



“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

Last week, curiosity (one of our school values) was at the forefront of the children’s thinking. British Science Week provided us with the perfect platform to inspire a love and interest in science, technology, engineering, and maths. The children had lots of fun exploring this year’s theme (Change and Adapt) through hands-on activities, experiments, and workshops. Thanks to all who attended the parent event linked to this work.

Curiosity, kindness and respect were also in abundance when we came together, earlier this week, to celebrate International Women’s Day and champion the incredible achievements of women! Working together in their friendship groups (mixed-year groups) the children learnt about the incredible impacts of famous female architects, astronomers, entomologists and volcanologists. Our older students took on leadership roles, helping guide the younger children and sharing their ideas. The younger pupils brought fresh perspectives and lots of enthusiasm to the activities, making it a wonderful blend of ideas and energy. The teamwork was amazing, and everyone really enjoyed learning from each other and celebrating the women who inspire us all.

British Science Week – Parent Event



International Women’s Day – Friendship Group Task



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 | | |
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| | 14.03.25 | 21.03.25 | | | 14.03.25 | 21.03.25 |
| Reception | Matilda | Oscar | | Reception | Kimi | Albie |
| Year 1 | Ida | Jack D | | Year 1 | Willow | Holly |
| Year 2 | Ava | Hope | | Year 2 | Kaiden | Bobbie |
| Year 3 | Theo C | Danilo | | Year 3 | Ella Mae | Maisie |
| Year 4 | Monty | Harriet | | Year 4 | Anya | Lily R |
| Year 5 | Barnaby | Rose | | Year 5 | Mollie | Izzy |
| Year 6 | Teddy | Lottie | | Year 6 | Lucy | Troy |

We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

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| Year R | Thomas | For orange stripe in Taekwon-Do |
| Year 2 | Helena | Angelfish 1 in swimming |
| Year 2 | Bobbie | Learn to Swim Level 4 |
| Year 3 | Brodi | For orange stripe in Taekwon-Do |
| Year 4 | Lily SV | 50 metre badge in swimming |
| Year 5 | Barnaby | Yellow belt and 8 th KUP in Taekwon-Do |

Sports Update



On Thursday 13th March, the year 3/4 football team hosted a team from Hemyock Primary School in the second league fixture of the season. The match was played in bitterly cold conditions, despite the presence of Spring sunshine! The Duchy got off to a great start applying early pressure to the Hemyock goal and ended up taking a narrow 2-0 lead into the half-time break. The Duchy continued to dominate in the second half scoring three more; Hemyock did, however, manage to score a (fantastic!) consolation goal. Final score: The Duchy 5-1 Hemyock. The result sees the team sitting at the top of the league. Thank you to all those who came to cheer on the team!








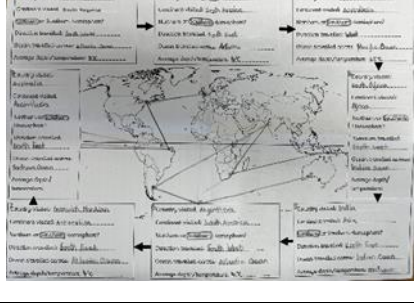
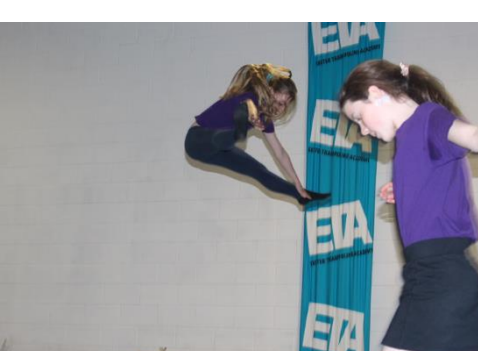
The year 5/6 football team entered their second league fixture of the season knowing that only a win would do if they were to stand any chance of qualifying for the knockout tournament. Adopting a high pressing strategy, The Duchy raced into an early lead. Head coach, Matthew Legrenade, ensured that this pressure did not ease off with The Duchy continuing to dominate the opposition's penalty box in the second half. Despite a brief fightback from Hemyock, victory had already been secured by the home team. Final score: The Duchy 5-1 Hemyock. Thanks to all who came to support!



On Tuesday 18th April, a group of children from across Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Killerton for the second cross-country meet of the academic year. Huge congratulations to all the children who tackled the course, demonstrating the school value of tenacity throughout the event, doing themselves and The Duchy School proud!

Thank you to all parents and families who came to support our runners on the day. It really made the difference.

Our fortnight in photos

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
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| <p>In art, Reception have been exploring clay. We had a parent volunteer kindly come in to enrich the children's experience of this by teaching them more techniques and skills.</p> | <p>Year 1 have enjoyed investigating length and height in our maths lessons.</p> | <p>In science, we have been observing the start of an insect and amphibian lifecycle. We will watch closely to see how our caterpillars and toad-spawn grow and change.</p> |
| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
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| <p>In PE, we have been learning to sustain our character whilst adding drama and emotion to our dance.</p> | <p>In English, we have been researching Howard Carter's life in preparation for writing his biography.</p> | <p>In geography, Year 5 planned their own trip across the world, taking note of the countries they visited and the oceans they travelled across.</p> |
| Year 6 | | |
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| <p>Year 6 enjoyed their visit to the Exeter Trampolining Centre where they learnt new skills</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 |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Autumn | 5 th September 2024 | 20 th December 2024 |
| Spring | 6 th January 2025 | 4 th April 2025 |
| Summer | 22 nd April 2025 | 23 rd July 2025 |

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| W/e 21 st March | Spring Term clubs end (Yrs 1 – 6 inc) - exc Multi Skills and Basketball which will run for an extra week |
| 24 th March | National Child Measurement Programme in school– YR and Y6 only |
| 25 th March | Y3 Sports Enrichment Day at Wilcombe School |
| 26 th March | Y2 Trampolining Taster Session |
| 28 th March | PTFA event (QUIZ) |
| 2 nd April | Y4 Dance Showdown at Barnfield Theatre |
| 4 th April | Last day of Spring Term |
| 22 nd April | Summer Term starts |
| 29 th April | Y2 Trip to Jacobs Ladder Sidmouth |
| 5 th May | May Day Bank Holiday (school closed) |
| 8 th May | Y3 Trip to Rosemoor Gardens |
| 12 th – 15 th May | Y6 SATS Week |
| 14 th May | Reception Class Trip to Seaton Wetlands |
| 20 th May | Y5 Trip to Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme (<i>communication to follow</i>) |
| 23 rd May | The Duchy Mile |
| 26 th – 30 th May | Half Term |
| 2 nd June | Non-Pupil Day (school closed) |
| 4 th June | Y6 Surfing Trip (<i>communication to follow</i>) |
| 11 th /12 th June | Y4 Residential to Wildwood Escot (1 night) |
| 13 th June | Parent Forum |
| 17 th June | Y5 sea swimming trip to Exmouth (<i>communication to follow</i>) |
| 19 th June | Sports Day |

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| 26 th June | Reserve Sports Day |
| 7 th July | Y2 trip to Exeter Cathedral (<i>communication to follow</i>) |
| 10 th July | Eco Club trip to Exeter Energy for Waste |
| 11 th July | PTFA event (Summer Fayre) |
| 15 th July | Y5/6 Afternoon Performance |
| 16 th July | Y5/6 Evening Performance |
| 17 th July | Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting (9.15am) |
| 18 th July | Y6 Homework reward trip to Crealy (<i>communication to follow</i>) |
| 22 nd July | Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30 am (Parents) |
| 23 rd July | Y6 Leavers' Assembly (whole school) |
| 23 rd July | Last day of term |

In the Community

*Coming up at St Disens Church Bradninch
Spring Term 2025 and beyond*

*Saturday 22nd March Coffee Morning in Aid of Duchy Kidzone
Bradninch Guildhall
10 am until 12 noon
Coffee Cakes Raffle Bring and Buy Display*

*Sunday 30th March 10.30 am Mothers Day All Age Worship
FUN FRESH THOUGHT PROVOKING
FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES
PRAYER WORSHIP
Refreshments to follow in St Disen's Hall*

*Sunday 6th April 10.30 am All Age Worship
FUN FRESH THOUGHT PROVOKING
FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES
PRAYER WORSHIP
Refreshments from 9.45 am in St Disen's Hall*

*Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday
Follow the Donkey from outside the Guildhall at 10.15 am for All Age
Worship in St Disens Church
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*Sunday 20th April 5.45 am United Sunrise Service at Christ Cross
celebrating the resurrection of Jesus
Christ Cross House, Silverton, EX5 4HF
Bacon Butties and coffee and
Simmel cake to follow in the barn.*

*Sunday 20th April 10.30 am Easter All Age Worship
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Devon Children & Young People's Neurodiversity Navigators

A free, confidential support service for children, families and young people navigating neurodiversity.

What we do

- Offer support and guidance to families of children and young people (up to the age of 18) awaiting a neurodiversity assessment across Devon
- Provide objective, evidence-based advice, positive support strategies, and practical and emotional support throughout the assessment process
- Connect with other teams and external services where needed to help co-ordinate your journey
- Enable peer support and connections with others going through the same process



Contact Us

Email: Livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net
Opening days: Monday - Friday
Opening hours: 9am-5pm



Have your say

We are interested in hearing about the lived experiences of young people and their families.

Your views and experiences allow us to develop our team, and tailor the services we provide to improve the support for our families and young people.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

Kingfisher Swim School



EASTER CRASH COURSE

 **PITFIELD APARTMENTS, WILLAND, EX15 2RL**
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 **FREE PARKING ON SITE**

 **MONDAY 14TH APRIL - FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025**





 **30 MINUTE LESSONS**
MAXIMUM OF 6 CHILDREN PER CLASS

 **FOR SWIMMERS AGED 4+ IN STAGES 1 & 2**
(RATIO 3:1 FOR ALL CLASSES)

 **PRIVATE HEATED POOL AT 31°C**

 **£53.75 PER SWIMMER**
(INCLUDES ALL CERTIFICATES & BADGES!)

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All Stars @ Kentisbeare
Mondays 5-5:45pm
Foundation to Year 2

Dynamos @ Kentisbeare
Mondays 6-7pm
Years 3 to 6

All Stars @ Bradninch
Fridays 5:30-6:15pm
Foundation to Year 3

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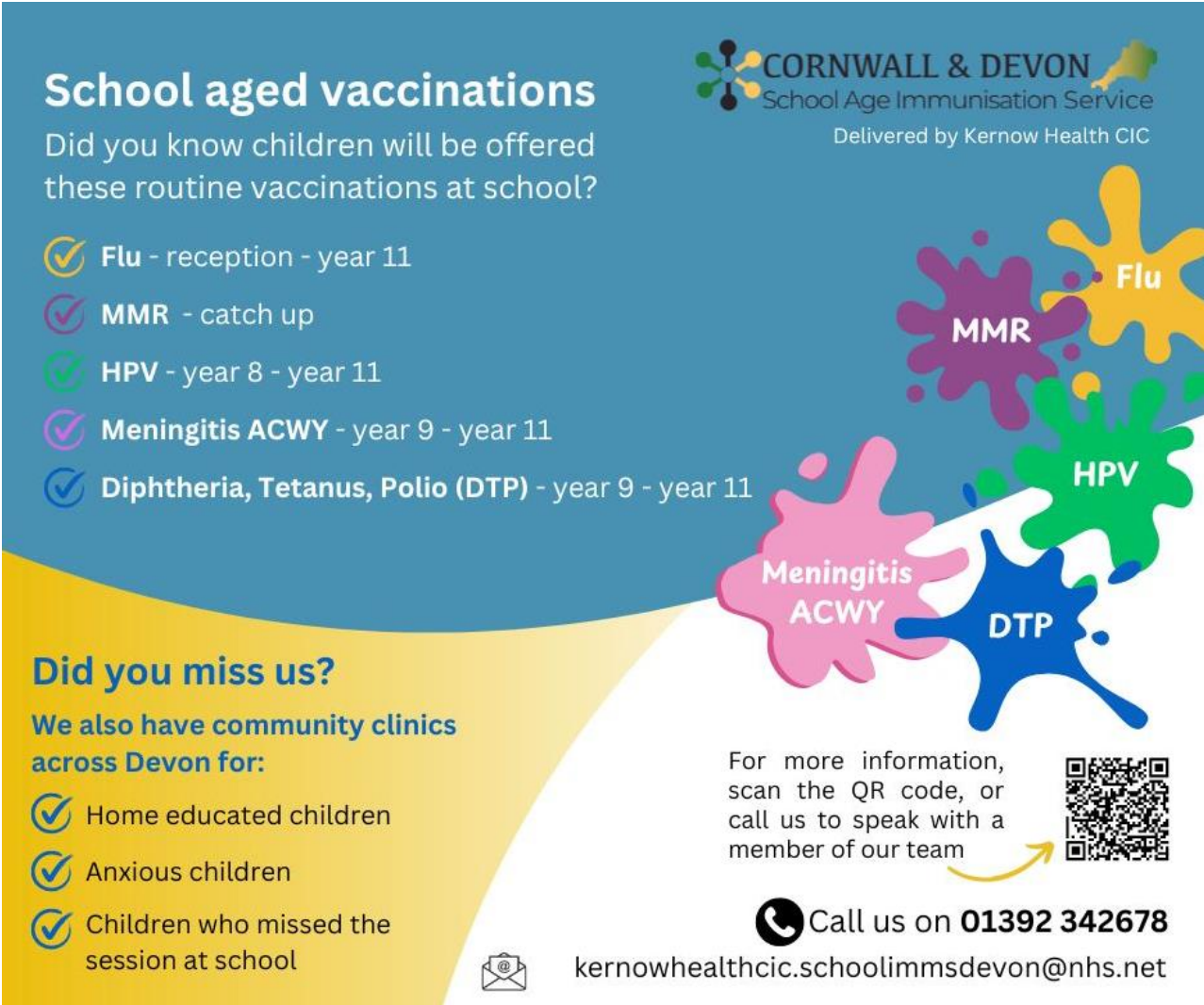
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School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11

CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC


Flu
MMR
HPV
Meningitis ACWY
DTP

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



Call us on **01392 342678**

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