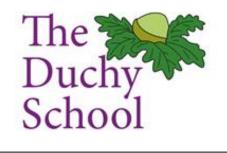
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"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow"

Through having high expectations for all, we constantly strive to promote the overall development of all members of our school community to enable them to reach their full potential. We are a welcoming, and motivational school that nurtures and supports pupils to learn transferable skills for life-long learning.

Message from Simon Roberts

It has been a busy fortnight at The Duchy School as we have been getting to know our new classes, teachers and routines. The children have started work on this term's curriculum and I have been extremely impressed with the quality of work already on display. Please look at page 3 for a snapshot of what the children have been up to recently. For further details of what the children will be covering over the weeks and months ahead, please remember to look at the curriculum overview sheets and home learning enrichment sheets that were sent out last week. As a school, we also recognise the importance of practice and consolidation of key skills within the core subjects of reading, writing and maths. We will be reviewing and actively seeking feedback, over the weeks and months ahead, on how this can be best done at home. In the interim, please seek guidance from your child's class teacher.

The news of Queen Elizabeth II's death has brought a sombre mood as we reflect on the monarch's reign and the impacts of this historical occasion. Please note that the school will be shut on Monday 19th September. For a further list of key dates this term, please see page 2.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to you all for the warm welcome to The Duchy School and Bradninch! It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you on the gate in the mornings; I value any comments, thoughts or concerns you have.

Celebrations



Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:

	09.09.22	16.09.22
Acorn	Harrison	Bobbie
Andrews	Thomas G	Olive
Scott	Alfred	Monty
Daley	Jackson	Murray
Acland	Henry	Noah
Reynolds	Coby	Luke
King	Sophia	Millie



were:

Acorn Kaiden Riley
Andrews Marcus Meadow
Scott Solomon Noah

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Daley Amber Bobby
Acland Vaughn Lucy
& Marni
Reynolds Ellie Immy
King Ethan Lewis

Questions of the Week



Our impressive questioners for the last fortnight were:

	09.09.22	16.09.22	
Andrews	Brodi	James H	
Scott	Jessica	Lily SV	
Daley	Jessica	Florrie	
Acland	Archie	Florence	
Reynolds	James	Sophia	
King	Joey	Deegan	

In assembly time, we have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Alfred	Scott class	Completing the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge	
Olivia	Daley class	Collecting her STAnley Fish Level 4 certificate	
Rosie	Acland class	A fabulous first place rosette collected after horse jumping at Bicton	
Troy	Acland class	Swimming an incredible 1500m!	
Orson	King class	Collecting his Level 3 Shark Swimming Award as well as swimming a magnificent	
		mile in the pool!	

Diary Dates

Term	Commences	Finishes
Autumn	5 th September 2022	16 th December 2022
Spring	3 rd January 2023	31st March 2023
Summer	18 th April 2023	21st July 2023

Date	Item	
19 th September	Bank Holiday (school closed)	
26 th September - 30 th September	Year 6 Residential	
6 th October	King Class Assembly (3pm)	
19 th October	Parents' Evening	
20th October	Parents' Evening	
21st October	Non-Pupil Day (school closed)	
24th- 28 th October	Half Term Week	
2 nd November	Foundation Admissions (2023) Open Morning	
9 th November	Reynolds Class Assembly (3pm)	
17 th November	Scott Class Assembly (3pm)	
18 th November	Children in Need – theme TBC	
21 st -25 th November	Book Fayre in school	
23 rd November	Foundation Admissions (2023) Open Morning	
23 rd November	Acland Class Assembly (3pm)	
6 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity (2.30pm)	
7 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity (3.45pm)	
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Christmas Craft Morning - Parents Invited 9.15-10.15am	
12 th December	Christingle at St Disens' Church (2pm)	
13 th December	Christmas Party (Y3/4)	
14 th December	Christmas Party (Foundation/KS1)	
15 th December	School Christmas Lunch	
16 th December	Christmas Party (Y5/6)	

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Our fortnight in photos



The Duchy School Uniform

The school places great importance on the wearing of school uniform. It is a valuable sign that children have pride in their membership of the school and in the team spirit it creates.

- We ask that all items of clothing and personal items are marked with your child's name.
- Sweatshirts, cardigans and purple tee shirts are available from the school.
- Black PE hoodies are optional and can be ordered from the school office. No nail polish, added hair colours or make-up.

Please do check for availability with the office before paying for any items on Parent Pay first.

UNIFORM		
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan available from the school		
White polo shirt or blouse		
Grey trousers/shorts/knee-length skirt/knee-length pinafore		
Grey or white socks/tights		
Black shoes (not boots) - trainers are not permitted		
Purple and white summer dress/ blue, white or black summer sandals with socks		
Purple PE tee shirt/black PE shorts/ white PE socks/white or black trainers/optional black PE hoodie		

In the community

Please find below information about an opportunity for children to attend a tennis coaching programme at our local club, Bradninch Tennis Club.



Bradninch Tennis Club continues to offer a modern and comprehensive coaching programme for children aged 4 – 18 years! This exciting Autumn 10-week programme will help make tennis more relevant, welcoming and enjoyable for more children. We know that the younger a child picks up a tennis racket, the more likely they are to continue to play throughout their lives. Sessions will be fun, dynamic and will provide a sense of progression.



This 10-week programme will begin on Monday 26 September 2022 and will run through until the end of November for age groups 3-5; 5-6; 7-9; 10-14 and 15-18. There are 5 different age group coaching lessons full of fun games, designed to get children active, confident and more skilled.

Click here for prices and to book your place/s. Places offered on a first come first served basis.

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