



“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

As we come to the end of what has been a busy term, I would like to offer my thanks to all the families, children and staff of The Duchy School for your support, generosity and feedback in my first term here. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year on Tuesday 3rd January.

Christmas Celebrations

Over the past fortnight, we have enjoyed a wealth of festive treats: Key Stage 2 Christingle and carols service at St Disen’s, EYFS and Key Stage 1 nativity performance, whole school Christmas craft morning, PTFA Christmas disco and whole school Christmas lunch! Thank you for all of your support in making these events such a success! Thank you also for your generosity; I am delighted to confirm the following amounts have been raised, mostly by our PTFA – Nativity refreshments £92.52, Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) £51, Christmas Disco £184 and the hamper raffle a massive £477!






Celebrations

The Duchy Diamond Award winners

Reception	Bobbie	
Year 1	Isla	
Year 2	Anya	
Year 3	Isabella	
Year 4	Vaughn	
Year 5	Effie	
Year 6	Ezra	






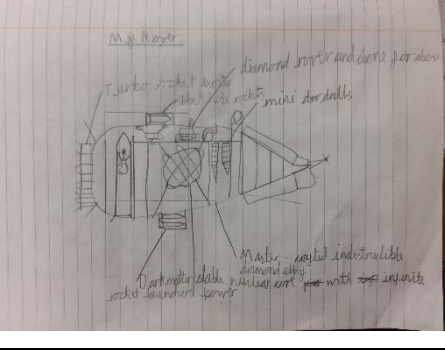
Weekly certificate winners

Mathematicians of the Week			Stars of the Week			Questions of the Week		
								
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:			Our stars for the last fortnight were:			Our impressive questioners for the last fortnight were:		
	09.12.22	16.12.22		09.12.22	16.12.22		09.12.22	16.12.22
Acorn	Riley		Acorn	Helena		Andrews	Maisie	
Andrews	Lilly-Mai		Andrews	Chloe		Scott	Tom	
Scott	Noah		Daley	Charlie		Daley	Murray	
Daley	Emmanuel		Acland	Daisy		Acland	Vaughn	
Acland	Tyler		Reynolds	Layla		Reynolds	Bradley	
Reynolds	Immy		King	Amelia		King	Joe	
King	Daniel		King	Deegan		King	Joe	

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

Scott Class	Phoebe D	For obtaining Electric Eel Stage 3 in swimming.
Daley Class	Deacon	For obtaining 3 rd in the English Cycle Speedway Championships

Our fortnight in photos

<p style="text-align: center;">Acorn class</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Andrews class</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Scott class</p> 
<p>In maths, children have been applying their counting skills in the role-play.</p>	<p>During our DT lesson we designed, baked and evaluated our biscuits. Our conclusion; 'extremely delicious!'</p>	<p>In DT, we have been using a simple running stitch to join material and make puppets.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Daley class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Acland class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reynolds class</p>
		
<p>In English, the children have been learning about Kenning poems and how they can use performance to bring the poems to life.</p>	<p>In Geography, Jane Webber visited the class to discuss how Bradninch has changed since it was first established as a settlement.</p>	<p>In English, pupils have designed and written an explanation about a new Mars Rover.</p>

King class	Christmas Lunch!	
		
<p>In DT, we evaluated a range of vehicles. We then designed and made Mars Rovers.</p>		

Term 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

Diary Dates

Date	Item
3 rd January 2023	Spring Term begins – children return to school

Message from St Disen's Church

Dear Duchy families,

This Christmas, there are some great seasonal events at St Disen's. We'd especially love to invite you to the Donkey Service on Christmas Eve at 6pm - it's a service aimed at all ages, with great music and a lot of fun. Do come early to meet the donkey!

With prayers for you all for a happy Christmas,

Olly and the team at St Disen's

Beer & Carols
@ The Castle
Mon: 19th
8pm

Carols by Candlelight
A service of
readings & carols
with organist Alex West
Fri 23rd at 7.30pm

Christmas at St. Disen's

Donkey Service
Christmas Eve
6pm
Come early to
meet the donkey!

Midnight Mass
Christmas Eve
11.30pm

Donkey Service
Christmas Eve
6pm

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