

“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

Happy Easter

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to offer my thanks to all our families and the wider community who have supported our wonderful school. On behalf of all the staff, it is a privilege and pleasure to work with your children. I hope you all have a wonderful break; we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April!


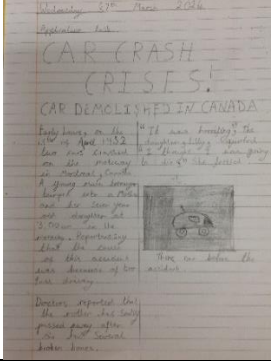
Celebrations

Values Champion				Learning Champion		
	22.03.24	28.03.24			22.03.24	28.03.24
Reception	James	Jack D		Reception	Harry	Luka
Year 1	Bobbie	Kaiden		Year 1	Rupert	Orla
Year 2	Brodi	Natalie		Year 2	Maximus	Chloe
Year 3	Sophie			Year 3	Solomon	Noah
Year 4	Olivia	Emmanuel		Year 4	Whole Class	Charlie
Year 5	Henry	Noah		Year 5	Lottie	Lucy
Year 6	Arlo	Ellie		Year 6	Luke	Jasper

We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 1	Ava	For achieving her STANley 6 Award
Year 2	Thomas	For completing the Book Quest and reading 25 books.
Year 2	Theo C	For obtaining Goldfish 2 in swimming.
Year 2	Charlie K	For achieving his Swim England (Learn to Swim) Stage 2 award
Year 4	Alexandros	Finishing 2 nd place (out of 62 children) in the cross-country race in the Derek Knill Challenge Day.
Year 5	Rosie S	NSEA - competing for the school at Pontispool and coming 4 th place.
Year 5	Flo	U10 Girls Manager’s Player Award

Our fortnight in photos

<p>Reception Class</p>	<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Year 2</p>
		
<p>As part of Understanding the World, we visited St Disen's Church to learn about how some places are special for members of the community.</p>	<p>In maths, we have been exploring the volume and capacity of containers.</p>	<p>In science, we have been measuring accurately to investigate to see if there is a link between height and age.</p>
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Year 5</p>
		
<p>Year 3 have made erupting volcanoes; this has linked to 'Physical Processes and Features' of Mountains and Volcanoes in Geography.</p>	<p>In PE, we have been developing our passing skills and learning the importance of keeping control.</p>	<p>In English, we have been working on how to write a newspaper article with the correct layout and content.</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Barnfield Theatre Dance Event (Key Stage 2)</p>	
		
<p>In geography, we have completed our work on the World's biomes. We have enjoyed finding out more about climates and ecosystems in different biomes.</p>	<p>On Wednesday 20th March, Year 4 travelled to The Barnfield Theatre in Exeter and, along with 4 other schools, participated in Premier Education's Easter Showdown. This involved children creating and learning their own dance routine which they then performed in two shows to friends, family and other schools.</p>	

Sports Update

On Tuesday 19th March, 32 pupils from across Key Stage 2 travelled to Killerton for the second and final cross-country meet of the academic year.

All of the runners did superbly, with many improving on their personal best finishes. Overall, we had 12 runners achieving a Top 10 finish in their respective races.

When the scores were added up and combined with the October meet results, Duchy finished a respectable 6th place out of 12 schools.

Thank you to Becky, Lucy and Liz for helping on the trip and thank you to all the family and friends who came to cheer the team on – it was a wonderful afternoon.



On Tuesday 26th March, Duchy, once again, welcomed Damian Price from Devon Cricket into school to provide a free cricket taster session to all classes.

The weather was kind to us and we were able to hold all the taster sessions outdoors with children learning the fundamental cricket skills of throwing, catching, batting, bowling and running. All classes enjoyed spending time with Damian and practising their skills.

Damian then came back into school on Thursday afternoon to explain the summer cricket clubs that will be running at Bradninch Cricket Club after the Easter break. Further details about these clubs can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.



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

28 th March	Last Day of term
29 th March – 12 th 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
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
27 th May – 31 st 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)



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In the Community



**DYNAMOS
CRICKET**

**This is
our game.**

dynamoscricquet.co.uk

Join us at:
Bradninch Cricket Club

Session dates:
Friday 10th May - Friday 28th June

Session timings:
18:30 - 19:30

Contact:
Natalie Hunt | natclark@live.com



REGISTER INTEREST

Dynamos cricket is for children aged 8 to 11.



It all starts with...

**ALL STARS
CRICKET**

We all play at:
Bradninch Cricket Club

Session dates:
Friday 10th May - Friday 28th June

Session timings:
17:35 - 18:15

Contact:
Andrew Buzza |
andrewbuzza@buzzaboutcricket.co.uk

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk

REGISTER INTEREST

All Stars cricket is for children aged 4 to 8.

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!

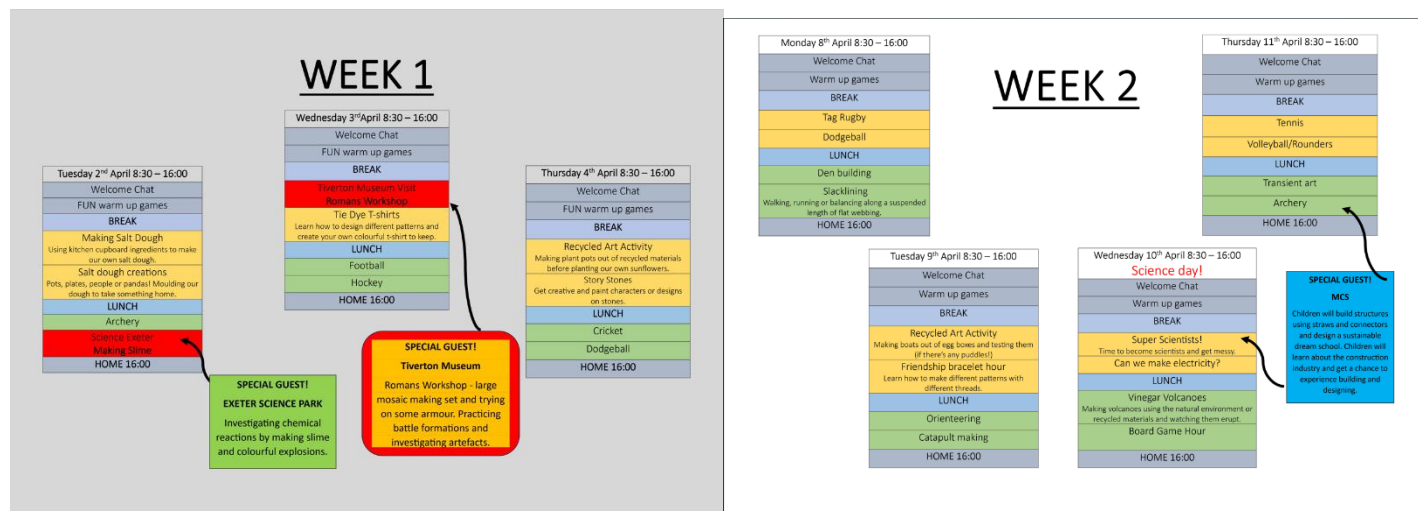
Please book using this link - <https://bookwhen.com/kidsholidayheroes>

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 11th April

 Willand School

 8:30 - 16:00

 £25



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

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29TH MAR - 14TH APR

£1 PER SHEET

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ON 30TH MAR - OR FROM THE SPAR SHOP)

