



“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

This week is Children’s Mental Health Week which has provided us with an important opportunity, in school, to explore what good mental health looks like. This year’s theme – My Voice Matters – has encouraged the children to reflect on how everybody has things that make them unique and special. The children have been participating in activities which have been designed to celebrate and explore their variety of differences – please see a snapshot below!

Parents’ Evening

A reminder that face-to-face parents’ evening appointments for Spring Term are now available to book in the usual way on Arbor. If you have any issues or would like the office to book an appointment for you, please get in touch.

Staffing Updates

- We have recently welcomed Miss Georgia Hunt to our team who will be working as a teaching assistant.
- After the half-term break, we will be welcoming Mrs Jodie Keeling back from maternity leave; she will be sharing class teaching responsibilities in year 3 with Mrs Huntley. A huge thank you to Mrs Souch who has supported the class, on a Friday, in Mrs Keeling’s absence.

Snacks & Water

A reminder that children may bring a small snack (fruit and/or vegetables only please) to school. They should also bring a bottle filled with water only. Food items containing nuts are not permitted in school.

I hope your children have a fantastic break, and we look forward to seeing them back on Monday 19th February.



School Council



Report from one of our school governors:

I recently accompanied the school council on an external trip to the Killerton National Trust Estate, where Rangers guided pupils in aspects of woodland old and new tree planting. I observed and was the recipient of unprompted kindness and respect across the group. Older children helped those younger than themselves, showed concern for each other when difficulties arose, demonstrated empathy, and celebrated the successes from the day together. The group extolled the school values.

Sports Update

On Monday 5th February, the Year 3/4 football team welcomed Willand to Bradninch for a friendly match. On a muddy pitch against tricky opposition, The Duchy demonstrated passion, resilience, and determination. Unfortunately, they were unable to break down the Willand defence, eventually succumbing to a 6-0 loss. Congratulations to each team member who represented the school brilliantly – many of whom were doing so for the first time in a football fixture against another school! A huge thank you, also, to the parents who came along to support the team.



Celebrations

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


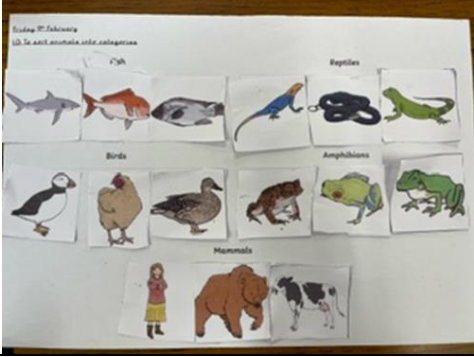







- Our **Values Champion** certificate will be used to acknowledge the efforts of those children who have represented the school values through their actions.
- Our **Learning Champion** certificate will be used to recognise those children who have demonstrated passion and pride in their work, delivering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

Values Champion				Learning Champion		
	02.02.24	09.02.24			02.02.24	09.02.24
Reception	Jacob	Elsie		Reception	Viktor	Joshua
Year 1	Riley	Teddy		Year 1	Theo	Benjamin
Year 2	Lilly-Mai	James Hay		Year 2	Margaret	Maisie
Year 3	Chloe	Marlowe		Year 3	Lily R	Alice
Year 4	Xander	Charlie M		Year 4	Deacon	Bobby
Year 5	Layla	Izzy		Year 5	Vaughn	Teddy
Year 6	Izzy	Lily		Year 6	Sophia	Arlo

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

Year 2	Sofia	For completing The Secret Book Quest.
Year 2	Natalie	For completing the Winter Reading Mini Challenge.
Year 3	Alfred	For obtaining STAnley 6 Award in swimming.
Year 3	Alice	For obtaining Goldfish 3 in swimming.
Year 4	Isabella	For completing the Winter Reading Mini Challenge.
Year 5	Rosie S	For representing the school in showjumping at the recent NSEA at Bicton Arena and coming 2 nd place.

Our fortnight in photos

<p style="text-align: center;">Reception Class</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 1</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 2</p> 
<p>We have read the story The Giant Jam Sandwich. We sequenced instructions, made our own sandwiches and ate them! We also wrote about the process.</p>	<p>In science, we have been putting animals into different categories based on their characteristics.</p>	<p>In English, we have been using expression and intonation to collaboratively perform poems.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 3</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 4</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 6</p> 
<p>In art, we have been exploring the work of JMW Turner.</p>	<p>In science, we have been exploring which drinks causes the most damage to our teeth.</p>	<p>In PSHE, we have been learning first aid and how to put a patient in the recovery position.</p>
Year 5		
		
<p>On Wednesday 31st January, Year 5 left school at 7.30am to travel to the O2 Arena in London to take part in Young Voices 2024, which brought thousands of young people from across the UK together to perform as a single choir. We arrived shortly before rehearsals begin at 2pm and spent the afternoon practising for the show, which was performed to friends and family who had also journeyed up from Devon. The show began at 7pm and was almost 2 hours of non-stop singing, dancing and fabulous entertainment. Everyone had an amazing time and we didn't even mind not getting back to Duchy until 4am! We hope that everyone who attended had a wonderful time and made memories that will last forever!</p>		

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

12 th – 16 th February	Half-term
24 th February	PTFA Quiz
28 th February	Parents' Evening: 3.50-6.30pm
29 th February	Parents' Evening: 3.50-6.30pm
7 th March	World Book Day
15 th March	Parent event linked to British Science Week (14:45 to 15:25) (communication to follow)
15 th March	Red Nose Day
20 th March	Y4 Dance Showdown at The Barnfield Theatre
28 th March	Last Day of term
29 th March – 12 th April	Easter Break
17 th April	Y5 trip to Coldharbour Mill (communication to follow)
25 th April	Y3 trip to Rosemoor Gardens

PTFA

Bag 2 School

In need of a good clear out...then look no further! We will be arranging a Bag 2 School textile collection in the **week beginning 26th February.**

Bag 2 school is a free eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness.

Please bring in your bags of unwanted items ready for collection in the week beginning 26th February. There will be tables outside of the school office to leave your donations during drop off or pick up.

Children will be bringing home a leaflet after half term with further information and full details about the scheme can be found on the website: -

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Happy sorting!

School Uniform Donations

We are ready to start taking donations of preloved uniform (any item/any size) again! Please drop any donations into the school office or hand to a member of the PTFA. A polite reminder that donations should be in a good, wearable condition that you would be happy to make a small donation for. Items should also be washed before they are donated, please.

Rainbow Raffle

Just a reminder that any donations should be brought into your child's classroom (apart from alcohol which should come in via the school office) by **Friday 23rd February.** Tickets will continue to be sold outside of school at the end of the day on Tuesdays and Fridays

Quiz

Don't forget to book your place on the quiz on **24th February.** Please submit your booking form to emilyr.porter@gmail.com.

In the Community

Kids Holiday Heroes are back at Willand School for February. Our camp is run by two experienced Willand School teachers who are motivated to keep children active and engaged in curriculum linked activities during the holidays.

- Who: **Holiday Club** for children aged between 5 to 12.
- How much: **£25 per day**.
- When: **Monday 12th to Friday 16th February (8:30am-4pm)**
- What: We are running an outdoor sport and craft-based programme with a range of fun and curriculum linked activities. And...hot chocolate and pancakes!

Please check our timetable on our booking page - <https://bookwhen.com/kidsholidayheroes>

We accept childcare vouchers. Please email us for any information - bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES
Run by teachers

NEW

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!

At Willand School
Gables Road, Willand,
Cullompton EX15 2QL

BOOK ONLINE

Our online booking system is always open. Please book in advance as places are limited.

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kidsholidayheroes Kids Holiday Heroes

Fun and educational
timetabled days, suitable for all children aged 5 to 12.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Team building, sports, games, orienteering skills, campfires, bat and ball skills, and more

Ofsted
Registered

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

CONTACT US

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KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES
Run by teachers

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2023
CRICKET CLUB

BUZZ
ABOUT CRICKET

Half term
CRICKET

**U10/11/U13 SESSIONS - OPEN TO ALL
NOT A CLUB MEMBER - NO PROBLEM
JOIN THE FUN - EVERYONE WELCOME**

FREE TO SIGN UP - PLACES LIMITED
Email hello@bandkcc.co.uk to find out more
and reserve your place now

**MONDAY
12
FEBRUARY
FROM
10AM**


**UNIT 14 KINGSFORD RURAL BUSINESS
CENTRE, KENTISBEARE, EX15 2AU**

BUMPER HALF TERM

Join us this February half term to help us celebrate the Tivvy Bumper steam engine!

Saturday 10th to Saturday 17th
February 2024 (closed Sunday 11th)

Follow the railway map around the museum,
collecting letters to spell your destination
Part of normal admission*

Plus, train toys,
board games,
dressing up, colouring
station & more!

*Adults £8.50, accompanied kids go FREE!

CRAFT sessions on **Tuesday 13th** and
Wednesday 14th February

From 10 - 12. Drop-in

£3 per child with paying adult (£2.50 per child with a museum member)



**TIVERTON
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of Mid Devon Life

Special Half Term Opening:
Monday - Saturday, 10:00-4:00
www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk
Beck's Square, Tiverton EX16 6PJ
01884 256295
Registered Charity 1181976



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Duchy Preschool, Bradninch

Filled with creativity & adventure!



We offer before and after school clubs for children attending the Duchy School

- Breakfast Club: from 7.45am - includes a light breakfast
- After school club: 3.30pm - 5pm - includes a light tea
- Late session - 5pm - 6pm

For more information, please contact us:

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