



“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

Staff Updates

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mr Phil Edwards at the end of this term. He will be sorely missed, but we wish him all the best as he pursues a new career challenge. We are now in the process of recruiting for his replacement and finalising teaching arrangements for classes in the next academic year.

Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Eve Malatjie and Mark Pierce who have been elected as parent governors. Thank you to all of those who stood for election and everyone who voted. Successful schools depend upon parents who are willing to support them and to volunteer for roles like these; we are extremely grateful for your support.

Parent Forum Group

Earlier today, I met with the parent forum group - please contact your class representative in the first instance for feedback. Any whole school changes and impacts discussed earlier will be shared in subsequent newsletters.

Duchy Mile

Thank you!! An incredible £1,268 was raised by the school’s PTFA.

Parent Survey

Finally, our trust’s annual Parent and Carer survey is now open and set to close on **Friday 5th July!** Your feedback is key in helping us to better understand our school and will be invaluable when making plans going forward. Please click on the link below to access the survey. If you need any help accessing the link, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

<https://forms.office.com/e/qsp07RACNV>

Friendship Group Work



Earlier this week, the children came together in their Friendship Groups to explore one of our school values – **Empathy**.

Celebrations

Values Champion				Learning Champion		
	07.06.24	14.06.24			07.06.24	14.06.27
Reception	Florence	Holly		Reception	Joshua	Jacob
Year 1	Albie	Kimmie		Year 1	Joshua	Helena
Year 2	Mia	Maisie		Year 2	Olive	Alfie
Year 3	Rose	Charlie		Year 3	Lily SV	Phoebe G
Year 4	Summer	James		Year 4	Theo	Kayden
Year 5	Teddy	Bailey		Year 5	Layla	Hudson
Year 6	Gracie	Arlo		Year 6	Elliott	Olivia

We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 1	Helena	For completing The Secret Book Quest by reading 50 books.
Year 1	Helena	For coming 2 nd place in her age category in the Burrator 1km race.
Year 2	James Hay	For climbing The Monument in London.
Year 3	Charlie	For obtaining Level 3 in swimming.
Year 3	Chloe	For competing in multiple events at the Exe Equestrian Gymkhana and coming 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th .
Year 4	Bobby	For Player of the Year for 2023/24 season for Bradninch Eagles FC.
Year 4	Alexandros	For obtaining Kingfisher 1 award in swimming.
Year 3,4 & 5	Eco Club	For reaching bronze level of the Green Trees School Award.

Sports Day – Ice Cream Pre-Order



If you are yet to do so, you must pre-order your child's ice cream for Sports Day next Thursday by **the end of the day on Monday 17th June** using the form below (one form per pupil)

<https://forms.office.com/e/KR4n47bGVn>

Our fortnight in photos

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
		
<p>In maths, we have been revisiting pattern. We have been learning about pattern rules and how to explain our mathematical thinking.</p>	<p>In English, the beast from our new text has been making quite a mess in the classroom. Ask us what he did!</p>	<p>In computing, we have been building on our programming skills to create instructions with outcomes, in preparation for creating our own quizzes.</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
		
<p>In history, we have been looking at Roman strategies of invasion. We practised the Triple Line, the Wedge and the Tortoise.</p>	<p>In geography, we have been exploring the layout of maps and applying this knowledge to find countries using longitude and latitude coordinates.</p>	<p>In geography, we have begun learning about South America. We learned the countries that make up the continent.</p>
Year 6	CCC Music Performances	
		
<p>Year 6 have been using and applying their maths knowledge to design and calculate costings for a 'gnome' village.</p>	<p>Cullompton Community College secondary students recently visited us to perform a range of songs.</p>	<p>On Friday 14th June, all pupils received a 30-minute Taekwondo taster session from Tim, who runs Duchy Taekwondo, a martial arts club.</p>

Sports Update

Year 3 and 4 Football Friendly



On Tuesday 4th June, the Year 3/4 football team welcomed Willowbank to Bradninch for a friendly match. Slow to start, The Duchy quickly found themselves 3-0 down within the opening few minutes. Demonstrating resilience and great teamwork, the team clawed back a goal and dominated possession before the half-time break. Despite scoring a further two goals, The Duchy were unable to prevent the opposition from also adding to their tally and so eventually succumbed to a 6-3 loss. Congratulations to each team member who represented the school brilliantly! A huge thank you, also, to the parents who came along to support the team.

Year 3 and 4 Football Finals



On Tuesday 4th June, pupils from the year 3 and 4 football squad travelled to Uffculme for the finals of their league competition. After a tense semi-final, which finished 0 – 0, Duchy went into extra-time. This also finished in a draw meaning a penalty shoot-out to decide who would progress to the final. Duchy prevailed, winning the shoot-out 2-1.

The final was played against Uffculme. Both teams created some decent chances to score, but it was Uffculme who went on to win the match (and therefore the league) by 2 goals to nil. All the players who have represented the year 3 and 4 team over the year can be very proud of finishing 2nd overall in the league.

Thank you to all who provided transport and cheered the team on so passionately!

Year 5 and 6 Quad Kids Finals



On Tuesday 4th June, 8 pupils from years 5 and 6 travelled to The King's School, Ottery St. Mary for the East Devon Quad Kids Finals. Each pupil completed a 75m sprint, vortex throw, standing jump and 600m run. We are so pleased to share the news that our Duchy team finished 2nd overall – this is a fantastic achievement! A special mention to Olivia who finished 1st overall for the girls.

Well done to all who took part, and a huge thank you to parents who supported!

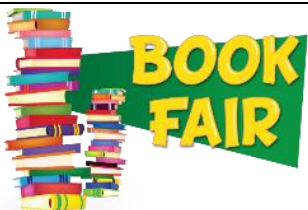
Diary Dates

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 th April 2024	23 rd July 2024

17 th April – 10 th July	Y4 Swimming every Wednesday (except 19 th June)
19 th June	Y6 surfing trip to Westward Ho!
20 th June	Sports Day
21 st June	Y5 trip to Exmouth Beach for sea swimming
27 th June	Reserve Sports Day
3 rd July	Y2 Trip to Exeter Cathedral
3 rd July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Settling in Session (Group A) 9.30-11.30am
4 th July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Settling in Session (Group B) 9.30-11.30am
5 th July	Y3 The Mix Festival at Bridwell Park
8 th July	Y5 at Cullompton Community College
9 th July	Y5/6 Afternoon Performance
10 th July	Y5/6 Evening Performance
10 th July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Settling in Session (Group B) 1.15-3.15pm
11 th July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Settling in Session (Group A) 1.15-3.15pm
12 th July	PTFA event (Summer Fayre)
18 th July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Parent Welcome Presentation 9.15-10.15am
19 th July	Y6 trip to Crealy
22 nd July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30 am
23 rd July	Last day of term

Book Fair

	<p>We will be holding a book fair after school each day next week. This will be outside the front of the school if the weather is dry otherwise it will be held in the school hall. We will only be able to accept cash for any books purchased.</p>
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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:
Duchypreschool@googlemail.com

Kidzone After School Club Celebration

St Disen's Church
Bradninch

Sunday 23rd June 2024 at 10.30am



Age appropriate books will be offered to all children and young people who come to All Age services, Duchy Kidzone or if it's their first visit!



Bradninch's own Children's Author, Katy Foster will be present and be interviewed and some of her books will be given out! Katy is a teacher and ceramicist with a passion for writing and creating stories. She is a Christian and has lived and worked in



London, Scotland, Devon and Kenya.

Cake coffee and other goodies in St Disen's Hall after

CHURCH FOR EVERYBODY

Fun - Fresh
Thought Provoking
For all ages and stages
Prayer - Worship