



“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

Mathematicians of the Week



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

Stars of the Week



Our stars for the last fortnight were:

	09.09.22	16.09.22
Acorn	Kaiden	Riley
Andrews	Marcus	Meadow
Scott	Solomon	Noah
Daley	Amber	Bobby
Acland	Vaughn & Marni	Lucy
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	31 st March 2023
Summer	18 th April 2023	21 st 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
20 th October	Parents' Evening
21 st October	Non-Pupil Day (school closed)
24th– 28th 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)

Our fortnight in photos

<p>Acorn class</p> 	<p>Andrews class</p> 	<p>Scott class</p> 
<p>In music, we have been listening to and playing a range of well-known songs and nursery rhymes.</p>	<p>In music, we have been exploring rhythm and pulse by moving our bodies to songs.</p>	<p>In art, we have been comparing the painting styles of Seurat, Morrisot & Van Gogh.</p>
<p>Daley class</p>	<p>Acland class</p>	<p>Reynolds class</p>
		
<p>In science, we have been introduced to our new unit of work exploring light.</p>	<p>In science, we have been learning about how particles in solids, liquids and gases behave.</p>	<p>IN PSHE, we have been applying our learning powers in order to complete team-based challenges.</p>
<p>King class</p>	<p>Visitor</p>	<p>Visitors</p>
		
<p>In PE, we have started our new unit on gymnastics investigating correct posture for rolling.</p>	<p>The children were treated to a Royal Proclamation by the Bradninch mayor!</p>	<p>A pigeon family have set up home in one of the school's green spaces!</p>

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.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BradninchTennisClub/News/4923c6a4-2f7e-4c19-a529-8057f40f6381>