

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 13th June 2025

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Guardians

It has certainly been a crazy week in school with a few things sent to challenge us. Year 1 children have been completing their phonics screening check, they have really shown us how they have enjoyed and succeeded within their phonics lessons to make some fantastic progress this year. We also welcomed in writing moderators from the local authority who were delighted with our year 6 writers and were very impressed with the general standard of work presented to them.

The reception children had a fabulous day at Caffyns Farm on Wednesday and certainly had the very best of the weather this week. They were lucky enough to meet lots of different animals including turkeys, alpacas and goats. We enjoyed beautiful views out to sea while eating our picnic lunch. Thank you to all those involved in making this such a fab day for the children.

Yesterday brought with it the challenge of no electric all day. With the dreadful weather too, this made for an extremely tricky day for some. The staff and children were brilliant in their resilience and general attitude. They worked together to try and make the best of a difficult day providing packed lunches and old-fashioned teaching techniques much to the amusement of the children.

The beginning and ends of the day have been extremely busy. We would like to politely remind parents/carers to be considerate in the way you park outside school. Please ensure you park safely, and you are aware of children and parents in the surrounding area. There have been a few near misses that could have been quite nasty accidents. Please also remember to be kind to the other road users and show patience and consideration. Remember that we are role models for each other and the children.

Finally, please can I ask that if you are walking your dogs to school, they are kept on a lead. We have several young children who are very nervous around unfamiliar pets and are finding the mornings tricky. To ease their anxiety, please keep all pets on their leads while walking to school and when waiting in the car park or surroundings areas. As always, we are very grateful and appreciative of your support in these matters.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

ORCHARD VALE SUMMER FAYRE

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

**£1 a strip!**

WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN AT 17.30

WATERMOUTH CASTLE

MILKY WAY

HOCKING'S

NORTH DEVON WAKE PARK

KUDOS

THE RETREAT

WILDWOOD DEVON

PAINT A POT

ID BARTINGTON

WILDLIFE DINOSAUR PARK

Let's Go!

TIKI SURF

CHANCE HUNTER

**ORCHARD VALE SUMMER FAIR**

Wednesday 25th June

4pm to 6pm

Coconut Shy

Ball Run

Tombola

Face Painting

Lucky Dip

Raffle

Burgers

Hot Dogs

Hook a Duck

Splat the Rat

Soft Drinks

Ice Cream

Ice Lollies

Cakes

Sweets

Glitter Tattoos

Stocks

Goal Shoot

Hair Braiding

# STARS OF THE WEEK

## **Mrs Youll's class**

Max for good listening at carpet time and playing nicely with his friends.

## **Mrs Oldfield's class**

Over the past few weeks, we have been focusing on numbers to 20. At times Arthur has wobbled when it comes to teens numbers. Arthur has gone over and above, practicing in his own time. Every spare moment, Arthur is sat in the writing area with a number square practicing formation and the order of the numbers. His determination and resilience has been incredible and has paid off! Arthur you are amazing keep this up Buddy. I am super proud of you. Mrs Oldfield x

## **Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class**

Doreen is amazing. Doreen always works hard in everything she does. Doreen is also a fantastic friend to others and a great helper in our class. We wish Doreen the best of luck in her new school, and we thank her for all her hard work and kindness with us. Well done Doreen you are a superstar.

## **Mr Quilter's class**

My star of the week is Amelia. This week has been SATS week for the year 2 children, which can be a very tricky and worrying time, but Amelia has had a fantastic 'can-do' attitude. It has been a pleasure to see an improvement in Amelia's focus and determination to not only finish the paper but to do her very best! Not only did Amelia complete her papers, but she did so with a smile on her face and lifted our class morale. It has been so wonderful to see Amelia mature and become sensible, especially during an important time. Keep up the great work! -

Miss Tillman x

## **Miss Huxtable's class**

My star of the week is Macey. Last week, Macey had a fantastic week and when I found out there was no star of the week assembly I was gutted! However, this week she has been just as wonderful, taking on the challenges of each day with a smile. Macey has been following class routines beautifully and even reminding others to do the same! She has been accessing learning in longer chunks, and we have loved to see her engagement with wider curriculum learning this week. She was a tree expert in our science lesson and even drew some Picasso inspired pieces in art. We've seen a real maturity develop in Macey over the last term, and it is lovely to see her finding the joy in different aspects of her learning. Macey has become really comfortable in her friendships this year and she has been interacting with others confidently and imaginatively in play. Macey, we are so proud of you! Keep up the good work.

## **Mrs Grimwood's class**

My star of the week is Leo. Leo has particularly impressed me with his writing. Leo has spent quite a bit of the year struggling to make his writing make sense. He often brings it to me and we have to edit it quite heavily to make sense of it. This week however, Leo has worked really hard to write more coherent pieces of writing and he has had fantastic success. Leo is a very creative writer and he has fabulous ideas so to see all the elements of his writing come together has been a real win. Well done, Leo and keep doing this! You are a learner who just keeps on persevering! You are a star!

# ★ STARS OF THE TERM ★

## Mr Bayliss' class

Harlan has made a brilliant start since joining our class. He has shown fantastic listening and concentration in lessons, helping him to stay focused and complete his work with care. He has settled in really well and follows all of our classroom expectations. Harlan has been polite, positive and is already a valued member and friend to many pupils our class. Well done, Harlan, keep up the fantastic effort and attitude!

## Mrs Johnson's class

My Star of the Week is Dexter. Dexter impressed many members of staff this week in a special workshop held by our visiting Mental Health Support team. The children took part in a really interesting session talking about how to stay healthy in mind and body, and Dexter was so insightful, asking amazing questions, and talking very maturely about a range of topics. I see this side of Dexter a lot in the classroom as he is always thinking deeply about all of our topics and often inspires some really thoughtful conversations amongst the children in the class. Well done Dexter! You are quite the thinker and philosopher!

## Mr Whapham's class

Renzo is a brilliantly learner! This week (as always!) he has shown great effort and determination to improving his learner. I was particularly impressed with his open and honest approach this week in maths—being vocal in asking for adult support to gain a better understanding when he was unsure. This is a great example of someone who recognises their challenges and then sets their mind to conquering them! Well done Renzo.

## Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Nori. She is someone who could be the star every week, because she is always on task and doing her best. Recently there has been a lot of change in Year 6 routines and she has coped remarkably well with this, taking it in her stride with a positive attitude. She is polite and kind, and has shown some real independence in her work over recent weeks. Well done Nori!

## Miss Williams' class

My Star of the Week is Jenson! It has been so lovely to see how much Jenson has matured over the year. He's been making a real effort to stay out of any playground issues and is showing that he can make thoughtful, sensible choices. He truly impressed me in swimming this week. At first, he was nervous about the deep end and struggled with his body position in the water, but he didn't give up. With determination and resilience, he managed to swim nearly the full 25 metres without stopping! In the classroom, he has been working hard in his tests and giving everything his best effort. It's been such a pleasure having Jenson back in my class this year. His confidence has grown; his humour has shone through and I'm really proud of everything he's achieved. Well done, Jenson!

## Mrs Scott's class

I have chosen Spencer as my star, because he is truly fantastic. Spencer is a true pleasure to know and teach - he works hard, has a great sense of humour, is a good friend, and most noticeably, he is exceptionally selfless. It is hard to describe how incredible he is, and I don't know quite how to do him justice, but he is just an all-round star, in every way. I think we could all try to 'be more Spencer'. Well done.



Reading Road Champions

Years 1 and 2

# Congratulations to:

Isobel

For completing 25 reads

Ferne Bea Lily

For completing 50 reads

Jasmin

For completing 75 reads

Niamh

For completing 100reads

## School Diary Dates

Mon, 16th to Fri, 20th	Y5/6 Heatree Residential
Thur, 19th June	Nursery—Exmoor Zoo Keeper visit
Tues, 24th June	Reception/KS1—Oral Health Visit
Wed, 25th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Wed, 25th June	Y5—Cricket (details to come)
Wed 25th June	Summer Fayer—4pm to 6pm
Fri, 27th Jun	Y6 Rising Stars—Skern Lodge
Mon, 30th June	Y5/6 Junior Lifeguards and Surfing Lesson
Tue, 1st July	Y6 Park School transition workshops
Wed, 2nd July	Y6 Pilton Transition Day
Wed, 2nd July	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Thur, 3rd July	Y6 Pilton Transition Day
Fri, 4th July	Y6 Wimbledon
Mon, 7th July	Nursery Sports Day—9.30am (details to come)
Tues, 8th July	KS2 Oral Health Visit
Tues, 8th July	Reception Sports Day—1.30pm (details to come)
Tues, 8th July	Parent Pupil Consultations (more details to come)
Wed, 9th July	KS1 Sports Day—1.30pm (details to come)
Thurs, 9th July	Y6 Athletics at Park School (details to come)

**Week commencing— Monday, 16th June**

**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 2</h3> <p>28<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. – 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</p> <p>Available Every Week - Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit, Low Fat Yoghurts, Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.</p> </div>  </div>				
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Mac Cheese with Garlic Bread	Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie  Cheese Pizza Baguettes	Roast Chicken & Stuffing  Lentil Loaf	Salmon Nuggets  Vegetable Nuggets	Beef Lasagne with Crusty Bread  Cheese & Red Onion Wheel with Tomato Pasta
 Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings		Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	
 Egg & Cress Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Ham Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Tuna Bap	Cheese Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Sausage Roll
 Peas or Salad	Homemade Wedges, Mixed Vegetables or Salad	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Corn on Cob or Salad & Tomato Ketchup	Sweetcorn or Salad
 Fruit Smoothie	Fresh Fruit Platter	Pineapple Cake	Cookie & Juice	Chocolate & Blueberry Cake



# 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](#)





## Y6 PARENTS/CARERS

You are invited to an online workshop:

### SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

DATE - MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2025

TIME - 15:45 - 16:45

ONLINE VIA TEAMS (joining code below)

Discuss the common secondary transition concerns.

Helpful tips to support your child's mental health during the transition.

Explore signs and reasons for worries about change.

Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 367 593 566 991

Passcode: qg2a8U6j

Join us online

Click here for the link to

[Supporting a successful secondary school transition MHST](#)

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

**Sinusitis**

(adults and children aged 12 years and over)

**Sore throat**

(adults and children aged 5 years and over)

**Earache**

(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)

**Infected insect bite**

(adults and children aged 1 year and over)

**Impetigo**

(adults and children aged 1 year and over)

**Shingles**

(adults aged 18 years and over)

**Urinary tract infection**

(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free\* NHS service

**Visit your  
Pharmacy First!**

\*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



## Think Pharmacy First

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the Pharmacy First service.

This free NHS service allows you to get quick access to healthcare advice for the following seven conditions:

- ✦ Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- ✦ Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- ✦ Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- ✦ Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- ✦ Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- ✦ Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- ✦ Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

If you have symptoms that suggest you may have one of these conditions, you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room.

The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically necessary, a prescription medicine to treat the condition (NHS prescription charges apply if you normally pay for medicines supplied on prescription).

**Think Pharmacy First!**

Find out more by watching the [Pharmacy First animation](#) or visiting [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst).

# Bideford Blacks Beach Handball

Saturday 21st June

Croyde Bay



**Free Taster Sessions**  
10:00 - 13:00

# 2025 OPEN SESSIONS

**UNDER-6 AND UNDER-7**  
CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 1 & 2

## BODMIN

**FRIDAY, 13 JUNE**  
CALLYWITH COLLEGE 3G / 5.30PM-7PM

## PLYMOUTH

**FRIDAY, 20 JUNE**  
MARJONS 3G / 5.15PM-6.45PM

## OKEHAMPTON

**THURSDAY, 26 JUNE**  
ASHBURY 3G / 5.30PM-7PM

## NEWTON ABBOTT

**MONDAY, 30 JUNE**  
DEVON FA, COACH ROAD, 3G / 5.15PM-6.45PM

## PENRYN

**TUESDAY, 1 JULY**  
PENRYN COLLEGE 3G / 5.30PM-7PM



Aspire Performing Arts  
INSPIRING YOUNG PERFORMERS

## Summer Theatre Workshops



Disney  
**BEAUTY  
AND THE  
BEAST**



**Monday 28th July**  
10am-5pm  
6-16 years  
Musical Theatre

**£35 per  
child or  
two for  
£60!**

**Venue:**  
Fentisbury Village  
Hall,  
Bayclose Lane,  
Fentisbury,  
Barnstaple,  
EX31 4NG



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**Friday 29th August**  
10am-5pm  
6-16 years

**£35 per  
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**Venue:**  
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