



“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

Last week, on Thursday 7th March, we had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day! Our love of reading was clear to see in the range of inventive costumes and creative entries to our ‘Yoghurt Pot’ competition. The children particularly enjoyed the story sharing sessions, where members of staff chose a book to share across the school. Back in classrooms, children took part in a range of exciting activities: listening to audiobooks, book bingo, live webinars (with authors, illustrators, and footballers), quizzes and competitions. A snapshot of the day is included on page 3.

This week, we have been igniting curiosity (one of our new school values) in our children. British Science Week has provided us with the perfect platform to inspire a love and interest in science, technology, engineering, and maths. The children had lots of fun exploring this year’s theme (time) through hands-on activities, experiments, and workshops. Thanks to all who attended the parent event earlier – photos from the week below.



Celebrations

Values Champion				Learning Champion		
	08.03.24	15.03.24			08.03.24	15.03.24
Reception	Olivia	Arthur		Reception	Willow	Joshua
Year 1	Ridhwin	Svitlana		Year 1	Eleanor	Harrison
Year 2	Chester	James Han		Year 2	Theodore W	Theo C
Year 3	Albert	Elijah		Year 3	Violet	Monty
Year 4	Rose	Grace		Year 4	Mollie	Lara
Year 5	Rosie S	Tom		Year 5	Rosie M	Bailey
Year 6	Oscar	Issac		Year 6	Ellie	Immy

We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 2	Natalie	For being awarded 9 th KUP in Taekwondo.
Year 4	Isabella	For swimming 3000m.
Year 4	Grace	For being awarded 8 th KUP in Taekwondo.
Year 4	Bobby	For being awarded Player of the Match for Bradninch FC Youth Falcons and for scoring his first goal.

Sports Update

	<p>On Monday 4th March, members of the Year 3/4 Football Team took on Willowbank in their third league fixture of the season. On a sodden pitch in bitterly cold conditions, the Duchy recorded an impressive 5-0 victory.</p> <p>Thank you to those who came to support the team and to parents who kindly washed the muddy kits; it is hugely appreciated!</p>
	<p>On Thursday 14th March, the Year 5/6 Football Team took on Kentisbeare in an 'away' fixture at The Duchy School. Two quick goals from the visitors put Duchy on the back foot, but the team showed immense character to keep going, never letting their heads drop. The final score in a very entertaining game was 5 – 2 to Kentisbeare, but I thought it was our best performance to date, due to the work ethic and attitude of our players.</p> <p>As always, thank you to those who were able to come and cheer the team on and to those who ended up washing some very muddy kit!</p>

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



Our fortnight in photos

Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2
		
<p>In art, we have been using clay to make animals. We have enjoyed exploring clay by rolling, pinching and moulding it.</p>	<p>In maths, the children have been learning about measure. They used cubes to work out how tall they were.</p>	<p>In science, we created diagrams and detailed factfiles to explain the human lifecycle.</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
		
<p>In DT, we tested the strength of a sheet of A4 paper before exploring ways to make it stronger.</p>	<p>For science week, we welcomed new additions to Year 4. We will watch them grow over the coming weeks.</p>	<p>In computing, we have been learning how to program 'Crumbles' to achieve desired effects.</p>
Year 6	Mathsterpiece Challenge Event	
		
<p>Year 6 have been practising their performance poetry linked to our class book 'Windrush Child.'</p>	<p>On Wednesday 6th March, selected children from years 4 and 5 attended a maths challenge event at Colyton Grammar School. The group had great fun exploring maths through different contexts.</p>	

Update from the Office

Reporting Absences

In line with our Attendance Policy, please ensure you inform the school office on **each** day of absence by 9.00am if your child is absent (including the reason). You can do this by emailing duchy@ventrus.org.uk, telephoning 01392 881482 and leaving a message on our absence answerphone or by popping into the school office if you are dropping off a sibling. The exception to this is if your child has sickness/diarrhoea of which we are aware of and they are not permitted to return until 48 hours after they were last unwell.

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

20 th March	Y4 Dance Showdown at The Barnfield Theatre
21 st March	Reception Class visit to St Disen's Church
28 th March	Last Day of term
29th March – 12th April	Easter Break
17 th April	Y5 trip to Coldharbour Mill
17 th April – 10 th July	Y4 Swimming every Wednesday
25 th April	Y3 trip to Rosemoor Gardens
29 th April	Reception Class trip to Seaton Wetlands (communication to follow)
6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
13 th - 16 th May	Y6 SATs week
22 nd May	Y2 Trip to Jacob's Ladder, Sidmouth (communication to follow)
24 th May	The Duchy Mile
27th May – 31st May	Half Term
21 st June	Y5 trip to Exmouth Beach for sea swimming (communication to follow)
3 rd July	Y2 Trip to Exeter Cathedral (communication to follow)
19 th July	Y6 trip to Crealy (communication to follow)

In the Community

FAMILY CHOCOLATE EASTER BINGO



HOSTED BY BRADNINCH FOOTBALL CLUB

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH AT THE GUILD HALL. (UPSTAIRS)

Doors open 6pm eyes down 6:30 (finish approximately 9:00pm)

£6 PER BOOK OR £1 A STRIP. 50P A DABBER

PRIZES FOR 1 LINE, 2 LINES AND FULL HOUSE.

BAR AND SNACKS AVAILABLE.

RAFFLE.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS BRADNINCH FOOTBALL CLUB

Sponsored by:



BRADNINCH EASTER TRAIL

29TH MAR - 14TH APR

£1 PER SHEET

(COLLECT FROM EASTER BINGO AT GUILD HALL
ON 30TH MAR - OR FROM THE SPAR SHOP)



Kids Holiday Heroes are back for Easter with some exciting guests and a range of brand-new activities. Our camp is run by three experienced Willand School teachers who are motivated to keep children active and engaged in curriculum linked activities during the holidays.


Special Guests: Romans Workshop (Tiverton Museum), Making Slime and Colourful Explosions! (Fun Science Exeter), Construction activities (MCS).


New Activities for Easter:

- Making Salt Dough
- Construction activities
- Tie Dye T-Shirts
- Painting Story Stones
- Making plant pots and planting sunflowers
- Slacklining
- Making boats out of recycled material
- Designing and creating friendship bracelets
- Science Day - Making volcanoes and getting messy!

Please book using this link - <https://bookwhen.com/kidsholidayheroes>

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 11th April

 Willand School

 8:30 - 16:00

 £25

WEEK 1

<p>Tuesday 2nd April 8:30 – 16:00</p> <p>Welcome Chat</p> <p>FUN warm up games</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>Making Salt Dough <small>Using kitchen cupboard ingredients to make our own salt dough.</small></p> <p>Salt dough creations <small>Pots, plates, people or pandas! Moulding our dough to take something home.</small></p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>Archery</p> <p>Science Funnel Making Slime</p> <p>HOME 16:00</p>	<p>Wednesday 3rd April 8:30 – 16:00</p> <p>Welcome Chat</p> <p>FUN warm up games</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>Tiverton Museum With Romans Workshop Tie Dye T-shirts <small>Learn how to design different patterns and create your own colourful t-shirt to keep.</small></p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>Football</p> <p>Hockey</p> <p>HOME 16:00</p>	<p>Thursday 4th April 8:30 – 16:00</p> <p>Welcome Chat</p> <p>FUN warm up games</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>Recycled Art Activity <small>Making plant pots out of recycled materials before planting our own sunflowers.</small></p> <p>Story Stones <small>Get creative and paint characters or designs on stones.</small></p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>Cricket</p> <p>Dodgeball</p> <p>HOME 16:00</p>
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SPECIAL GUEST!
EXETER SCIENCE PARK
Investigating chemical reactions by making slime and colourful explosions.

SPECIAL GUEST!
Tiverton Museum
Romans Workshop - large mosaic making set and trying on some armour. Practicing battle formations and investigating artefacts.

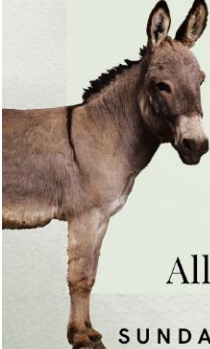
WEEK 2

<p>Monday 8th April 8:30 – 16:00</p> <p>Welcome Chat</p> <p>Warm up games</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>Tag Rugby</p> <p>Dodgeball</p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>Den building</p> <p>Slacklining <small>Walking, running or balancing along a suspended length of flat webbing.</small></p> <p>HOME 16:00</p>	<p>Thursday 11th April 8:30 – 16:00</p> <p>Welcome Chat</p> <p>Warm up games</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Volleyball/Rounders</p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>Transient art</p> <p>Archery</p> <p>HOME 16:00</p>
<p>Tuesday 9th April 8:30 – 16:00</p> <p>Welcome Chat</p> <p>Warm up games</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>Recycled Art Activity <small>Making boats out of egg boxes and testing them (if there's any puddles!).</small></p> <p>Friendship bracelet hour <small>Learn how to make different patterns with different threads.</small></p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>Orienteering</p> <p>Catapult making</p> <p>HOME 16:00</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th April 8:30 – 16:00</p> <p>Science day!</p> <p>Welcome Chat</p> <p>Warm up games</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>Super Scientists! <small>Time to become scientists and get messy. Can we make electricity?</small></p> <p>LUNCH</p> <p>Vinegar Volcanoes <small>Making volcanoes using the natural environment or recycled materials and watching them erupt.</small></p> <p>Board Game Hour</p> <p>HOME 16:00</p>

SPECIAL GUEST!
MCS
Children will build structures using straws and connectors and design a sustainable dream school. Children will learn about the construction industry and get a chance to experience building and designing.

THE DONKEY'S BACK!

Palm
SUNDAY
Follow the Donkey!



Meet at the Guildhall at 10.15am and on to St Disen's for All Age worship

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

Walk of Witness

Good Friday
10.30am

Beginning at St Disen's and ending at Bradninch Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday

Reflective Communion
St Disen's Hall
7.30pm

EASTER AT ST DISEN'S

Easter Day Sunrise Service and breakfast with local churches

6.30am
Christcross

Easter Day Celebration with Communion

10.30am at St Disen's

Silverton and Bradninch Churches invite you to an
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
31st March 2024
Christ Cross House, Silverton, EX5 4HF



6.30am - 7.00am: Sunrise Service (sunrise at about 6.50am)
7.00am - 8.00am: Breakfast in barn behind Christ Cross House

Parking in field used to Christ Cross House
Service in field opposite Christ Cross House
Wetters or boots required
Roaded by New City Motors and New Road Station of St Olaves Church Bradninch
We'll be joined by churches in the local area
Bevies, hotella, food and drink and other Easter goodies served in the barn behind Christ Cross House afterwards. RSVP and for more info from Rev Hazel Billson: hzbillson@stolaves.org.uk / 01796A 527384



Directions and map for Christ Cross House, Silverton, EX5 4HF

[www.bradninch.org.uk](#) // [www.stdisens.org.uk](#) // [www.stolaves.org.uk](#)

DIRECTIONS

From Colyton area... take the Bradninch Road at roundabout south of Colyton. In Bradninch turn right just before fuel shop and go up Broom Hill at crossroads. Keep going straight up Christ Cross Lane until you arrive at Christ Cross House. About 8 miles in total.

From Bradninch area... go up New St and High St and up Old Booterleigh Rd until you get to Christ Cross. About 3 miles in total.

From Tavistock area... go up the B6060 until you get to Silverton. In Silverton take the left up Appleton and at T junction take left up Booterleigh Rd. Stay on it up the hill until you arrive at Christ Cross House. About 8.8 miles in total.

