

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parent/Carer

Although I enjoyed my half-term break it has been lovely to see you back in school and online enjoying your learning again. I have had the privilege to see some outstanding work this week including reading with some of our younger children, some amazing space projects and some incredible poems written by our oldest children. So many of you are going the extra mile and this is brilliant to see.

Isn't it wonderful to see the sun shining this week? I have been trying to get out on my bike a bit more and enjoying the good weather.

We have had some exciting news this week. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will be welcoming all children back into school. We can't wait for this to happen and we are really excited about getting the children in our classes back together for the rest of the spring term. Please try not to be nervous about coming back. We are really looking forward to it and I know we will have a fantastic time being back together.

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day and although we are not dressing up this year we have many fantastic projects for you all to enjoy in school. Over half-term I had a lovely day with my children trying to transform a toilet roll into a book character.



Can you guess who it is?

I can't wait to see how creative you can be. I shall be checking [OV Weekend Club – 2021 World Book Day teams](#) for your entries and trying to guess which book is your favourite.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher



### MAKE KINDNESS THE NORM

We can all agree 2020 had some serious challenges. While it is easy to focus on the negative over the past year, it is more beneficial to our well-being to reflect on the good during the last twelve months. As we have moved into 2021, why not make your goal one to help you **explore the good**. Even on our worst days, there was always something good.

Everyone can use more kindness in their lives. Scientific evidence shows us the positive effects of doing kind acts for others as well as receiving or even witnessing kindness. Random acts of kindness stories are beautiful and heart-warming, but mostly they give us hope. Seemingly insignificant moments where a stranger helps another stranger and impacts the rest of their life with a small gesture. When we tune into kindness happening around us, the day seems a little bit brighter. The week seems a little more manageable.

We encourage everyone to **explore the good** and **make kindness the norm**.

So, here are some resources for inspiration to start filling your emotional piggy bank: [kindness ideas](#), [kindness quotes](#) and [videos](#).

We hope you spend this year finding ways to share kindness with others while also reflecting on all the good that's happening around you.





Sarah Felgate is our Pastoral Teaching Assistant and is available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—9am to 3.15pm to offer emotional support/advice to our parents and children during Lockdown 3.0.

## OV WEEKEND TEAMS CLUB



### Star Award Badge

Congratulations to Ryder on being the first recipient to receive a special Star Award Badge for work completed on the OV Weekend Club.

It is nice to see you all enjoying taking part in the different activities.

Who will be next?

## North Devon Biosphere

We have been given a 'Pledge for Nature' Award. Thank you to Mr Magson and Miss Felgate for helping to make this happen.

Pledge for Nature is a campaign to galvanise community action for nature's recovery across the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere and beyond.

Our wildlife has been in decline for decades, with iconic species like breeding cuckoos, lapwings and curlews disappearing from North Devon, insects and wildflowers from our meadows and salmon from our rivers. Immediate action is needed to help North Devon's nature to flourish again in our farmland, woods, gardens, rivers and open spaces.



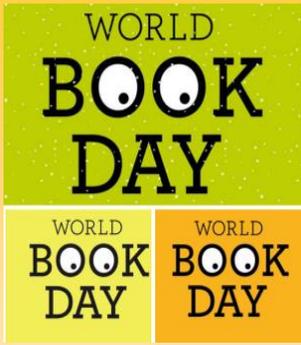
## WANTED

### Cardboard rolls for class bubbles

On Monday class teachers would be grateful for donations of any cardboard rolls ready for children to create their designs of their favourite books. For our Toilet Roll Challenge on World Book Day.



# World Book Day 2021



We will not be asking the children to dress up this year. We feel that under the current Lockdown restrictions it would not be appropriate to encourage parents to go out to buy costumes and we are also very mindful that some people may be struggling financially.

Instead we are planning some fun events for World Book Day. Look out on the OV Weekend Teams—2021 World Book Day channel.

Watch out next week for an email with a digital book token for £1 which can be exchanged for an exclusive, new £1 books in participating bookshops and supermarkets

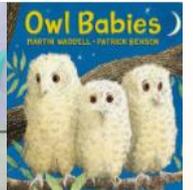
## World Book Day Toilet Roll Challenge



- Design should be created using cardboard tubes whilst in their original cylindrical shape—that's the challenge!
- The tubes cannot be wrapped in paper but it is acceptable to stick things on to create the design.
- The design should represent your favourite book character or book.
- Any size cardboard tube is acceptable eg kitchen roll tube, wrapping paper tube.
- Any medium can be used to achieve this eg felt tip, ink, paint, collage



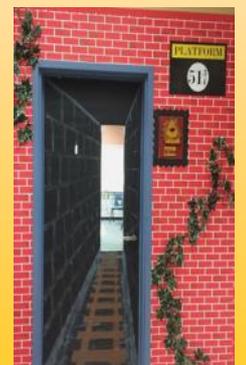
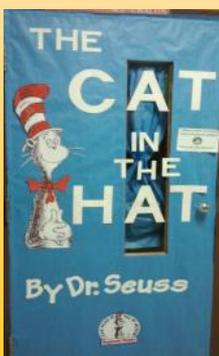
Why not upload your finished design to the OV Weekend Club Teams under the 2021 World Book Day—Toilet Roll Challenge channel



Your taskmaster challenge this week is to dress a door.

Can you dress a door in your house/in school as your favourite book.

Don't forget to upload your photos on the OV Weekend Club—2021 World Book Day—Taskmaster Challenge channel.



# Star of the Week

## Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



### Mrs Youll's

Wyatt for good listening and remembering to follow our Golden Rules.

Freya for settling in well and joining in with circle time.

### Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Riley for all of his amazing work at home.

Benjamin for working hard and fantastic listening at school.



### Miss Boundy's nominations

Isla has been working so hard at home and has been amazing in her phonics and writing!

### Mr Quilter's nomination

Isla has impressed with her writing this work, working independently and will greater success. Great job Isla, you deserve your moment to shine!!



### Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Hollie has been a super star, she has really knuckled down since Christmas and we are seeing a huge improvement in her concentration and in the quality of her work. She is a bubble of confidence and never fails to make us laugh. She is always full of amazing ideas and we are loving seeing these shine through in her work, especially in her writing. Keep up the great work Hollie.



Jenson never fails to make me smile but he made my week this week with his silly sentence writing, he wrote all his silly sentences about me - I LOVED IT! We have seen a big improvement in Jenson's handwriting while he has been learning from home which is wonderful. He continues to impress us daily with his mathematical wizardry and I love all the funny faces and objects he brings to our live session. You are a star buddy, keep up the great work.

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

Alexa is in school every day and has been working very hard on her writing. Alexa is an amazing friend. She is very kind and thoughtful. She is full of smiles every day and thoroughly deserves to be our Shining Star of the week!



# Star of the Week

## Key Stage Two

### Miss Gulliford's nomination

Bibi has been building up her confidence within class and has started to share her ideas. She is showing signs of what makes a superstar learner - resilience, patience and the confidence to give new learning a try. Bibi has shone in science this week whilst looking at the definition of light and within English has really thought about her sentence structures. Well done Bibi!



### Mrs Johnson's nomination

Home learner - Grazyнка never fails to amaze me with her excellent learning attitude and the high standard of work she produces. Despite learning at home, Grazyнка has given 100% to her learning and we cannot wait to have her back with us on the 8th!

In school learner - this is someone who I have wanted to give the award to for some time - Connor! Connor has sometimes struggled to make the right decisions in school, but he has been working so hard in class and on the playground to think before he acts and speaks. This week, Connor has impressed us all with his calm approach to his playtimes and learning. He has been practising joining up his writing and keeping it on the line, which really impressed us all! It's been a long time coming Connor, but you have thoroughly earned your award of star of the week!



### Mr Whapham's nomination

Daisie is our star of the week for her hard work and effort! She has shown a really good attitude towards her learning and has been showing a consideration for her work, drawing on what she knows and applying this well. Daisie has asked for less adult support this week, instead tackling things independently even when they look tricky at first. Keep up your hard work Daisie!



### Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

This week, my star of the week is someone who could be rewarded with this, every week. She is helpful, kind and brings a great, gentle sense of humour to the classroom. She tries her absolute best at everything and is very conscientious. This week, she truly deserves to be Star of the Week because of her fantastic poetry writing. Her 'Pets of Africa' poem is been carefully drafted and planned to include specific poetic devices and appeal to her chosen audience and purpose. What a superstar you are, Heidi. Keep shining!



### Mrs Harding's nominations

Mitchell is our star of the week in the Adventurers class. Sometimes the journey to being a star of the week can be hard work and take some time. Mitchell has been working hard over the course of the last 2 terms to achieve star of the week. He has worked hard to develop his social and learning skills moving from star of the day awards and earning special time points to achieving star of the week for continuous hard work in all areas. This has been a great achievement Mitchell and we are proud of you. We hope that you continue to use all the skills you have worked so hard to develop to become our star of the week to keep on the upward achievement journey and be our star of the week again before the end of the school year. Mrs Harding, Miss Passmore and Mrs Knight



### Mrs Rana's/Mr Boulton's nomination

Gracie has shown such amazing perseverance and resilience throughout the whole of our lockdown learning and it is really showing in the fantastic progress she is making, especially within maths. It has been wonderful to see Gracie really sticking to her tasks, even when she finds them difficult to do her best, and we are very pleased with the outcomes. Well done Gracie!! Keep up the good work.



### Miss Squire's nomination

Amber has increased her independence tremendously this week, even when she has found things tricky. We are studying African poetry this term and, this week, Amber composed a very thoughtful poem around the theme of apartheid. All of the adults in our class have been so impressed with her resilience this term, especially whilst things in school have been a little different. Well done Amber, we are so proud of you.



## Years 5 and 6—Tri-Reading Tournament



The children in Years 5 and 6 are taking part in a Tri-Reading Tournament.

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 25, 50...nights of reading at home:

**Mrs Lavictoire** Natalie, Lacey-Rae and Florence.

**Miss Squire** 150 nights—Amber

## 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.



Years 1 and 2 Isaac for excellent attainment and effort online lessons

Years 3 and 4 Lauren p for consistently being brilliant in PE

Years 5 and 6 Riley for excellent effort and never giving up



## COVID19 School Absence

The national lockdown restrictions are helping bring coronavirus transmission back under control.

Devon County Council have created some useful resources to help you identify the symptoms of coronavirus compared to a cold or seasonal flu and what action you need to take if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of coronavirus. [You can find them on our website.](#)

It's extremely important that [anyone with coronavirus symptoms stays at home and gets tested](#) to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to others, including the more vulnerable in our communities.

**That means if your child, or anyone in your household, has any of the symptoms of coronavirus, no matter how mild, you must keep your child off school and self-isolate your whole household while the person with symptoms gets tested and waits for the results.** Just the person with symptoms needs to get tested. If you don't have symptoms, you don't need to get tested unless you are asked to by a health professional, but you do need to self-isolate until your household member gets their results.

**REMEMBER to call the school office to advise us your child is self isolating and again once you have the results of the Covid 19 test.**

## Menu for the week commencing 1st March

Please note :

Jacket potatoes will only be an option on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

School packed lunches have changed on Wednesday and Thursday.

### Week 2

Jan 11th, 25th Feb 8th, Mar 1st, 15th, 29th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JP- Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	M - Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes, carrots and peas	M - Roast chicken potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M - Hotdog, potato wedges and peas	M - Breaded fish with French fries and peas V - Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas
	JP - Jacket potato Tuna/cheese/tuna		JP - Jacket potato Tuna/cheese/tuna	
SPL - Sausage roll	SPL - Cheese sandwich	SPL - Sausage roll or Cheese & Onion pasty	SPL - Cheese roll	SPL - Ham sandwich
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

## Community Testing available in Barnstaple

A second Community Testing Centre, offering rapid coronavirus tests that provide results within the hour, opened on 17 February.

Location: Taw View, Civic Centre, on North Walk road

Open: 9am to 5pm, seven days a week  
7am to 7pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

It will provide lateral flow tests for anyone who leaves the house to work or volunteer, and who comes into contact with others.

The purpose of community testing is to identify people likely to have the virus, so that those testing negative can continue their day while still following public health rules. Anyone testing positive is instructed to go home and self-isolate.

The tests are for people who may not know they are carrying the virus. One in three people with coronavirus do not show any symptoms and could be going about their day passing it to others unknowingly.

People who can't work from home and who are in contact with others regularly are encouraged to take these quick tests twice a week to prevent the potential spread of the virus.

Testing sites are open now at County Hall in Exeter, Barnstaple. More are planned in locations including Newton Abbot, Tiverton, Honiton, Exmouth, Axminster, Okehampton, Tavistock and Ivybridge. Most will be fixed sites, but some will be mobile facilities that can reach rural parts of the county.

Anyone showing symptoms of having the virus should apply to the [national testing programme](#).

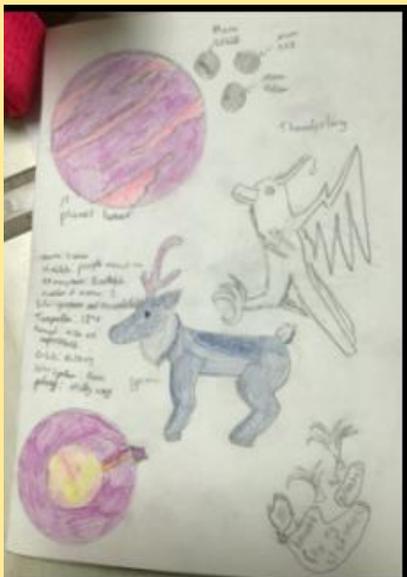
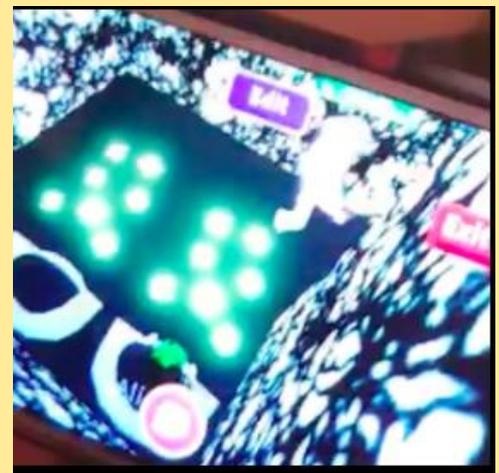
To book a rapid test and to find out more about Community Testing in Devon, visit [devon.cc/testing](https://devon.cc/testing)





A beautiful painting by Isaac  
Inspired by our work on Monet  
Starry night

Mrs Lavictoire's latest science project winners: Libby, Anisa, Ria, Jasmine, Mya, Lacey-Rae and Florence. Their task was to use all of their knowledge of Space and the planets to design their own, thinking carefully about their scientific reasoning for their choices.



Background used



I created my planet using photoshop by adding layers.

My planet is called Liloce and the habitat of the animals living on this planet is icy and frosty. The atmosphere of Liloce is mostly made of Nitrogen, it also only has one moon. My planet orbits the sun and is an outer planet. There is life on this planet such as these animals: Emperor penguins and Leopard seals.

Although there is life on this planet there is no trace of human race in this glacial place. The temperature goes from  $-30^{\circ}$  to  $-70^{\circ}$ .

Liloce belongs to our solar system and is in the galaxy: the Milky Way.



Planet texture

