

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers



Welcome back to the Summer Term at Orchard Vale. We hope that, like us, you are relieved to see your children back in school. This week it has been a joy to see them laughing and playing with their friends at break times and engaging with their teachers in class once again. Children truly are the heartbeat of our schools. We do not think any of us could have foreseen the world in which we now find ourselves.

Continuous handwashing has become a daily part of our lives, alongside masks, open windows and a forever changed approach to how we interact with one another. From an academic perspective, it is as though the children never left the school buildings. We have seen them continue on their learning journeys. They have impressed us all with their resilience and determination to succeed during this time.

Safety remains our absolute priority and our leadership team continues to work tirelessly to ensure that we invest in increased health and safety precautions for the protection of children and staff. We are looking at how we, as a school, can start to work towards lifting restrictions in line with government advice while keeping the school a really safe environment for all.

There is a great deal to look forward to this term and before long we hope very much to be able to celebrate summer term events together.



Fiona Pearce
Head teacher

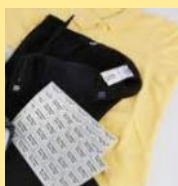
Be Sun Safe



With the warmer weather we are spending more time outside so please do remember to apply sun cream to your children before they come to school, send them in with a sunhat and plenty to drink.



Labelling Uniform



As children get warm when running around they do take off cardigans and jumpers whilst in classrooms and outside. Please could we ask that you clearly label your child's uniform with their full name. This helps avoid unnecessary stress for children as they try to find their belongings.

Drinks Bottles



In the warmer weather we encourage the children to drink throughout the day, especially when outside with PE, playtime and forest school. Please could you send your child to school with a clearly labelled, plastic drinks bottle each day. These can be refilled with water in school should they run out.



Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Reggie for having a super first week back at nursery.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Hugo for fantastic phonics and great listening.

Isla for working hard and great phonics.



Miss Boundy's nominations



Ronnie has been working so hard in his phonics and maths this week. He is showing lots of confidence in his learning and is always such a great friend to everyone. Well done Ronnie.

Scarlett has settled back into school amazingly. She has shown great confidence in playing with her friends. Well done Scarlett, you are a ray of sunshine.

Mr Quilter's nomination

Sebby has had a fantastic attitude towards his learning this week. He has impressed Mrs Owen in his phonics and both myself and Miss Paine with his independent writing. Keep up the super work buddy!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination



Rory B has come back to school this week with a fantastic positive attitude to his learning, he has knuckled down straight away to each task. He is full of amazing ideas and has been wonderful when sharing these and working in small groups. Well done Rory keep up the great work. Mrs O

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Jessica has come back so ready to learn and to share her learning with her classmates. She is accurate and quick in mental maths and I have also been impressed this week with her knowledge and use of nouns and adjectives.

Super week's work Jessica. Well done you are our shining star!



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Star of the week is Sophie. She has been working hard on coming into school and settling down to her morning tasks seamlessly. She has flourished within her phonics sessions and is growing in confidence daily. We are so proud of 'super Sophie' with her perseverance, positive attitude and her huge smile brightens our day. Well done!

Mrs Johnson's nomination

Lilly-Mai is has come back after Easter and as always just got stuck into her learning. Her behaviour is amazing. She is a friend to everyone, kind and helpful. She always keeps me on my toes reminding me of things I should be doing. She is an all-round star and is a whizz.



Mr Whapham's nomination



Kelsey has really impressed me this week with her attitude towards maths. Previously, Kelsey hasn't always been the most confident in maths and didn't always believe in her own ability. This week, she has returned with a positive attitude towards maths, answering questions and demonstrating her understanding well. It has been so lovely to see Kelsey believing in herself and being successful! Keep up the hard work.

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

Everyone has come back to school with such a cheerful and positive attitude but Tyler has really shone, this week. He has been very reflective and independent in his learning, particularly in his maths. We've been looking at ratio, this week, and he is applying everything he can recall about number comparisons and relationships to apply his new learning to different ratio problems. Keep being such a positive and helpful member of the class!



Be Curious nomination



Lennox has come back this term with a fantastic attitude to learning. He has tried really hard with all work given to him and is really motivated.

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

Star of the week in year 5 this week is Ava! Ava has shown, as always, some amazing writing this week, showing that she can include modal verbs and parentheses in her diary writing. Ava has also worked really hard on her maths this week as well, showing that she can convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. Ava is always a delight in class, and has continued to show that really well this week! Well done Ava.



Miss Squire's nomination



My star this week is someone who has shown real leadership skill within their learning. Ewan is a fantastic learner, and has been throughout this year, but it is so exciting to see that his confidence has grown to the point where he is beginning to quietly lead other learners. This is sometimes through supporting them in an area where they may not feel as confident as he does, or reminding them of the right thing to be doing, at the right time. A notable instance of this, this week, was during a text marking carousel activity in our classroom, where Ewan took on the role of scribe alongside prompting his group to complete the task, within the time set. Well done Ewan - keep it up, you will go far.

Year 3 and 4—Proud Cloud (High Flyer Readers)

We are proud to share the children's success for consistently reading 25 times a week at home. The following children have reached their first step on the Proud Cloud. When children reach 50 they will receive their first certificate. Well done to:



Miss Gulliford's class Lara – 150 Mahi - 200!

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 - Noah L - for brilliant evading of defenders

Year 3/4 - Corey R— for good attacking in small team games

Year 5/6 - Florence - for brilliant turning and dodging to avoid a defender

Years 5 and 6—Ancient Greek Topic

Year 5 have started their new Ancient Greek topic this week.

We have used our forest school time to act out the story of Odysseus and the cyclops! It was great to see the story come to life!



Fatou fetch the water—Mrs Huggins' class

We acted out the characters from 'Fatou fetch the water' thinking of the differences between our countries and way of life.



KEY STAGE 2—FOOTBALL CLUBS

Mr Ovey's football clubs started this week. Children who have applied and been allocated a place will take part in the club on:

Year 3 ONLY—Monday, 19th April until 24th, May – 315pm-415pm.

Year 4 ONLY—Tuesday, 20th April until 25th May – 315pm-415pm.

Year 5 ONLY—Wednesday, 21st April until 26th May – 315pm-415pm.

Year 6 ONLY—Thursday, 22nd April until 27th May – 315pm-415pm.

If you are collecting your child at the end of the session please arrive by 4.15pm.

School Diary Dates

Thurs, 6th May	The school is a polling station. Members of our community will be accessing the Community Room to vote throughout the day.
Mon, 10th May	Year 4 Tennis Festival run by the Barnstaple Primary Schools' Sports Co-ordinator (at Orchard Vale)
Wed, 12th May	Years 5 and 6—Orienteering run by the Barnstaple Primary Schools' Sports Co-ordinator (at Orchard Vale).
Wed, 14th July	Reserved for Summer Fayre

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

Park Community School

More information will be sent out in May/June. Information on the Park website is waiting to be updated and is not current for this year's pupils.

Wednesday, 23rd June—Year 6 parent evening at Park.

Thursday, 15th July and Friday, 16th July—Year 6 Induction Days.

Pilton Community College

The link below is for the Pilton's website and dedicated Year 6 transition section.

[Pilton Community College | Barnstaple \(piltoncollege.org.uk\)](http://piltoncollege.org.uk)

[Year 6 Transition | Pilton School \(piltoncollege.org.uk\)](http://piltoncollege.org.uk)

Children should have all received a welcome pack by now with lots of information which tells you more about the school. More information will be sent after Easter.

Tuesday, 25th May— Virtual Information evening

Possible Induction days (to be confirmed) - Tuesday, 6th, Wednesday, 7th or Thursday, 8th July

Braunton Academy

Wednesday, 5th May—6.30pm—Year 6 Parent Welcome Evening—Isaac Hall

Tuesday, 6th July—Year 6 Transition Day.

Wednesday, 7th July— 6.30pm—Year 6 Parents Transition Evening— Isaac Hall



Royal Mail



'Heroes Stamp Design Competition'

Orchard Vale would like to enter the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design competition. Children will have brought home an entry form template this week for them to draw their own design.



Completed entries must be returned to class teachers by
FRIDAY 14TH MAY.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON		
	SCHOOL	ENTRANT/FAMILY
Overall Winners x 8:	£1,000	£1,000 vouchers
Regional Winners x 14:	£500	£500 vouchers
Regional Runners Up x 76:	£100	£100 vouchers

For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.



Menu for week commencing 26th April 2021

Please note the content of a Pasta Pot is

pasta with carrot, cucumber, tomato, sweetcorn, diced pepper, onion, ham.

Week 1 26th April, 10th May, 24th May, 14th June, 28th June, 12th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M – Ham carbonara with pasta and sweetcorn	M – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and carrot sticks	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Crunchy chicken fillets with French fries and peas	M – Beef bolognaise with pasta and salad
V – Quorn sausage hotdog with wedges and sweetcorn	V – Butternut squash risotto with focaccia bread and Carrot sticks	V – 3 cheese, Cauliflower and broccoli bake with potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas	V – Sweet tomato cheese quiche with sauté potatoes and salad
JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna
PL – Pasta pot (pasta with carrot, cucumber, tomato, sweetcorn, diced pepper, onion, ham)	PL – Cheese roll	PL – Ham Roll	PL – Chicken and bacon salad	PL – Sausage roll
D – Fresh fruit	D – Banana cake	D – Fruit smoothie	D – Apple cake	D – Cookie

Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

Do you want to re-home items you don't use? Join Tuesday Tables

The coronavirus lockdown has given many of us the chance to sort out those long forgotten corners of the loft or garage and have a good de-clutter ready for Spring.

And now communities across Devon have the chance to re-home those every-day items they no longer need simply by leaving them outside their front door every Tuesday, starting from 6 April.

[The new initiative is called 'Tuesday Tables' and is part of Recycle Devon's commitment to help residents reduce the amount of waste they throw away.](#)



It encourages people to pass on items they no longer need so that they can be used by someone that may benefit. All you have to do is put things you don't want any more on your doorstep, in your front garden, or on your driveway every Tuesday – and let people know that you are taking part in 'Tuesday Tables'. You can either display a makeshift sign saying FREE or you can download, print off and display one of the signs available on the [Recycle Devon website](#).

Because coronavirus can be transmitted on hard surfaces, please quarantine items for three days in a garage or a box before the event to help keep everyone safe.

Please make sure that any items you leave for collection are not broken, dirty or potentially dangerous and are not on the pavement or road. And at the end of the day bring in whatever is not taken and maybe try a local Freecycle or Freegle group, or list items as 'free' on Facebook marketplace or Gumtree – you will be surprised what people will come and collect when it's free. If your road or local area has a social media group this is a great place to share which roads are taking part to build local interest.

For more information please visit [the Recycle Devon website](#).

Car sharing advice



Wear face coverings



Sit as far apart as possible



Share with the same small group only



Keep windows open



Wash hands or use sanitisers before and after



Clean the car after every journey (including internal and external handles)

Do it for your FamilyCommunityDevon

Car sharing linked to increase in workplace COVID-19 outbreaks in Devon

While the number of positive cases of coronavirus in Devon remain relatively low, and well below the national average, we are still seeing a number of outbreaks in work places.

Cases are spreading between colleagues, and it's often not because of the work place practices themselves, it's more a consequence of social interaction between colleagues who are car sharing.

[Car sharing is not permitted with someone from outside your household](#) or your support bubble [unless your journey is undertaken for an exempt reason](#), for example, if car sharing is reasonably necessary as part of your work.

The best option is not to car share because it is difficult to socially distance, but if you have an exempt reason to car share, please do everything you can to minimise the risk of catching

and spreading the virus between passengers. You can reduce the risk of transmission by:

- sharing the transport with the same people each time
- minimising the group size at any one time
- opening windows for ventilation
- travelling side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow
- facing away from each other
- considering seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle
- cleaning your car between journeys using standard cleaning products – make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch asking the driver and passengers to [wear a face covering](#).

STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

Have you got your free rapid COVID-19 tests yet?

Alongside the vaccination rollout, regular testing of people without symptoms of coronavirus is at the heart of easing restrictions and reopening society and the economy safely.

The aim is that as many positive cases as possible can be found and isolated to stop the virus spreading, particularly as one in three people don't know they've got it as they don't have any symptoms so could be passing it on without realising.

That's why every adult in England is being encouraged to take a free rapid COVID-19 test (known as a lateral flow device (LFD) test) twice a week. They are easy, quick and convenient, and the results are usually available to you within the hour.

Devon County Council are running a [mobile community testing service in Devon](#) so you can get tested or collect home-testing kits at a range of locations across the county. DCC have published a timetable on their website, but please bear in mind that this schedule is subject to change as they make new locations available and to accommodate any operational issues. To avoid disappointment, [please check DCC website each time you plan a visit](#).

You can also [order home-testing kits from the NHS by post](#) or collect home-testing kits from [NHS testing locations](#), and any of the [133 pharmacies that are part of the Pharmacy Collect scheme so far](#).

Remember, these rapid lateral flow tests are to be taken regularly if you do not have any symptoms of coronavirus. If you do develop any symptoms, you should immediately self-isolate and [arrange a PCR test via the NHS](#).

MAY HALF TERM

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CHIVENOR SOCCER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR GIRLS

TUESDAY'S & THURSDAY'S
4.45PM - 6.15PM
STARTING 4TH MAY

TWEEDIES PLAYING FIELD
BRAUNTON

6 YEAR OLDS & ABOVE



CONTACT US TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.
07861388360 OR CHIVENOR50CCERSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM



Barnstaple Junior Parkrun - Rock Park

The Barnstaple Junior Parkrun is scheduled to restart on Sunday 25th April and we look forward to seeing you there.

Start time is 9am, please arrive 10 minutes beforehand for the briefing.

Initially on our return the event will be for 4 – 10 year olds only.

More information can be found on our website or FB page.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/barnstaple-juniors/>



**COVID-19
WALKER AND RUNNER
CODE**

- 1 STAY HOME**
if you or anyone in your household is unwell
- 2 DISTANCE YOURSELF**
wherever possible
- 3 BE QUIET**
at the pre-event brief & start line
- 4 POSITION YOURSELF**
at the start according to your estimated finish time
- 5 MINIMISE AMOUNT OF TIME**
spent in close proximity to others
- 6 RESPECT**
other people's personal space
- 7 SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN**
to socially distance
- 8 OBSERVE LOCAL COVID-19 GUIDELINES**
on your way to & from event
- 9 NO SPITTING OR HIGH-FIVING**
or any other non-essential contact
- 10 SHOW YOUR BARCODES**
to the scanner from a distance