

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 28th May 2021

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe it is half-term already. We have had such a super start to the summer term and the children have really enjoyed being back in the classroom and engaging with their learning. There have been a few glimpses of normality with children participating in sporting events and we are beginning to arrange some trips out of school. Let's hope this continues. The year 6 children look fabulous in their new leavers' hoodies and it is hard to think they will be leaving us soon to go to secondary school.

Teachers are looking forward to catching up with you during the parent consultations after half term. They will be discussing the progress your children have made in school this year. These consultations will be short to enable everyone the opportunity of an interview. If you have any further questions you would like to ask please drop an email to [orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk) and we will try and answer these in a timely fashion.

Annual reports will be sent out by emails in July (please ensure we have your up to date email address). After this we will be looking at classes for next year. We will be letting you know which class your child will be in next year by the middle of July. We will ensure the children have the opportunity to meet their new teacher before we break up for the summer.

With summer fast approaching, we have a few members of staff moving on to pastures new. At the end of this term Mrs Huggins will be retiring, Mr Stevens-Borg is moving to Turkey and Miss Jarvis is going to complete her teacher training. They have all been a huge part of Orchard Vale and have had a significant impact on the lives of the children they have taught. We will miss them greatly and we wish them all the very best of luck.

After half term we are looking forward to Miss Porter, as our new SENDCo, starting. I am sure you will help me in making her feel very welcome.



Have a wonderful restful week. See you all again on Monday, 7th June.

Fiona Pearce  
Head teacher

### Does your child have a cough, temperature or loss of sense of taste/smell?

We are conscious there are many children absent from school with coughs and temperatures this week.

We appreciate there are cold/flu bugs around at the moment. However, in order to continue to keep children and staff safe at Orchard Vale we require all children to take a Lateral Flow Test prior to returning to school if they exhibit any Covid type symptom (coughs, temperature or loss of sense of smell/taste). Please contact the school to confirm a test has been taken and is negative prior to returning.

If you need any more information please call 119 who will provide you with professional advice.

Lateral Flow Tests can be collected from any pharmacist or the Barnstaple Civic Centre free of charge.

### Nursery September Allocation of places.

If your child is due to start Nursery in September, Mrs Stacey will be contacting you after half term to discuss allocation.

### Food Vouchers for Half Term

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will be sent a unique code next week. This will enable you to get vouchers to the value of £15 for Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose to purchase food over the half term holidays to replace the meals your child would have received at school during the day.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS

### Confirmed Case of Coronavirus during half term holiday

Here are the steps you need to take if one of the children in your family, who attends our school, has a confirmed positive test for COVID-19 during the half term holiday.

- **If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is up to Monday, 31st May) the school should be contacted.**

Please email [info@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:info@ventrus.org.uk) as soon as you possibly can marking the subject as "Confirmed Covid-19 Case", in the body of the email please include the following information:

**School Name:**

**Child Name:**

**Date of confirmed positive test:**

**Date child became symptomatic:**

Please ensure that you send this email without delay, as it will be crucially important for contact tracing to begin immediately enabling those who have been in close contact with a positive case to take appropriate self-isolation measures. We only need to be emailed if a positive test is received, we don't need to be notified if a child is isolating due to having one or more symptoms associated with Covid-19, it is only if a positive test is received that we need to be contacted.

- **If your child develops symptoms and test positive after 48 hours, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.**

Please ensure that you send this email without delay, as it will be crucially important for contact tracing to begin immediately enabling those who have been in close contact

This has been a difficult year for all of us, but we remain committed to supporting the national effort to beat this virus and we are ever grateful for your continued support.

Fiona Pearce

Headteacher





# Star of the Week

## Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



### Mrs Youll's

Oscar for trying hard in phonics and being kind and helpful with the new children.

### Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Jessica for fantastic phonics and being super helpful.

Matilda for fantastic listening and being super helpful.



### Miss Boundy's nominations

Renzo been an amazing friend this week to everyone! He has shown lots of confidence in playing with new friends! Well done Renzo

Ellie-Mai is always so happy to come to school and puts a smile of everyone's face! She has worked really hard in her writing this week! Well done Ellie-Mai

### Mr Quilter's nomination

Lilly has been impressing us this week! I hear great reports for her Read Write Inc teacher about her great effort and concentration.

In class she has been stepping up the mark and challenging herself; especially with her calculation in math.



### Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Alfie, it has been a wonderful week this week to hear from a lot of different adults how hard Alfie is working and all the amazing effort he is putting into his learning. We are especially proud of the Dear Teacher letter he wrote in English this week and with all the progress he is making in reading, both in his read, write inc sessions and when reading with Mrs Grimwood.

Keep up the hard work buddy. Mrs O



### Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Our star of the week is Logan. Logan has had an excellent week. He did his best writing yet when he wrote his letter this week with much improved handwriting and presentation. In our Read Write Inc sessions he has been working hard on his reading and he is improving so much in his fluency. His mental maths is razor sharp and he has been applying all he knows to the challenges given. A cracking week of learning, Logan!





## Key Stage Two

### Miss Gulliford's nomination



Theo N has been on such a learning journey and he has astounded me with his resilience and attitude towards his work. He is a shining example of someone who has grown in confidence and focuses on their work to achieve the best outcome. With a little faith in his ability Theo is now understanding that if he works hard he can be even more amazing! We are all so proud of you Theo.

### Mrs Johnson's nomination

This week I have chosen Joseph as my star of the week. We saw such a funny side to Joseph this week when he was pretending to be a robot in our computing lesson. It was lovely seeing how much he was laughing and enjoying himself. He has also written a lovely story based on a fairy-tale, using incredibly descriptive vocabulary. Joseph works hard in all areas of the curriculum, and it starting to show some real commitment in activities he doesn't always enjoy. It is lovely to see this determination Joseph! Well done!



### Mr Whapham's nomination



Lauren S has been a star this week for her effort and perseverance. She has shown a positive attitude to learning and has listened to feedback well. She has worked particularly hard in maths this week and has been very reflective in order to move her learning forward.

### Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

My star of the week, this week, is someone who is always incredibly conscientious and kind. At the start of the week, Penny was not as confident as she should've been about where to start with her book review. It was really exciting to conference with you about your writing yesterday and seeing the progress you have made in just a few days should hopefully show you that you are a great writer. You are using a range of sentence structures, exciting vocabulary and are really 'hooking' your reader. Have as much confidence in everything you do, as much as you show in your acting and drama, Penny. We all know you are star so make sure you believe it too!



### The Adventurers nomination



Annalise has grown into a mature, independent, and lovely young lady. Every week she shows us how amazing she is in and out of class. She has a personality like no other; she is bubbly, hilarious and kind. She is so selfless and is always making sure her peers are happy, helping the adults when she can and just being an all-round delightful person to have in class. We are very lucky to have Annalise as one of our peers! Well done, Annalise.

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

This week's star of the week is Joe K. Joe has only been with us at OV for a few weeks but he has settled in as if he had always been here. It has been great to see his confidence within lessons, and to see how well he has shown he understands how to be a fantastic learner. Joe has wonderful manners and it has been great to see him settle in so quickly. Well done Joe.



### Miss Squire's nomination



Miss Jarvis and I have chosen this week's star, together, for their fantastic approach to learning. Phoebe has worked hard throughout the year, but we have noticed, recently, an increased maturity in her; her confidence in both maths and English is soaring. It has been a real pleasure to watch her move through the drafting and editing processes of her 'Theseus and the Minotaur' review, as I can see how reflective she has become. Well done Phoebe, what a year 6 superstar you are





This week in forest school Miss Gulliford's class made teepees!

Here are some photos of their creations



Miss Squire's class have been exploring different forms of video, this term; ranging from black and white 'stop motion' films from the early 1900s, through to modern animations. We had a go at creating thaumatropes - small images that are quickly rotated to give the illusion of movement - they were great fun!





## Visit to Fairview Allotments.

A happy hour was spent by 6 children from year 4 at Fairview Allotments.

We were the guest of Simon from Portmill Court, a great gardener and friend of our school.

The children planted up 3 raised beds with red and white Onions along with Runner Bean plants.

They will be going back to visit a few more times to tend their vegetables and gather their harvest in September.

The sun shone, the birds sang, our young gardeners were a delight and we were very proud of them.



## Mental Health Ambassadors

Some of our year 5 children have been lucky enough to attend a day of training which will enable them to become Mental Health Ambassadors around the school.

They will work alongside Mrs May and Mrs Manley as a team to encourage a caring environment that celebrates positive mental health within our community for both children and adults.

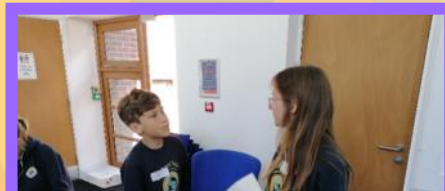
"We learned how we can make ourselves feel better when we are down. Look out for our posters around the school"

Kaito—Year 5

"We have learnt the Ten a Day – from the Normal Magic Programme We also learnt tips on how to help ourselves and others stay positive and forget about the negatives. We used different examples of animals to explain some of these points. I can't wait to be able to put my training to good use!"

Chloe-Rose—Year 5

If you would like to find out more on this free Normal Magic Programme, follow the link: <https://normalmagic.co.uk>



## Mr Ovey's PE Champions

Mr Ovey has been impressed with everyone positive attitude to PE this week.

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

Year 1 / 2- Tyler G for excellent vortex throwing

Year 3 / 4 Larni for brilliant effort in pe and clubs

Year 5 / 6 - Olivia P for brilliant basketball shooting

## Menu for week commencing 7th June 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>M</b> – Breaded fish with wedges and peas	<b>M</b> – Macaroni Cheese & bacon with Focaccia bread and Sweetcorn	<b>M</b> – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	<b>M</b> – Butchers sausage with fries and peas.	<b>M</b> – Shepherds pie with crunchy potato topping and Sweetcorn
<b>V</b> – Quorn mild chili with rice and peas	<b>V</b> – Sweetcorn and courgette fritters with bbq sauce, sauté potatoes and salad	<b>V</b> – Vegetarian wellington with potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables	<b>V</b> – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas	<b>V</b> – Roasted vegetable bolognaise with pasta and Sweetcorn
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Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

## THE BIG ASK

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation for young people aged 4 to 17 in England. The 5-10 minute [survey](#), aims to find out your concerns and aspirations about the future, so that they can put young people at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing young people from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

If you are aged 18+ and are a care leaver, parent, or you work with children please complete the [adult survey](#) to share your views.

It's time to give something big back to young people after COVID and we need your help to do it - thank you.



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County Council

Coronavirus (COVID-19) response update from Devon County Council

Devon County Council's Connectme update contains information, which you may find of interest, affecting residents Devon.

[Link to DCC Connectme website](#)



# Wheelchair Awareness Week

The week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> June is Wheelchair Awareness week. At Orchard Vale we have children who spend the majority of time in their wheelchairs and we feel it would be good to help other children understand what this might be like.

Children will have brought home a sheet designed by Lacey-Rae for them to colour in the pictures of the UNA Wheelchair. The UNA equipment represents how uniting the adaptation of a powered wheel and chair, can enable Lacey-Rae to become more independent. As a school we would like to support the family to raise money for a piece of new equipment (an UNA) to help Lacey-Rae, in year 5/6, and her ever-growing mobility needs.

## Nursery/Reception, Years 1/2, Years 3/4

If you would like to support our fundraising, please try and cover one of the image outlines with coins and hand it into your teacher by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June**. The class that has managed to raise the most money will enjoy a special class treat!

## Years 5/6

During Wheelchair Awareness week, each child and member of staff in year 5/6 will spend a short time experiencing the everyday challenges that wheelchair users face. Hopefully, this will be a fun and exciting activity to take part in whilst also highlighting daily difficulties people in wheelchairs might have.

We would like to make this a sponsorship event in year 5/6. (More information will be shared with the children in class about why we are fundraising and the specific piece of equipment we are trying to raise money for).

All children will be taking part in the event but if you would like to support us, please complete the sponsorship form on the back by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June**.

The child who raises the most money will receive a hamper full of goodies for the whole family to enjoy.

We completely understand if this is not something you wish to contribute to at this time, there will be other opportunities during the year to support a range of causes.



**Non-uniform  
day!**

# Orchard Vale's Summer Fair

**Wednesday, 14th July 2021**

**3pm to 5pm**

Save the date

Once we have clarification of the government's guidance we will confirm whether our summer fair will be a traditional one on our field or a virtual one using Teams.



**Entry £3 per child**

Traditional stalls



Handmade craft items made by the children



Guess the name of the rabbits?

How many sweets in the jar?



Entry into the draw, we have one adult and one child hamper.



Spot the Ball.

£6 to include an end of term class celebration DVD.



We will set up a payment item on Parent Pay for the entry fee.

We will be in touch nearer the time with further details of how we can proceed.

All proceeds made at this event will be used in school to benefit the children.





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## Kids May half term Programme

**Tues 1st June**

**Family Coasteer**

session 1 11.30 - 14.00 Age 8+

**Young Climbers at Baggy**

session 2 16.00 - 17.30 Age 6-11

**Wed 2nd June**

**Kids coasteer**

session 1 9.30 - 12.00 Age 11+

**Young coasteer**

session 2 12.15 - 14.15 Age 8-11

**Sat 5th June**

**Climb at Baggy**

session 1 9.00 - 10.30 Age 8+

**Kids coasteer**

session 1 12.30 - 15.00 Age 11+

**Family coasteer**

session 2 15.15 - 17.45 Age 8+

**Sun 6th June**

**Young Climbers at Baggy**

session 1 9.00 - 10.30 Age 6-11

**Climb at Baggy**

session 2 10.45 - 12.15 Age 8+

**Young Coasteer**

session 1 13.15 - 15.15 Age 8 - 11

**Family Coasteer**

session 2 15.30 - 18.00 Age 8+

**Climbing £25 Coasteering £35**

(£5 off for climbing club members)

**Must be able to swim confidently  
in the sea for coasteering**

**Booking essential**



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## Kids May half term Holiday club

**10.00-15.00pm £45 per day**

(£5 off for climbing club members)

### Wistlandpound Forest Adventure

**Thurs 3rd June, age 7 upwards**

Fun packed day exploring the woods: orienteering, treasure trails, shelter building, firelighting, smores, games, whittling, bow & arrows, slack line.

New for  
2021

### Gorge Adventure

**Fri 4th June, School year 5,6,7**

Scrambling down the steep banks to the remote beach at Glenthorne, toasting marshmallows on an open fire on the beach, very wet and challenging gorge scramble, climbing back up in the stream! Drop off at County Gate, Exmoor and enjoy a day to yourselves exploring the area!

**Booking essential**



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## BE a sculptor this half term at [Broomhill Estate](#)

This half-term (Friday 28th May – Sunday 6th June) [Broomhill Estate](#) is inviting creative kids to visit the gardens and become sculptors!

Families are invited to explore the 103-acre estate, collect natural objects such as petals, stones, leaves, feathers, or moss and use them to create natural works of art.



When you finish exploring and have collected your natural materials, have a go at making your own land art using inspiration from the sculptures in the gardens.

Once you have finished your sculpture, take a picture and share it on social media tagging @broomhillestate and using the hashtag [#broomhillestate](#).

At the end of half term, Broomhill will select 3 talented artists who have shared their land art via social media, to win a special Broomhill cream tea outing for the whole family or friends!

Ready, steady, get creative and BE a sculptor at Broomhill Estate.

Please book normal sculpture garden tickets to take part: <https://buff.ly/2SsolhA>

