUNIORS SUMMER SESSIONS

North Devon Hockey Club are excited to offer taster sessions for juniors during the summer!



Thursday 3rd July: 6pm - 7pm

Thursday 31st July: 6pm - 7pm

Tuesday 26th August: 6:30pm - 7:30pm



Ages 5-14 years old



These sessions are aimed to provide a new opportunity for juniors who are interested in playing hockey or fancy trying a new sport!

There will be a range of different fun games and activities as well as supportive coaches. We'd love to see you there!



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Contact us for more information:
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JUNIORS SUMMER SESSIONS

South West Fest

Saturday 5th July 2025

Only £3 Entry

Southwest Fest



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ONLY £3 Entry!!

Local Vendors & Festival Stalls
Outside Stage - Live Music
Tasty Food & Refreshing Drinks
Family Fun from Midday

BAY SIDE



Newton Abbot Rugby Club