



### ***“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**

Welcome back at the start of this summer term - I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter holiday! Thankfully, after the wet and windy break, some sunshine and warmer weather seems to have arrived at the school.

#### **Curriculum Overviews**

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. A reminder that following a consultation and review process last year, we have decided to no longer send out termly Enrichment Home Learning sheets. Instead, our new approach to homework is outlined on the school’s website ( <https://duchy.devon.sch.uk/home-learning-2/> ) or alternatively in a paper booklet available from your child’s class teacher or the school office.

#### **Dates**

A list of key dates for the term is outlined on page 4 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!

#### **Medicines**

A polite reminder that any medicines your child may require during the school day should be brought to the school office by an adult – they should not come in with your child or via their classroom. A form must be completed prior to us administering medicine in school.

### **Year 5 Trip to Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme**



The children being addressed by Mr. Robson, Mill Foreman, to check their suitability for employment.



One of the machines we saw “in action”. The children were amazed by both how fast and how loud the machine was.



Keeping the brass clean is hard work!

## 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		
	19.04.24	26.04.24			19.04.24	26.04.24
Reception	Viktor	Erik		Reception	Tegan	Reuben
Year 1	Ethan	Helena		Year 1	Bryony	Airi
Year 2	James Hay	Emily		Year 2	Thomas	Lexie
Year 3	Marlowe	Lily R		Year 3	Katy	Sophie
Year 4	Alexandros	Joey		Year 4	Florrie	Fleur
Year 5	Stanley	Archie		Year 5	Lela	Luuk
Year 6	Izzy	Imogen		Year 6	Ellie	Mia

## We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 1	Bobbie	For achieving Level 2 award in swimming.
Year 2	Bonnie-Mae	For winning a competition with Tiverton Town Majorettes.
Year 2	Betsy	For completing the Book Quest by reading 25 books.
Year 2	Thomas	For achieving Level 2 award and Rainbow award in swimming.
Year 2	Chloe	For taking part in the EVC Hockey Heros.
Year 3	Noah	For being a mascot for the Red Roses in the Women's Rugby Six Nations final.
Year 4	Alexandros	For winning Player of the Match for Bradninch FC Youth Eagles.
Year 5	Teddy	For completing the Book Quest by reading 25 books.

Our fortnight in photos

<p><b>Reception Class</b></p>	<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<p><b>Year 2</b></p>
		
<p>In understanding the world, we have been planting seeds and writing instructions for others so they can plant seeds too.</p>	<p>In maths, we have been counting pairs of socks to help us count in 2s. Count with us at home in 2s, 5s and 10s.</p>	<p>In computing, we have been using laptops to compose our own pieces of music with a strong rhythm.</p>
<p><b>Year 3 Trip to Rosemoor</b></p>		
		
<p>We learnt all about germination on our trip to Rosemoor Gardens. We even helped our very own 'Phoebe bean' grow.</p>	<p>We explored some of the different gardens, whilst learning about seed dispersal.</p>	<p>We also got to plant our own pea seeds, to bring back to school. This will form part of an ongoing plant investigation.</p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p><b>Year 6</b></p>
		
<p>In science, we were introduced to the hatched chicks that were linked to our science week investigation!</p>	<p>In computing, we have been applying our programming knowledge to make a moving carousel.</p>	<p>In music, we have been using Quickbeats, creating unique drum loops.</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
Summer	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024

15 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term starts
17 <sup>th</sup> April – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Swimming every Wednesday
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Class trip to Seaton Wetlands
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y2 Trip to Jacob's Ladder, Sidmouth
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Wilcombe Wobbler Event (KS2 selected children only)
24 <sup>th</sup> May	The Duchy Mile
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) testing window
10 <sup>th</sup> June – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum Group Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y5 trip to Exmouth Beach for sea swimming (communication to follow)
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bikeability (Year 5)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y2 Trip to Exeter Cathedral (communication to follow)
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 The Mix Festival at Bridwell Park (communication to follow)
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Afternoon Performance
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Evening Performance
12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA event (Summer Fayre)
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 trip to Crealy (communication to follow)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30 am
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term



## In the Community



# Duchy Preschool, Bradninch

Filled with creativity & adventure!

## Duchy Preschool Holiday Club Offer 2024

After a successful trial of our summer holiday club last year, we are pleased to announce that we will be running another club during the summer holidays this year.

The offer is for 3 and 4 year old Duchy Preschool children AND those children attending the Duchy Primary School (all ages).

### Sessions

We will be running the sessions from the Duchy Primary School, Bowley Meadow site,

We will be open on:

- Thursday 25th July 9am – 3pm
- Friday 26th July 9am – 3pm
- Week commencing 29th July – Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm
- Week commencing 5th August – Monday – Friday 9am -3pm
- Week commencing 12th August – Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm

### Funded Preschool Children

For funded preschool children, if you have any funded hours remaining at the end of the summer term, you will be able to use them for holiday club, you are also able to pay for sessions via any of the voucher/tax free childcare schemes as you do now.

### Session Prices

£36 Full Day - 3/4 year old preschool children (£18 for half day: 9am - 12pm or 12pm - 3pm)

£30 Full Day - School age children (£15 for half day: 9am - 12pm or 12pm - 3pm)

If you would like to book, please contact us via ~~family~~ email:  
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