



### ***“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 to the new school year! It has been a fortnight of unpredictable weather at the start of this Autumn term; we have our fingers crossed that the sunshine will make an appearance on Dartmoor next week for our year 6 children during their residential trip. The rain we have had has not prevented us from using our new running track however (photos included below). A huge thank you to our incredible PTFA who helped us raise funds over the last academic year enabling us to install it around the perimeter of the school field.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Meet the Teacher sessions. A reminder that your child’s curriculum information overview for the term was e-mailed out earlier today and that our approach to homework is outlined on the school’s website ( <https://duchy.devon.sch.uk/home-learning-2/>) and/or alternatively in a paper booklet available from your child’s class teacher or the school office. Key dates for the Autumn term are outlined towards the bottom of the newsletter. Please regularly check and review these as we will be updating with details of further trips, events and activities as and when they are confirmed.

### **Attendance**

I recently met with a member of the Devon County Council attendance team. She spoke passionately about how consistently good attendance can make a real difference to a child’s education, both academically and socially. We understand that on occasion, children are too ill to attend school or have critical medical appointments that can’t be made in the school day. However, please ensure your child is sent to school whenever possible and does not miss any time for minor illness or appointments that could be made outside of school hours. If you have concerns about your child’s health or attendance, please come and speak with us! A reminder that we do not authorise term time holidays unless the circumstances are exceptional.



**New Running Track**

## Celebrations

Please see details below of the certificates that we will be 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		
	13.09.24	20.09.24			13.09.24	20.09.24
Reception	Brooklyn	Isabelle		Reception	Thomas	Evie
Year 1	Hannah	Sylvie		Year 1	Willow	Viktor
Year 2	Benjamin	Rupert		Year 2	Toby	Riley
Year 3	Thomas	Jocelyn		Year 3	Mia	Emily
Year 4	Katy	Eddie		Year 4	Solly	Yeva
Year 5	Elliott	Lara		Year 5	Mollie	Emmanuel
Year 6	Hudson	Rosie S		Year 6	Layla	Teddy










## We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 1	Martha	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 1	Ida	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 1	Jacob	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 1	Tegan	For STANley 5 Award in swimming
Year 2	Helena	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 2	Theo	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 2	Teddy	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 3	Thomas	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 3	Thomas	Chief Scout’s Bronze Award
Year 3	Chloe	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 3	Bonnie-Mae	For her medals in running and majorettes
Year 3	Chloe	For coming 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> with her horse at Plymtree horseshow
Year 4	Alfred	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 4	Violet	For achieving her 10m badge in swimming
Year 4	Harriet	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Year 4	Phoebe G	For completing the Summer Reading Challenge

Year 5	Charlie A	For achieving Rainbow Distance (10m) in swimming
Year 5	Alexandros	For coming 1 <sup>st</sup> in an age 5-8 1 mile race
Year 6	Stanley	For achieving his 10m badge and STANley 7 award in swimming
Year 6	Teddy	For completing the Book Quest by reading 50 books
Year 6	Rosie S	For representing the school at the British Showjumping Championships and for coming 5 <sup>th</sup> in the Pony Club Championships



Our fortnight in photos

Reception		
		
We have been exploring our new classroom and enjoying time with our new friends.	We have been learning about how biscuits are made. We are looking forward to designing and baking biscuits in DT!	In maths, we have been using a range of equipment to represent 2-digit numbers in lots of different ways.
Year 3		
		
We have been exploring light and the absence of light. The children enjoyed trying to guess what was in each box, using just their touch.	In PE, we have been developing our defending and attacking skills in basketball.	We have been exploring the text - 'Otto: The Autobiography of a Teddy Bear'. The children have thought about their own toys and the adventures they might embark on when writing their own versions of the text.
Year 6		
		
In PE, children have been learning a range of new skills and combining them to play Quidditch.	Our older children have been helping the new reception intake settle into school life!	
		
A group of year six children clearing out the pond with the help of David Evans (Head Of Grounds Operations at Exeter University).		

## Diary Dates

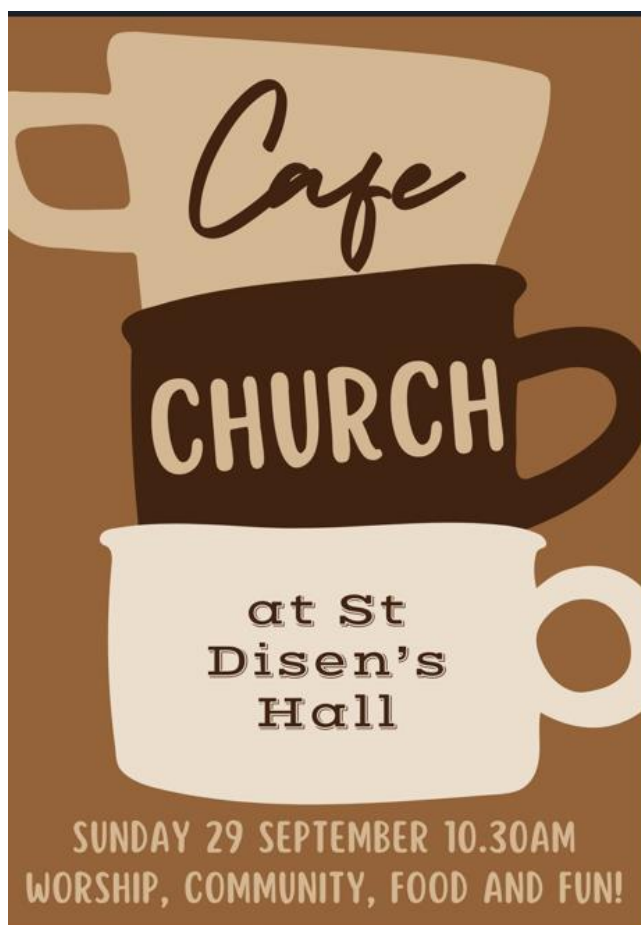
Please regularly check and review the Diary Dates section of the newsletter; we will be updating with details of further trips, events and activities as and when they are confirmed.

Term	Commences	Finishes
<b>Autumn</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Spring</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Summer</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025

23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Residential
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 trip to Kents Cavern
W/b 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Clubs start (Years 1 to 6)
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent phonics information sessions at 9am and 3.45pm – in school hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y1 Trip to Tiverton Museum
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisations in school
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Forum Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Trip to Escot
14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer in school (Tempest) - individual, sibling groups within school and class photos
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening: 3.50-6.30pm - please book your appointment on Arbor
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening: 3.50-6.30pm - please book your appointment on Arbor
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Team Rubicon sessions (scooter and skateboarding) – whole school - <i>communication to follow</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Pupil Day (school closed)
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term Week
11 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Disco
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability (Year 5) - <i>communication to follow</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Trip to Vue Cinema - <i>communication to follow</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Wreath Laying in Bradninch
11 <sup>th</sup> November – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability (Year 6) - <i>communication to follow</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need – theme TBC
20 <sup>th</sup> November	2025/26 Foundation Admissions Tours – 1.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> November	2025/26 Foundation Admissions Tours – 9.15am

W/e 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Clubs end (Years 1 to 6)
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Vision Screening Check (EYFS)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas Craft Morning-Parents (9.15am to 10.15am)
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Nativity (2.30pm)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Nativity (3.45pm)
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Christingle at St Disen's Church (2pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Class Christmas Performance (3.45pm)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Pantomime trip to Northcott Theatre
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

## In the Community







# Produce Show '24

@ Bradninch Town Fair  
Saturday 28th September

Bradninch growers, bakers and makers of all ages and abilities! Showcase your wares at this year's Produce Show! Free entry & no registration required - drop your entries to the big tent on the Cricket Field by 9.30 on Fair Day, ready for judging

**Categories**

- 🍷 Homegrown Fruit Display
- 🍷 Homegrown Veg Display
- 🍷 Misshapen Item of Fruit or Veg
- 🍷 Flower Arrangement in any Medium
- 🍷 Cake with a Fruity Ingredient
- 🍷 Jar of Homemade Chutney
- 🍷 Jar of Homemade Marmalade
- 🍷 Jar of Homemade Jam

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# Scarecrow Trail

@ Bradninch Town Fair Weekend 2024

This year, the Town Fair Team invites you to create a character to scare off the crows!

- 🏠 Person/animal/alien; perhaps a famous or infamous character - it's up to you!
- 🏠 To be displayed from Thursday 26th - Sun 29th September.
- 🏠 Register your Scarecrow @ <https://bit.ly/bradcrow>

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The Oral Health Improvement team have a free one-hour training session aimed at parents, teachers, carers, support and enabling staff next week on:  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at 2:00pm – 3:00pm

If you or any parents or colleagues are interested in booking on to our course, please fill in our online booking form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fX5CwnwF6z>



*Please feel free to share this with anyone you feel might benefit from this training.*

We have another children's oral health webinar coming up in January so if you can't make this session keep your eyes peeled for more information about our other sessions.

If you have any questions in the meantime then please let us know.

Many thanks,  
The Oral Health Improvement Team