

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Guardians

This week has been challenging with so much going on, but we have worked hard to make sure the week has been a success for everyone involved. The year 6 children have been absolutely brilliant. They came in everyday ready to take their tests and have shown a huge amount of determination, resilience and commitment in the way that they have approached these assessments.

I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all involved. The whole school community have pulled together to ensure the year 6's were fully supported making sure they had breakfast, drinks, biscuits, fun activities, safe spaces, someone to talk to or anything else that they needed to get them through. A big thank you to parents for making sure your child was here on time and ready for the day. I am extremely proud of how we have all worked together and been so supportive of each other.

Our happy bench today was also extremely full of some amazing children going above and beyond this week with their learning.

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs James has welcomed little Nancy James into her family. All are well and we wish them the very best.

We are looking forward to what else the summer term brings and hope that the glorious weather continues.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Coffee Cabin



New to you
School Uniform
Thursday 22nd May
3pm – 4pm

Come and grab yourselves A BARGAIN.

Orchard Vale Community School

SUMMER FAIR



As we are starting to organise the SUMMER FAIR, we are asking for the following donations:

Books in good condition.
Teddy Bears.
Bottles eg: wine, chutney, pickled onions, squash.

If you have any of the above items, please pass to the school office for the attention of Mrs Manley.

Details of the Summer Fair to follow.
If you would like to have a stall at the Fair, please contact Sue Manley

Parentkind
Member Association

STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Rowan S for showing new independence and confidence playing role-play games with her peers.

Mrs Oldfield's class

My Star of the week this week has been chosen by Mrs Quilter. Theo W-C, Mrs Quilter has been blown away this by your enthusiasm, attention and excellent attitude in all the lessons you have had. She was especially impressed with the artwork you produced on Monday, when thinking about perspective. You listened beautifully to the instructions given, you then took the time to really study 'J.J' from the front, back and side, and used the skills taught to produce some wonderful work. It is so lovely to hear what a wonderful week you have had Theo. Keep up the great work buddy.

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Reggie is our star of the week! We are extremely proud of how Reggie has been very kind to his friends and sharing the resources available, he has also been working very hard at using his words when things aren't going his way and keeps on trying to achieve activity goals set out for him! Well done, Reggie!

Austin has been a very kind friend this week. He has been very focussed when doing phonics and happily takes part in all our activities. Austin's happy smiling face brings much joy to our class. Mrs Scott

Mr Quilter's class

My star of the week is Seb. I have been especially impressed with Seb's maths this week. We have been looking at fractions, specifically finding a $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of a given number. To begin with, Seb found this a little tricky and needed some support. He has since used his new learnt skills and transferred this into his work. He has found links between fractions and division and has become a fraction king in the classroom! It has been lovely to see you gaining confidence this week in your work. Seb is a kind friend, a helpful classmate and a wonderful student to have in the classroom. Seb, you never fail to make me laugh. Never stop being you, you are a superstar! – Miss Tillman x

Miss Huxtable's class

My star of the week is Theo. Theo has had a great week and has been full of energy (with both eyes wide open)! I have noticed an extra bounce in Theo this week, not just on the playground but also when it comes to his learning. This week has been a shift back to more formal lessons after the trips last week, and Theo has taken each new challenge in his stride. He has been displaying more independence in his writing work and has made us all laugh with his creative ideas. He has been in a smaller phonics group this week, and it has been great to see him focusing hard on learning his sounds. Theo is a well loved member of the class who makes us smile with his fun personality and cheeky giggle. Keep up the good work, Theo! Miss H x

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Ayero. Ayero is a fabulous learner, a wonderful friend and an all round top person. He has been such a fantastic addition to our class. This week Ayero has been doing great writing and accurate and fluent reading. He is also a talented mathematician. I am always impressed by the way Ayero comes in to the classroom each day with a big smile on his face and just gets on with things. He plays happily with many children in the class and has a lovely, sensitive nature. Ayero had to fit in to our class because he came part way through the year and he has done this so seamlessly. Ayero, it is a joy to teach you each day. I am constantly impressed by you. Thank you for being such an amazing member of our class team.

★ STARS OF THE TERM ★

Mr Bayliss' class

Riley has had a fantastic week. He has been fully focussed and engaged in all of his lessons, taking great care to complete work to a high standard. Riley has a great attitude to his learning, always looking for ways to improve his work; for example in English asking how he improve his handwriting. Riley always joins in to class discussions and listens well in our topic lessons. Riley is very kind and caring and looks out for everyone else in the class. Well done Riley for being a year 4 role model!

Mrs Johnson's class

My Star of the Week is Elliott. Elliott has already had a brilliant year so far representing our class as a school councillor. What he has shown this week, is his mature attitude, kindness, and ability to be a positive role-model to others. In our P.E session, Mrs Sowden noticed that Elliott made sure that everyone in his team had a turn with the ball in their game of football. Elliott loves football and is a great striker, but he took the time to let others have a go and encouraged them to do so. Elliott, it was so lovely to put others before yourself and be so encouraging to other children! You are a superstar!

Mr Whapham's class

Wyatt has had a great week, impressing the adults he works with. He has particular shone in reading this year—really showing what he is capable of. He has been sharing great answers to comprehension questions and thinking carefully about his answers. He has also shown more independence in his work and has become more motivated to show his full potential. Well done Wyatt!

Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Lexi Pa. Lexi has had a brilliant week. Each morning she has tackled the SATs papers with a calm determination, and shown real maturity, giving it all her very best, and showing a calm, sensible and hardworking attitude. In the afternoons she had been incredibly helpful to Miss Yorke and Mrs Thomas, and has, throughout what could have been a challenging week, been cheerful and positive. What a fantastic week, well done Lexi!

Miss Williams' class

My Star of the Week is awarded to Olivia D, who has absolutely blown both Mrs Scott and I away with her determination, resilience, and motivation during her SATs. She has tackled every challenge with such a positive attitude and a drive to do her very best, proving herself to be a true superstar. It has been a real privilege to witness Olivia's journey over the past three years. The progress she has made, not only academically but in her confidence and character, has been a joy to see. Keep being the amazing individual you are, Olivia – we are all so proud of you! You are going to absolutely fly at secondar school!

Mrs Scott's class

My star this week is Sasha - this week has been SATs week for Year 6, which could have been tricky and stressful, but Sasha has had such a fantastic attitude! She has worked her hardest and thoroughly done herself proud, all the while staying calm and focused. I have taught Sasha for two years now, and her approach to learning and school this week is credit to how much growing and maturing she has done during the time I have known her. Well done, Sasha - you should be very proud of everything you have achieved.

Intergalactic Reading Challenge
Years 3 and 4
Congratulations to:

Mikey Tommy

Owen

For completing—Planet 5— Mars

Eddie Owen

For completing— Planet 6— Earth

Eddie

For completing— Planet 7— Venus

Reading Road Champions
Years 1 and 2

Congratulations
to:

Thea

For completing 25 reads

Caleb

For completing 1255 reads

Road Safety in Reception

As you can see from the pictures, crossing the road is a serious matter!

Reception have learnt lots about road safety this week! Don't forget to stop, look and listen!



Wow Moments

Let's Celebrate

Charlie and Jessica both competed in the South West Championships for martial arts at the weekend.

Charlie came away with two gold medals.

Jessica competed in three disciplines in her first ever championships.

Well done!



School Diary Dates

Mon, 19th May	Y5/6 Heatree Residential—Parent Briefing 3.30pm
Tue, 20th May	Y3/4 Sleeping with the Sharks—Parent Briefing 3.45pm to 4.15pm
Wed, 21st May	Wilcombe Wobbler Cross Country
THur, 22nd May	New 2 You Sale—Coffee Cabin—3pm to 4pm
Fri, 23rd May	Y6 and Reception—National Child Measurement
Fri, 26th to Fri, 30th May	HALF TERM
Wed, 4th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Thurs, 5th to Fri, 6th June	Y3/4—Sleeping with the Sharks
Wed, 11th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Wed, 11th June	Reception—Caffyn's Farm Visit
Thurs, 12th June	Olympic Legacy Festival—Park School
Mon, 16th to Fri, 20th	Y5/6 Heatree Residential
Thur, 19th June	Nursery—Exmoor Zoo Keeper 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

Week commencing— Monday, 19th May

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED MAIN MEAL FOR FRIDAY



LUNCH MENU – WEEK 2

19th May



Available Every Week - Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit, Low Fat Yoghurts,
Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Mac Cheese with Garlic Bread	Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Salmon Nuggets	Sausage, wedges and beans
		Cheese Pizza Baguettes	Lentil Loaf	Vegetable Nuggets	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



BARNEY TO BEACH 2025

Sunday 14th September 2025

DESIGN OUR MEDALS!

Help us to support bereaved children and young people in North Devon

We're hosting a sponsored run to raise funds for two local charities: Families in Grief and WAVE Project North Devon. Each entrant will receive a medal for finishing - and that's where you come in!

We've got loads of eco-friendly wooden medals to give out - but they need some colour. We want you to brighten them up with your designs!

You can be as creative as you like, but if you're stuck here are some ideas:

- Designs inspired by the seaside: think waves, sandcastles, sunshine... or even ice creams and fish & chips!
- Designs featuring the colours of FiG (purple and green) or WAVE Project (dark blue and light blue)
- Designs with your favourite colour, animal, or shape - we love the personal touch!



In support of



BARNEY TO BEACH 2025

Sunday 14th September 2025

From town to tide...

Run it, walk it... let's do it!

- 14K (8 miles+) from Barnstaple to Crow Point
- One mile Children's Fun Run
- Music at the start and finish
- Medals, refreshments & cakes!
- Raffle prizes to be won
- Transport support options
- Merchandise

Who you'll help

Barney to Beach 2025 is in support of local charities Families in Grief (FiG) and The Wave Project. So every step you take will help to create a more positive future for young people in need of a helping hand.

JOIN IN

Sun 14th September
9am start from
Barnstaple Pannier Market

Entry fees

£26.50 per participant
£100 per team of four
£5.50 per child (1 miler)





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FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us for a fun filled Half Term of football
Games, Competitions & Prizes
Girls & Boys / All abilities
Ages 5 - 15 years

May 27th, 28th & 29th | 9am - 4pm



TARKA LEISURE CENTRE - 4G ASTRO
7 Seven Brethren Bank, Sticklepath, Barnstaple EX31 2AP



NORTH DEVON HOLIDAY CLUBS

Football Fun for
girls and boys!



Barnstaple Park
School and Ilfracombe
Academy



9.30am - 3.30pm



Tuesday 27th May
(Barnstaple) Thursday
29th and Friday 30th
May (Ilfracombe)

THE ACTIVITIES

Match Mania World
Cup, FA Cup, Champions
League

AGES 5-14



BOOK TODAY

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