

"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

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all our families who have supported our wonderful school. The last two days have been incredibly challenging, and I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and kindness for our children, staff and most importantly the family affected. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.

I hope you all have a wonderful break; we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Celebrations

Values Champion		Learning Champion			
	28.03.25	04.04.25		28.03.25	04.04.25
Reception	Ossian	Thomas	Reception	Lyra	Kip
Year 1	Erik	George	Year 1	Isabelle	Harry
Year 2	Ethan	Airi	Year 2	Lily	Theo
Year 3	James Han	Olive	Year 3	Marcus	Sofia
Year 4	Harriet	All of Year 4	Year 4	Harper P	All of Year 4
Year 5	Isabella	Edward	Year 5	Bobby	Murray
Year 6	Rory	Elias	Year 6	Marni	Flo

We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 3	Natalie	Dolphin 1 in swimming and red stripe in Taekwondo	
Year 4	Violet	Goldfish 3 Award in swimming	
Year 4	Alfred	STAnley 7 Award in swimming	
Various	Isabella, Lara,	Derek Knill Cub Challenge for Bradninch 1st Scouts	
	Casper, Arlo H,		
	Edward		
Year 5	Charlie A	Chief Scout's Silver Award for Bradninch 1 st Scouts	
Year 6	Rosie S	1st place in Show Jumping at NSEA National Championships and participation	
		rosettes for Show Jumping at The Pony Club Spring Festival 2025	

Our fortnight in photos

Reception



have enjoyed learning about different parts of the world and had fun looking at materials from different countries. We coloured and painted our own versions.

Year 1



In history, we have discussed the impact of an historical event - the first powered flight in 1903! This led to others achieving great things in aeroplanes.

Year 2



In Design and Technology, we have been designing, building and testing our own wind powered cars. They have been very succesful!

Year 3



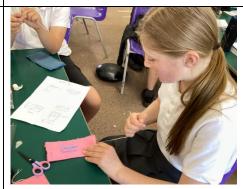
In geography, we have been studying Mountains and Volcanoes. Using recycled water bottles, newspaper and modroc, we made our own volcanoes before creating an eruption using bicarbonate of soda, food colouring and vinegar.

Year 5



In geography, we have been exploring the 5 major ocean gyres. We took to the field to recreate this, moving clockwise when we were in the Northern Hemisphere and anticlockwise when we were in the Southern Hemisphere.

Year 6



In DT, we have been practising our sewing skills using a range of stiches including running stich, back stich, chain stich and blanket stich. We have then used these skills to make our own sun glasses case.

Year 4
Barnfield Theatre Dance Event (Key Stage 2)







On Wednesday 2nd April, Year 4 travelled to The Barnfield Theatre in Exeter and, along with 4 other schools, participated in Premier Education's Easter Showdown. This involved the children creating and learning their own dance routine which they then performed in two shows to friends, family and other schools. Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported this event.

Events Update



On Thursday 27th March, Duchy, welcomed Chris Brown from Devon Cricket Foundation into school to provide a free cricket taster session to all classes. The weather was kind to us and we were able to hold all the taster sessions outdoors with children learning the fundamental cricket skills of throwing, catching, batting, bowling and running. All classes enjoyed spending time with Chris and practising their skills. If your child enjoyed these sessions, the Devon Cricket Foundation will be running 8 weeks of sessions during the summer holidays. Further details about these club can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.



The school council had an exciting visit from the Mayor of Bradninch – Emily Ottery. She brought in her robes, hat and chain and even let the children try some of these items on! The children had plenty of questions about the role of Mayor and demonstrated our school value of curiosity well. Emily answered their questions, which also generated some excellent conversations about democracy, equality and respect. It has certainly inspired our school councillors to think how they can make changes in and around our school community.

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	

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
20 th May	Y5 Trip to Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme (communication to follow)
22 nd May	Reception Class Trip to Seaton Wetlands (note – change of date)
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 (communication to follow)
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 (communication to follow)
19 th June	Sports Day
26 th June	Reserve Sports Day
7 th July	Y2 trip to Exeter Cathedral (communication to follow)
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)

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18 th July	Y6 Homework reward trip to Crealy (communication to follow)
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 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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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 Simnel cake to follow in the barn.

Sunday 20th April 10.30 am Easter All Age Worship

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Further ahead!!

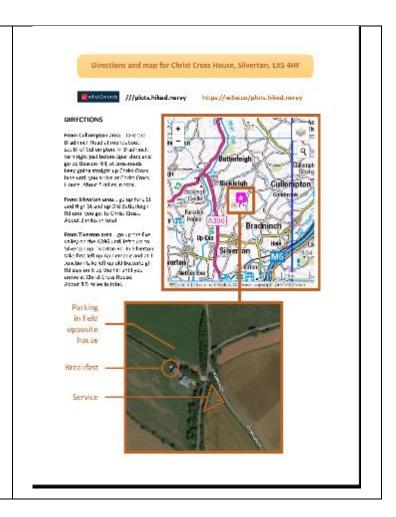
Sunday July 6th Kidzone Celebration All Age Service
Age-appropriate Christian books will be gifted to every child and young person
present and all children who have attended Kidzone at Duchy throughout this
academic year and all children and young people connected to St Disens
Church

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult. Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YOU SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with I adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from Ilam.

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm -6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a E5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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