



***“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**

**Staffing Updates and Transition Morning**

I can confirm that we have successfully recruited to our vacant teaching position. Mr Glen Burnett, currently teaching at Wilcombe Primary School, another Ventrus school, will be joining us in September. Glen will be with us for our new classes transition day which I can confirm will be held on **11th July**. All classes will be meeting and spending the morning with their new teachers in readiness for September; further details and information will be sent, by e-mail, before this date.

**Warm Weather**

Extended period of warmth and sunshine have enabled us to maximise the use of all available spaces around the school during break and lunch times! Please ensure children have sun cream applied before coming into school and bring in sun hats and water bottles. Please can we also remind you to label all cardigans and jumpers so that if children misplace them, they can be returned easily.

**Parent Survey**

Final reminder - our trust’s annual Parent and Carer survey is open and set to close on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Sports Day 2024**



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and cheer on our children at this year’s Sports Day! Congratulations to Amber, our winning friendship group, who collected the most points following a day of carousel activities and races.



## Year 5 Sea Swimming



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, year 5 travelled to Exmouth to take part in a safe sea swimming project, which also included an art workshop and an environment workshop with Exeter University.

The weather was glorious, and we began with the university workshop, learning about how mussels are amazing at cleaning water as well as how to keep our sea water healthy. Next, the pupils donned wetsuits and swim caps for the sea swim. It was a little on the chilly side, but everyone had a great time learning how to stay safe in the sea. After lunch, we had the art workshop where we helped make recycled creatures for the Exmouth festival, followed by a safety talk from RNLI lifeguards.

All that was left was grabbing an ice cream before heading for home. A great day was had by all and thank you to the parent helpers that supported us on this trip.

## Year 6 Surfing



On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Year 6 enjoyed a day surfing with the North Devon Surf School at Westwood Ho. The children had a fantastic day, the weather was excellent, and everyone enjoyed learning new skills!






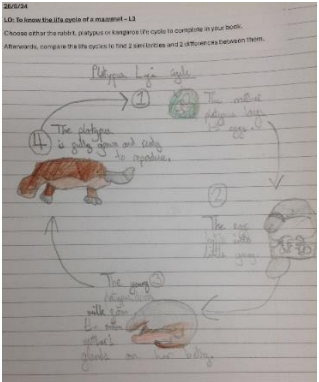



## Celebrations

Values Champion				Learning Champion		
	21.06.24	28.06.24			21.06.24	28.06.27
Reception	Georgie	Uliana		Reception	Jack S	Martha
Year 1	Bobbie	Elsie-Mei		Year 1	Bessy	Teddy
Year 2	Sofia	Meadow		Year 2	Danilo	Mia
Year 3	Harper W	Harper P		Year 3	Alfred	Sophie
Year 4	Harvey	Bobby		Year 4	Fleur	Kayden
Year 5	Vaughn	Marni		Year 5	Tom	Stanley
Year 6	Sophia	-		Year 6	James	-

## We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 1	Bobbie	For achieving Level 3 in swimming.
Year 1	Lily	For achieving STANley 5 award in swimming.
Year 2	Emily	For completing The Book Quest by reading 50 books.
Year 2	Chloe	For achieving Rainbow Distance of 100 metres in swimming.
Year 3	Violet	Superstar Award for being so brave at the hospital.
Year 4	Deacon	Cycle speedway - coming 3 <sup>rd</sup> at Horspath and 2 <sup>nd</sup> at Newport for the Exeter Aces U10s
Year 4	Casper	For various awards in both football for Bradninch FC U9s and rugby for Cullompton RFC.
Year 4	Alexandros	For Most Improved Player for 2023/24 season for Bradninch FC U9s

Our fortnight in photos

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<p><b>Reception</b></p>	<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<p><b>Year 2</b></p>
		
<p>In DT, we have been learning about castles and have enjoyed designing our own. This week, we started constructing our castles.</p>	<p>In maths, we are learning about coins and notes and their value. This is a great area to learn about at home and when out at the shops.</p>	<p>In P.E, we have been taking part in team building challenges, working together and communicating to create strategies.</p>
Our fortnight in photos		
<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p><b>Year 5</b></p>
		
<p>In art, we have been learning how to wet felt, using our observational drawings as inspiration.</p>	<p>In maths, we have been identifying acute, obtuse and right angles.</p>	<p>In science, we have been learning about the life cycles of different mammals.</p>
Our fortnight in photos		
<p><b>Year 6</b></p>	<p><b>Year 5 maths competition</b></p>	
		
<p>Year 6 are busy practising for their production of Star Wars. Their amazing acting talents will be demonstrated soon!</p>	<p>On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, eight of our year 5 children attended a maths competition held at Colyton Grammar School! The teams completed a mixture of challenges including group, relay, conundrum and countdown rounds.</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

17 <sup>th</sup> April – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Swimming every Wednesday
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y2 Trip to Exeter Cathedral
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Settling in Session (Group A) 9.30-11.30am
4 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Settling in Session (Group B) 9.30-11.30am
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 The Mix Festival at Bridwell Park
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 at Cullompton Community College (communication to follow)
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Afternoon Performance
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Evening Performance
10 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Settling in Session (Group B) 1.15-3.15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Settling in Session (Group A) 1.15-3.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA event (Summer Fayre)
18 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Class Intake (September 2024) - Parent Welcome Presentation 9.15-10.15am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 trip to Crealy
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' 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:  
[Duchypreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:Duchypreschool@googlemail.com)

## ⚽ Join Bradninch Football Club!

Bradninch Football Club is now recruiting boys and girls for football training sessions starting this September!

We have spaces for years 1-2(U7) and 3-4(U8)

### Why Join Us?

- Learn the basics of football in a fun and supportive environment
  - Make new friends and be part of a team
  - Coaching to develop your skills

### Visit our website

<http://www.bradninchfc.co.uk/>

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of our exciting football community!

🚩 See you on the field! 🚩



**All Age Services 10.30 am St Disens Church Bradninch**  
**Sunday 7th July Summer Fun.**  
**Sunday 1st September Back to School with Jesus.**

**FUN FRESH THOUGHT PROVOKING**  
**FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES**  
**PRAYER WORSHIP**

**Come for light refreshments in St Disens Hall 10 am-10.30 am**