



“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! As we step into a new half-term, we're greeted by the arrival of spring sunshine, filling us with excitement for the weeks ahead. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our recent parents' evening. Your participation and engagement play a vital role in your child's education and our school community.

World Book Day

Yesterday, we had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day! Our love of reading was clear to see in the range of inventive costumes and creative entries to our 'Toilet Roll' competition. The children particularly enjoyed the story sharing sessions, where members of staff chose a book to share across the school. Back in classrooms, children took part in a range of exciting activities: listening to audiobooks, book bingo, live webinars (with authors, illustrators, and footballers), quizzes and competitions. A snapshot of the day is included on page 3.

Parent Event

A reminder that our next parent event, linked to British Science Week, will take place next Friday (14th March). We look forward to welcoming many of you into school then!

Orienteering

We have recently installed a series of orienteering markers around our school grounds to further promote physical activity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. These new markers have added an adventurous twist to our outdoor activities, and the children have been enjoying navigating the site. The children particularly enjoyed the recent World Book Day challenge we set them where they were required to read maps, follow clues, and test their navigational abilities. It was fantastic to see everyone, from our youngest learners to our older students, working together! We are excited to see how these new markers can inspire more outdoor adventures, and we look forward to incorporating them into future lessons and activities.



Orienteering

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		
	28.02.25	07.03.25			28.02.25	07.03.25
Reception	Thomas	Olly		Reception	Dhaan	Izzy R
Year 1	Luka	Olivia		Year 1	George	Joshua
Year 2	Eleanor	Toby		Year 2	Evie	Bessy
Year 3	Meadow	Natalie		Year 3	Thomas	Chester
Year 4	Lily R	Katy		Year 4	Chloe	Rohan
Year 5	-	Elliott		Year 5	-	James
Year 6	Stanley	Rosie S		Year 6	Dex	Daisy

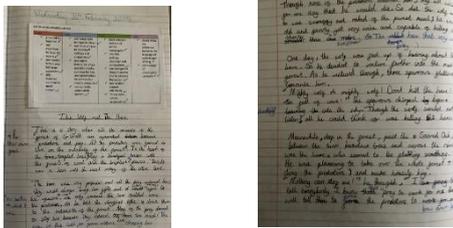
We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 2	Hope	Learn to Swim Level 2
Year 3	Thomas	For completing The Secret Book Quest by reading 100 books.
Year 3	Betsy	Green Stripe in Taekwondo and Level 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Gymnastics at Whirlwinds Academy
Year 5	Amber	Green Belt in Taekwondo
Year 6	Stanley	Angelfish 1 in swimming
Year 5	Rosie S	NSEA Championships in showjumping at Bicton
Year 6	Teddy	Green Stripe in Taekwondo

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March



Our fortnight in photos

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
		
<p>Reception enjoyed a trip to Cullompton Library. The librarians read a story and set everyone up with a library card so they could each borrow a book.</p>	<p>In DT this term, the children will be building houses. They have been enjoying exploring house designs during their continuous provision.</p>	<p>In English, we have been exploring poems. We have been looking at rhyme, repetition and alliteration.</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 6
		
<p>In English this week, we have moved on to a new genre of writing. We are now focussing on traditional tales and starting our new book- Cinderella of the Nile.</p>	<p>In PE, we have continued to practise for our Dance Showdown, due to take place in April.</p>	<p>In English, we have completed our own Grimm Fairy Tales based on the book Grimm Tales for Young and Old by Philip Pullman. We have made sure that we have included the different features of Fairy Tales within our own stories.</p>

Year 5



On Thursday 27th February, Year 5 left school at 8am to travel to the NEC Arena in Birmingham to take part in Young Voices 2025, which brought thousands of young people from across the UK together to perform as a single choir. We arrived shortly before rehearsals begin at 2pm and spent the afternoon practising for the show in the evening, which was performed to friends and family who had also journeyed up from Devon. The show began at 7pm and was almost 2 ½ hours of non-stop singing, dancing and fabulous entertainment. A thoroughly enjoyed day by all and an event that will provide lasting memories for the children who took part. What a performance Year 5!

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

7 th – 16 th March	British Science Week
12 th March	Y5 Trampoline Taster Session
14 th March	Red Nose Day – Non uniform day (donations made via Parent Pay)
14 th March	Parent Event – Science Week (Reception Class 9.10-10am. Years 1-6 2.45-3.20pm)
18 th March	KS2 Cross County at Killerton (selected children only)
19 th March	Y6 Trampoline Taster Session
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
26 th March	Y2 Trampoline Taster Session
28 th March	PTFA event (QUIZ)
2 nd April	Y4 Dance Showdown at Barnfield Theatre
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
19 th June	Sports Day
26 th June	Reserve Sports Day
3 rd 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*

*Sunday 16th March 10.30am in St Disen's Hall
Café Church
WORSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD AND FUN*

*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
FUN FRESH THOUGHT PROVOKING
FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES
PRAYER WORSHIP
Refreshments to follow in St Disen's Hall*

*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
FUN FRESH THOUGHT PROVOKING
FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES
PRAYER WORSHIP
Refreshments to follow in St Disen's Hall*

