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"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow"

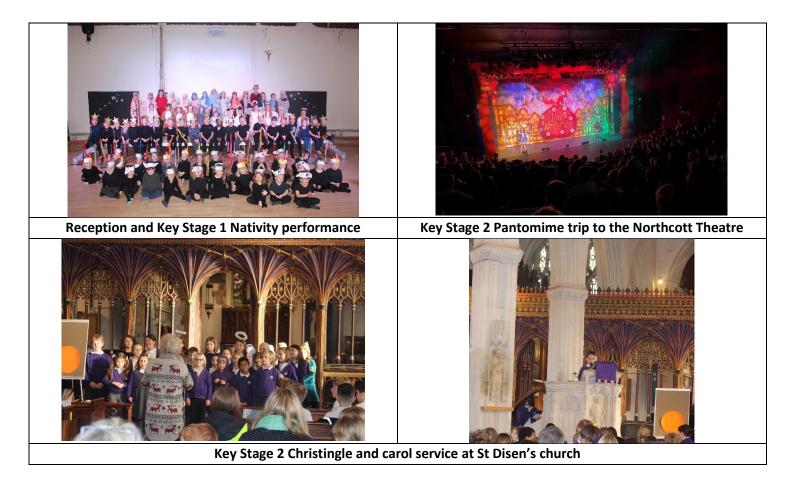
Our children join us as "little acorns" and through the teaching and modelling of our vision, values and aims by all members of our school community, our children leave us as "mighty oaks", equipped with the transferable skills to continue their journey of life-long learning.

Message from the Head

As we come to the end of what has been a busy term, I would like to extend my thanks to all our families and to the staff at The Duchy School! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3rd January.

Christmas Celebrations

Over the past fortnight, we have enjoyed a wealth of festive treats; please see a snapshot below.



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Christmas Lunch



Parent Event – Christmas crafts!



Key Stage 2 dance event at Cullompton Community College



On Wednesday 13th December, pupils from across Key Stage 2 travelled to Cullompton Community College for a fun dance event run by C.C.C.'s Sports Leaders.

Duchy pupils split into smaller groups, were joined by pupils from other local schools and were then taught a dance routine by the Sports Leaders.

Everyone then came back together at the end to perform the dances as a big group. The pupils had a wonderful time and special thanks to Mrs. Coles and Miss Short for taking the pupils to the event.

Celebrations

Please see details below of the new certificates that we will be 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 | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| | 08.12.23 | 15.12.23 | | 08.12.23 | 15.12.23 |
| Reception | Luka | Martha | Reception | Holly | Olivia |
| Year 1 | Rupert | Svitlana | Year 1 | Joshua | Helena |
| Year 2 | Maximus | Theo C | Year 2 | Marcus | James Han |
| Year 3 | Tom | Lily SV | Year 3 | Rose | Harper P |
| Year 4 | Casper | Joey | Year 4 | Grace | Casper |
| Year 5 | Luuk | Bailey | Year 5 | Daisy | lzzy |
| Year 6 | Immy | Jasper | Year 6 | Logan | Izzy |

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

| Year 1 | Teddy | For achieving Learn to Swim – Level 1. |
|--------|---------|--|
| Year 2 | Thomas | For achieving Learn to Swim – Level 1. |
| Year 3 | Harriet | For achieving Learn to Swim – Level 2 and 3. |
| Year 3 | Lily SV | For achieving Stage 3 in swimming. |
| Year 3 | Katy | For achieving Level 2 in Accelerate Trampoline and & Gymnastics. |
| Year 3 | Georgia | For achieving Level 2 in Accelerate Trampoline and & Gymnastics. |

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Our fortnight in photos



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 | |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Spring | 2 nd January 2024 | 28 th March 2024 | |
| Summer | 15 th April 2024 | 23 rd July 2024 | |

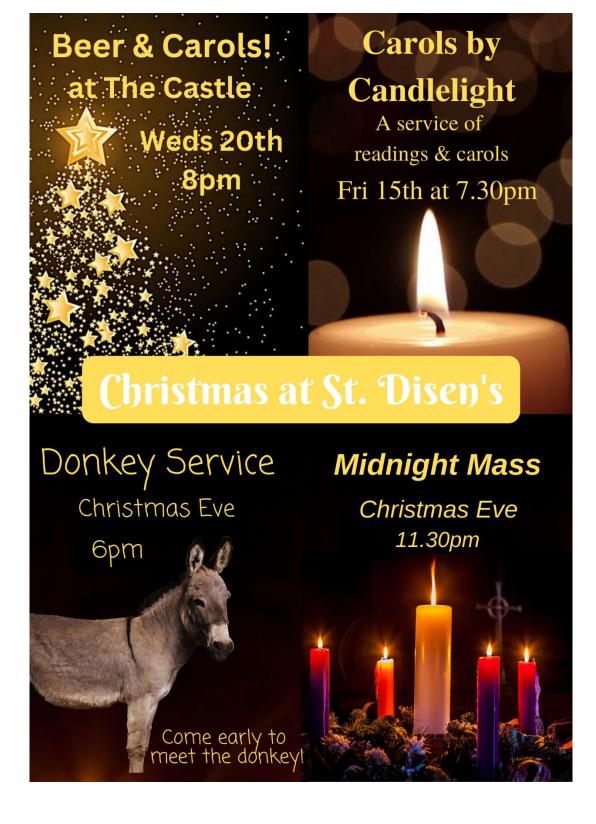
| 18 th – 29 th December | Christmas Holidays | |
|--|---|--|
| 2 nd January | Spring Term starts | |
| 2 nd January | Non-Pupil Day (school closed) | |
| 4 th January | Reception & Key Stage 1 Pantomime travelling production (2pm) | |
| 31 st January | Y5 Trip to O2 Arena (Young Voices) | |
| 8 th February | Y4 Trip to Paignton Zoo | |

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Kids Holiday Heroes is a fun School Holiday **Club for children aged** between 5 and 12.

Run by experienced teachers!

£25 A DAY 8:30am - 4:00pm

Monday - Friday, during school holidays only

SAVE £10 PER CHILD when you book a full week!

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Run by experienced teachers!

Matt is an experienced primary school teacher with additional qualifications in PE. He believes children should have a wide range of opportunities to be active and have fun at the same time! Matt is passionate about keeping active and enjoys playing a range of sports. He is a qualified first aider and is trained in safeguarding. Oliver is an experienced primary school teacher, who is passionate about learning and believes wholeheartedly in the benefits of new experiences and challenges. Oliver is at home in the outdoors and can often be found surfing, climbing, hiking or cycling. He is a fully qualified first aider and holds Level 3 Safeguarding.

All sessions are held at Willand School. The best way to book is online. You can contact us by email: bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk



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