



“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”

Our children join us as “little acorns” and through the teaching and modelling of our vision, values and aims by all members of our school community, our children leave us as “mighty oaks”, equipped with the transferable skills to continue their journey of life-long learning.

Message from the Head

As September draws to a close, I am looking forward to what school life will bring in the months ahead! A reminder to regularly check and review the **Diary Dates** section of the newsletter as we will be updating it with details of trips, events, and activities as and when they are confirmed. Establishing a clear programme of enriching experiences for the children has been a key focus for our school following feedback in our parent survey last year.

Over the past fortnight, we have been exploring one of our new school values (equality) in depth. We have welcomed several visitors into school, as part of this work, who have been sharing their experiences. It has been a pleasure to watch (and participate in!) the different activities and clubs which have started up around school recently. I have included in the **fortnight in photos** section below a snapshot of images taken by the Key Stage 1 photography club.

Looking ahead, I have my fingers and toes crossed that the weather is kind to our year six children who embark on their residential trip on Monday! Please keep an eye out, next week, for an e-mail related to booking a slot for parents’ evening which will be held on the 18th and 19th October.

Visitors this fortnight



Learning numbers, colours, and basic greetings in Spanish



Interactive class workshops learning about different cultures from around the world

Celebrations

Please see details below of the new certificates that we are awarding each week to celebrate successes in school.

- Our **Values Champion** certificate will be used to acknowledge the efforts of those children who have represented the school values through their actions.
- Our **Learning Champion** certificate will be used to recognise those children who have demonstrated passion and pride in their work, delivering a moment or moments of brilliance in a subject that have captured their teacher’s and their peers’ attention.

Values Champion				Learning Champion		
	22.09.23	29.09.23			22.09.23	29.09.23
Reception	Tegan	Arthur		Reception	Olivia	Florence
Year 1	Eleanor	Albert		Year 1	Hope	Svitlana
Year 2	Meadow	Chloe		Year 2	Natalie	Ian
Year 3	Phoebe G	Phoebe D		Year 3	Yeva	William
Year 4	Isabella & Lara	Florrie		Year 4	Emmanuel	Theo
Year 5	Marni	Vaughn		Year 5	Layla	Troy
Year 6	Issac	James		Year 6	Imogen	Luke

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

Year 1	Helena	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge.
Year 2	Thomas	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge.
Year 2	Theo C	For obtaining Goldfish 1 award in swimming.

Our new school councillors



Reception	Martha & Jacob
Year 1	Harrison & Riley
Year 2	Thomas & Natalie
Year 3	Lily SV & Jessica
Year 4	Bobby & Isabella
Year 5	Rory & Zac
Year 6	Sofia & Archie

Diary Dates

Please regularly check and review the Diary Dates section of the newsletter; we will be updating with details of further trips, events and activities as and when they are confirmed.

Term	Commences	Finishes
Autumn	6 th September 2023	15 th December 2023
Spring	2 nd January 2024	28 th March 2024
Summer	15 th April 2024	23 rd July 2024

w/c 2 nd October	Y6 Residential
12 th October	Y1 Trip to Tiverton Museum
16 th October	School Photos
18 th October	Parents' Evening: 3.50-6.30pm
19 th October	Parents' Evening: 3.50-6.30pm
20 th October	Non-Pupil Day (school closed)
23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term Week
Date TBC (2 nd November proposed)	PTFA Disco
3 rd November	Y4 Trip to Escot – <i>communication to follow</i>
12 th November	Remembrance Wreath Laying in Bradninch
17 th November	Children In Need – theme TBC
w/c 20 th November	Bikeability (Year 6)
w/c 27 th November	Bikeability (Year 6)
22 nd November	Foundation Admissions Tours – 1.30pm
23 rd November	Foundation Admissions Tours – 9.15am
w/c 27 th November	Book Fayre in school
5 th December	Reception /KS1 Nativity (2.30pm)
6 th December	Reception /KS1 Nativity (3.45pm)
6 th December	Y3 Trip to Kents Cavern
7 th December	Key Stage 2 Christingle rehearsal
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Craft Morning-Parents (10.45-11.45am)
11 th December	Key Stage 2 Christingle at St Disen's Church (2pm)
12 th December	Key Stage 2 Pantomime trip to Northcott Theatre
14 th December	School Christmas Lunch
15 th December	Last day of term
18 th – 29 th December	Christmas Holidays

2 nd January	Spring Term starts
2 nd January	Non-Pupil Day (school closed)
4 th January	Reception & Key Stage 1 Pantomime travelling production (2pm)
31 st January	Y5 Trip to O2 Arena (Young Voices) - <i>communication to follow</i>
7 th February	Y4 Trip to Paignton Zoo – <i>communication to follow</i>

Message from the PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the second-hand uniform swap. The committee spent time last week going through all the donations and we believe we have enough to meet the needs at the moment, so we are asking that **no more donations are made until we ask again**. Our ambition is to put the rails out every two weeks and have a selection of the stock out per age group, it won't be everything so if you can't see something you need, please ask one of the members and we can check in the stock we have available.

There is new uniform in stock, but sizes are limited. The intention will be to stop buying more stock once this is gone. If you'd like to know what we have available, please email duchyuniform@gmail.com It is also possible to order direct from Thomas Moore who offer home delivery.

Thank you for supporting the uniform swap and the PTFA.

In the Community

The poster features a central text area surrounded by watercolor illustrations of autumn produce. At the top left, there are purple and red leaves. At the top right, a large orange pumpkin is shown. On the right side, there is a vertical arrangement of a green leafy branch, an orange pumpkin, and a cluster of red berries. At the bottom left, a green pumpkin is depicted. The background is a light cream color with faint floral patterns.

St Disen's Church Bradninch

HARVEST

Praise

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

9am Traditional Communion

*Refreshments from 9.45am
in St Disen's Hall*

**10.30am All Age Worship
with live music**

*Non-perishable food gifts for
local charities gratefully received*

CHURCH FOR EVERYONE!