



“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

A warm welcome back at the start of this summer term; I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter break.

It has been a busy fortnight in school capped off earlier today with our rearranged Duchy Mile event. I was extremely proud of the resilience and determination on display - thanks to everyone who supported! Looking further ahead, details of what the children will be learning about over the next ten weeks are outlined in the curriculum overview sheets that were sent out by e-mail earlier. Also attached to these were home learning enrichment sheets with suggested tasks and activities to supplement your child's learning. As a school, we also recognise the importance of practice and consolidation of key skills within the core subjects of reading, writing and maths. Following feedback from children and staff, as well as key themes arising when reviewing the recent school improvement survey, please note that a revised and more clearly defined approach to home learning will be communicated at the start of next academic year. In the interim, please seek guidance or direct any queries to your child's class teacher.

Dates

A list of key dates for the term is outlined on page 2 below. Please keep a close eye on these, in the fortnightly newsletters, as we are always looking out for further enriching experiences and opportunities to enhance our curriculum offer! A few key dates of note:

- Bank holidays (school closed) on **Monday 1st May** and **Monday 8th May**
- Planned industrial action on **Tuesday 2nd May** – please refer to previous communication sent on Friday 21st April to understand the impact of this on your child's class
- We will be hosting the Mayor of Bradninch on **Friday 5th May**, between 2:50 and 3:20, to kickstart the coronation celebrations! Parents are warmly invited to join the children on the playground, between these times, to share and celebrate our learning. Please note: instead of school uniform, we would love the children to come to school on this day dressed in their finest **red, white and blue clothing!**

Coronation Competition

As part of our coronation celebrations on Friday 5th May, we are holding a competition. Children are invited to design the front cover of a card that could be sent to the newly crowned King Charles to congratulate him.

Entries can be in any media that you wish

- Entries must be no larger than A4
- All entries must have the child's name and class clearly written on the back (not the front)
- All entries must be given to class teachers on or before the morning of Friday 5th May



Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each class with winning entries then posted to King Charles III! We know how creative our children are and we are excited to see their designs!

Diary Dates

Term	Commences	Finishes
Summer	18 th April 2023	21 st July 2023

	Summer Term
1 st May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
2 nd May	Planned industrial action – please refer to previous communication sent on Friday 21 st April to understand the impact of this on your child’s class
3 rd May	Y3/4 Quad Kids (selected children only) at Cullompton Community College
5 th May	Coronation celebrations in school – children to wear red, white and blue Parent event – Coronation – 2:50 – 3:20
8 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
9 th to 12 th May	Y6 SATS Week
10 th May	Y5 friendly football match (selected children only) at Willand Primary School
15 th May	Reception and Y6 height and weight check
17 th May	Y2 trip to Sidmouth
17 th May	Y3/4 and Y5/6 football matches (selected children only) at The Duchy school
19 th May	Parent Forum Group Meeting
24 th May	Wilcombe Wobbler running event (selected children only in Y3, 4 5 & 6 – TBC)
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
15 th June	Sports Day
19 th to 23 rd June	Book Fair (Hall)
26 th June to 30 th June	Y6 - Bikeability
29 th June	Reserve Sports Day
7 th July	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal
10 th July	Y5/6 Afternoon Performance
11 th July	Y5/6 Evening Performance
12 th July	Reception – vision check
13 th July	Y6 trip to Crealy
20 th July	Y6 Leavers’ Assembly 9.30 am (Y6 families only)
21 st July	Last day of term

Celebrations

Mathematicians of the Week		
		


Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:

	21.04.23	28.04.23
Acorn	Helena	Bessy
Andrews	James Hay	James Hay
Scott	Phoebe G	Jessica
Daley	Anabelle	Florrie
Acland	Henry	Lottie
Reynolds	Sophia	Effie
King	Oscar L	May

Stars of the Week		
		

Our stars for the last fortnight were:

	21.04.23	28.04.23
Acorn	Teddy	Orla
Andrews	Ella	Daisy
Scott	Elijah	Eddie
Daley	Mollie	Ethan
Acland	Rosie S	Teddy
Reynolds	Sofia	Emilia
King	Esme	Daniel

Questions of the Week		
		

Our impressive questioners for the last fortnight were:

	21.04.23	28.04.23
Andrews	Betsy	Emily
Scott	Anya	Marlowe
Daley	Charlie M	Grace
Acland	Troy	Daisy
Reynolds	Amelia	Arlo
King	Ronnie	Alex

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

Scott	Marlowe	For obtaining Stanley 7 Award in swimming.
Scott	Lily R	For obtaining Stanley 7 Award in swimming.
Daley	Theo	For swimming 15m – front crawl and backstroke and for obtaining proficiency award 4 in gymnastics.
Daley	Isabella	For swimming 1 mile.
Acland	Florence	For swimming 1 mile and then to keep on going to 2000m.
King	Orson	For swimming 4000m.

Our fortnight in photos

<p>Acorn class</p>	<p>Andrews class</p>	<p>Scott class</p>
		
<p>In understanding the world, children have been looking at different castles and have started to name some of the important parts.</p>	<p>In science, we have been comparing seeds and bulbs. Did you know there are some bulbs we eat?</p>	<p>In science, we explored the pond habitat in our school grounds. We used pond dipping equipment and spotters guides to find and identify the animals and plants living there.</p>
<p>Daley class</p>	<p>Acland class</p>	<p>Reynolds class</p>
		
<p>Year 3 really enjoyed the Cricket taster day, improving our bowling and batting skills.</p>	<p>In PE, we have been learning about passing and creating space.</p>	<p>In science, we have been learning about the parts of a flower that enable reproduction to take place.</p>
<p>King class</p>	<p>Cricket Taster Day</p>	
<p>21st April - 26th May 2023</p> <p>Acland Class 2022/2023 686 King Class 2022/2023 626</p>		
<p>After their success last half term, year 6 are feeling competitive about their new Times Table Rockstars tournament against Year 4. With four weeks to go, it's neck and neck!</p>		

Cricket Taster Day

On Wednesday 26th April, we welcomed coaches from Devon Cricket who provided each class with a taster session. Damian and Martin were brilliant and encouraged everyone to have fun and give cricket a try – photos included above.

For those who would like to take their cricket journey further, you can join the following cricket courses being held at Bradninch Cricket Club:

- All Stars Cricket – For all 5 to 8-year old boys and girls. Sign up at www.allstarscricket.co.uk
- Dynamos Cricket – For all 8 to 11-year old boys and girls. Sign up at www.dynamoscricket.co.uk

If your child is 8, they have the choice of joining either the All Stars or Dynamos.

Flyers with information about both of these courses is at the bottom of the newsletter.

The Duchy Mile



In the community



DYNAMOS CRICKET

This is our game.

dynamicscricket.co.uk

Join us at:
Bradninch Cricket Club
Session dates:
Friday 5th May - Friday 23rd June
Session timings:
17:30 - 18:30
Contact:
Thom Bunker | tbunker49@gmail.com



It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET

We all play at:
Bradninch & Kentisbeare Cricket Club
(EX5 4RD)
Session dates:
Friday 5th May - Friday 23rd June

Session timings:
17:30 - 18:30

Contact:
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Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk