

Weekly Parent Bulletin



Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the delights of being a headteacher is meeting and greeting the children as they come into school each morning. Whilst January brings dark mornings and gloomy weather, the children always lift this monthly mood with their smiles and greetings. It is such a pleasure to start the day like this, and we are truly blessed to have such wonderful children coming through our gates.

This week we celebrated a number of school events. Our older children have been out and about around the school, practicing their cycling in Bikeability sessions. They have shown great listening skills with their instructors and really taken on board the advice given to be safe on the roads. On Wednesday our Year 4 children took part in a tennis festival down at Tarka Tennis that involved 9 different skill stations including a 'beat the teacher'. Yesterday we were treated by the PTFA to an incredible panto performance of Beauty and the Beast. Everyone had a fantastic time, and we want to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for fundraising for this special event.

Finally, we have some sad news that a valued and loved member of staff, Mrs Gail Cole, our teaching assistant in Year 3, will be leaving at the end of the month. However, we are also delighted for her as she is moving on to a new role as a PCSO in an exciting career move. We wish her every success in her new job and hope she keeps in touch. We will all miss her and know you will join us in wishing her well.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy weekend.

Ms Warner and Mr Blunt



Growth Mindset

Congratulations to all our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

Harry S

Harriet M

Leo F

Marla S

Georgina G

Louisa M-B

Luna K

Seren M

Leila H

Nathan C

Heidi T

Poppy-May N

Talia D

All of BCL

All of RSO



Year 4 Tennis Festival



The year 4's had a great time at Tarka Tennis. They were extremely active taking part in 9 different skill sections, the favourite being 'beat the teacher'!

Year 2/3 Reminders

Victorian Immersion Day – 20th January 2025

To really immerse the children into the day, we would like them to dress up as a Victorian themselves – rich or poor!

Forest School

This week we have been looking at and using our trees. Year 2's have been exploring the trees and added faces to bring the tree alive. Year 1's have been busy using bow saws to saw branches into smaller sections to use in a project. We have also used the smaller branches and twigs to cook popcorn over the fire. This week the books we have read are 'The tree' by Neal Layton and 'The things I love about trees' by Chris Butterworth.



Important Dates

Year 1 Trip to Haynes Motor Museum – Tuesday 11th
February

Half Term - Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Non pupil day – Monday 24th February

Term Ends – Friday 4th April

After School Sport Timetable

After School Sports Clubs January to February half term 2025

Day	Club	Dates	Collection
Monday	KS2 Girls Football	Yr 5/6: 13/1, 27/1, 10/2 Yr 4: 20/1, 3/2	4.15 pm
Tuesday	Yr 4 Handball (both classes)	14/1, 21/1, 28/1, 4/2	4.15 pm
Wednesday	Yr 5/6 Hockey	Gp1: 8/1, 29/1 Gp 2: 22/1, 12/2	4.15 pm
Thursday	Yr 3 Handball	TRG: 9/1, 23/1, 6/2 CDI: 16/1, 30/1, 13/2	4.15 pm
Friday	Yr 5/6 Netball (by invite only)	10/1, 17/1, 24/1, 31/1	4.15 pm

Volunteer Readers

We would really welcome some community reading volunteers to support across the school. If you are able to commit an afternoon or even an hour to support additional reading, please collect a volunteering information pack



Gymnastics

A reminder for those wishing to take part in the gymnastics competition that forms and money need to be in by Friday 24th January if you haven't paid already.

GYMNASTICS DATES

JANUARY 2025

Monday 13th EFI & AWE

Monday 20th LWA & LLO

Monday 27th EFI & AWE

Wednesday 15th TRG & DSM

Wednesday 22nd CDI & AJA

Wednesday 29th BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd LWA & LLO

Monday 10th EFI & AWE

Wednesday 5th TRG & DSM

Wednesday 12th CDI & AJA

Wednesday 26th BPH, DMO, RSO

MARCH

Monday 3rd YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Wednesday 5th YEARS 3,4,5 & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Monday 10th YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Wednesday 12th YEARS 3,4,5, & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Monday 17th YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Wednesday 19th YEARS 3,4,5 & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Monday 24th YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Wednesday 26th YEARS 3,4,5,& 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Monday 31st LWA & LLO

APRIL

Monday 28th EFI & AWE

Wednesday 2nd TRG & DSM

Wednesday 30th CDI & AJA

MAY

Monday 12th LWA & LLO

Monday 19th EFI & AWE

Wednesday 7th BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL

Wednesday 14th TRG & DSM

Wednesday 21st CDI & AJA

JUNE

Monday 2nd LWA & LLO

Monday 9th EFI & AWE

Monday 16th LWA & LLO

Monday 23rd EFI & AWE

Wednesday 4th BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL

Wednesday 11th TRG & DSM

Wednesday 18th CDI & AJA

Wednesday 25th BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL

Free School Meals

Pupil Premium is given to school by the government to further support eligible pupils. If you apply now and it's approved, then it's in place for all 7 years of primary school and you won't be landed with surprise dinner bills by the time they hit Key Stage Two. You can also get support for Residential Trips in Years 5 and 6. Although this may seem a long time from now for some of you, your child and the school will benefit from applying as soon as possible. If you receive: - Universal credit- Income support- Income based job seekers allowance- Income-related employment and support allowance-Child tax credit- Working tax credit run on- paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please could you click on the link below and complete the "Free School Meal - FSM" check. It takes 5-10 minutes and it makes a huge difference to us and your child.

If you want to apply but cannot access this link, please speak to the school office and we can assist with your application within school.

If you are eligible, please let us know so we can update our records.

If people need help with applications, please come and see the office team.

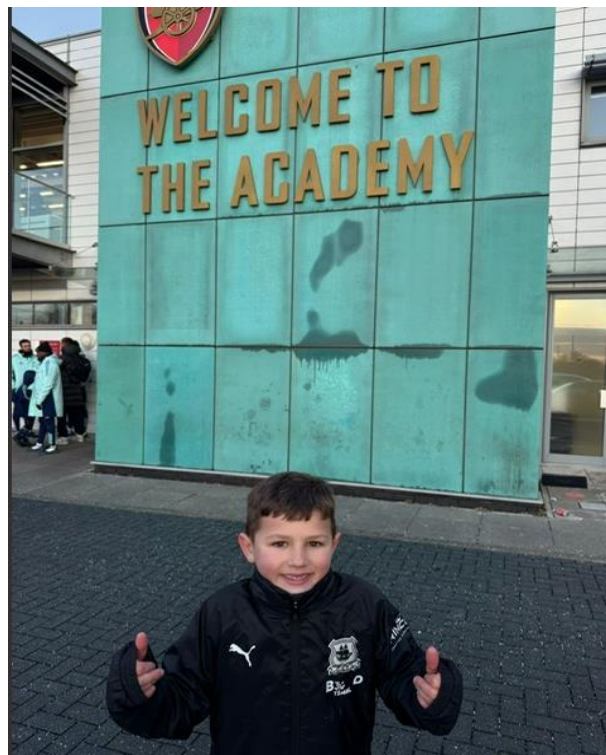
https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Many thanks,

Sticklepath Admin Team

Congratulations

Congratulations to Freddie who represented Plymouth Argyle youth team when they played away against Arsenal and Swindon. What a fabulous experience for him!



Spring Timetable

Please take a look at your child's Timetable for the Spring Term

Year 5 swimming – starts Monday 20th January

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forest School		AWE EFI	LWA CDI	BCL RSO	Eco Warriors TRG
PE	LLO TRG CDI AJA DSM	LWA TRG CDI DSM DMO	EFI AWE AJA BCL RSO	LWA LLO RSO BCL	EFI AWE BPH

Lunchtime Cross Country



No need to register - just turn up!
Children should wear their PE kits to school that day.

Yr 2 - Tuesdays
Yr 3/4 - Fridays
Yr 5/6 – Wednesdays

Menu from Monday 20th January 2025

Please find below the **Food Standards Agency's** List of **Allergens** – Numbered **1-14**
Some of our dishes contain Allergens which are monitored closely and are listed alongside the corresponding dish.

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|------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1. Celery | 4. Eggs | 8. Molluscs | 12. Sesame Seeds |
| 2. Cereals Containing Gluten | 5. Fish | 9. Mustard | 13. Soya |
| 3. Crustaceans | 6. Lupin | 10. Nuts | 14. Sulphur Dioxide |
| | 7. Milk | 11. Peanuts | |

Monday

SM1: Westcountry sausages with flavoured potato wedges and baked beans or sweetcorn **(2.14.)**

Vegetarian: Vegetarian sausage with flavoured potato wedges and baked beans or sweetcorn **(2.)**

pudding: Homemade coconut shortcake **(2.10.)**

Tuesday

SM1: Homemade tomato pasta served with mixed green salad and bread **(2.14.)**

pudding: Homemade Madeline sponge with strawberry sauce **(2.4.7.10.)**

Wednesday

SM1: Frankie Heards fresh roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and sliced carrots, sprouts and gravy **(2.7.)**

Vegetarian: Freshly baked mushroom and stilton wellington with roast potatoes, sliced carrots, sprouts and gravy **(2.7.)**

pudding: Fresh blueberry muffin **(2.4.7.)**

Thursday

SM1: Homemade cottage pies served with garden peas and cauliflower

Vegetarian: Homemade vegetarian cottage pie served with garden peas and cauliflower

pudding: Strawberry iced fruit smoothie

Friday

SM1: Cod fish fingers alongside golden fries and mushy peas or seasonal vegetables **(2.5.)**

Vegetarian: Spicy beanburger alongside golden fries and mushy peas or seasonal vegetables **(2.)**

pudding: Freshly baked double chocolate chip cookie **(2.4.7.13.)**

Payments for dinners (£2.50) are to be made online at 'www.mychildatschool.com' or via MCAS app.

Jacket Potato with beans is available most days.

Fresh salad available every day.

Fresh fruit platter and yoghurt available every day as an alternative to pudding.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday from everyone at Sticklepath!



Alex C

Athena H

Olivia H

Reagan H

Eli G

Harper V

Isaac F

Mason T

Community news...

STUDY SMART
Free Online Courses

Aspire Education

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Education & Skills Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

**6 Week Course
Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

www.studysmartuk.online

Fully Funded School Support Course - Online Guided Learning with our friendly tutors - Full Time - 6 Weeks - Intensive Course

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1 & 2 with fully funded progressions available for 3 level - starting on **27th January**.

The deadline to enrol is Wednesday 22nd January!

We run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

This is a six-week course, available in level 1 & 2, with live webinar sessions running from 9:30am - 11:30am, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session from 12:30-2pm.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet.

These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

*Please see more details about our eligibility on our website.

www.studysmartuk.online

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available.

Please go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more information.



FEBRUARY

Half Term Events:

Monday 17th:

Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers

Showings starting at 11.00am AND 1.00pm
Adults: £5.00, Children: £2.00 - Booking essential.

Tuesday 18th:

LEGO Builders

2.00pm - 4.00pm - FREE - Drop-in - Library Foyer
Come and make a LEGO creation that we can put on display.

Wednesday 19th:

SPIKE LEGO Workshop

10.00am - 12.00pm - £2.50 Per child - Suitable for ages 8+
Booking essential
Have fun creating with robotic LEGO!

Thursday 20th:

Breakfast & Craft

9.30am - 11.00am - FREE - Drop-in - Library Foyer
Join us for some yummy breakfast and a fun craft!

Friday 21st:

Duo Tutti

11.15am - 12.00pm - FREE - Drop-in - Library Foyer
A classical music concert for kids & their grown-ups.

Saturday 22nd:

LEGO Builders

2.00pm - 4.00pm - FREE - Drop-in - Library Foyer
Come and make a LEGO creation that we can put on display.



Now recruiting for January 2025

TRY Torridge
Tuesday's, 5:00-6:00pm,
Kingsley School, Bideford

TRY NorthDevon
Thursday's - 4:45-5:45pm
Roundswell Community Primary School, Barnstaple



TRYSTOCK 2025
Save The Date
Saturday 12th July,
2025 (2:00-8:00pm)
An Inspirational
Teachers Rock® Pop Prom
celebrating a festival of
contemporary music at
The Big Sheep



Sign up here!



Oral Health Improvement Training (Children 0—11yrs)

When:

Wednesday 22nd January 2025
4:30pm—5:30pm

The Oral Health Improvement Team will be hosting a virtual training session on Microsoft Teams aimed at anyone that works with and/or cares for children aged 0—11 years. Including various settings such as nurseries, schools, care settings, hospitals and at home.

Book a place on our course below:



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

Email: rduh.ohesds@nhs.net | Phone: 01392 405705 | Website: www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/dental



FOUNDATION HUBS

TASTER SESSION
5 DECEMBER 2024
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
EX32 9AX
5:30 - 7 PM



WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
& 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025

7 PM - 8:30 PM

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

*Players in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are **not** eligible.

Sign Up



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NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

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