

# Weekly Parent Bulletin



Monday 10th February 2025

Year 4 and 5 were lucky enough to experience the Explorer Dome this week. Year 4 were treated to an out of this world experience as they fully immersed in the wonders of the universe from inside the dome. They observed the surface of the sun, learned about black holes, examined the planets in our solar system and heard the stories from Greek mythology which gave names to the constellations. The children were captivated from start to finish and came up with lots of interesting questions.

Year 5 were then treated to a fantastic experience in the Explorer Dome on Monday when visitors Ellie and Amy led us through a fascinating demonstration of forces in action. From balloons and magnets to launching into space and virtually experiencing the Northern Lights, a great time was had by all. The highlight of the session was when a few lucky volunteers became rocket scientists. Using dry ice as fuel, they launched plastic container 'rockets' into space, surprising us all and ensuring the event ended with a bang! The children were engaged throughout, asking insightful questions and responding well to our guests.



## Growth Mindset

Congratulations to all our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

|                              |  |   |  |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Isabella R<br><br>Florence D | Agrah K<br><br>Lennox E<br><br>Chloe D<br><br>Reggie W | Freddie L<br><br>Elana S<br><br>Louisa T<br><br>Bobby W | Emma L<br><br>Jasmine W<br><br>Samuel H-I<br><br>Christian P |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|



## Important Dates

Year 1 Trip to Haynes Motor Museum – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Non pupil day – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Term Ends – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

## After School Sport Timetable

### After School Sports Clubs January to February half term 2025

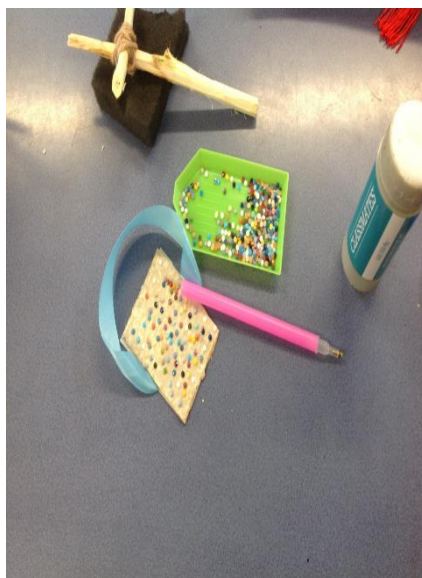
| Day              | Club                            | Dates  | Collection |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | KS2 Girls Football              | <b>Yr 5/6:</b> 13/1, 27/1, 10/2<br><b>Yr 4:</b> 20/1, 3/2  | 4.15 pm    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Yr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



# Forest School

This week at Forest School we have unsuccessfully been hunting for snails before learning they hibernate. Instead, Year 2 made a 'walk' of cork snails and Year 3 whittled a 'walk' of wooden snails.

Year 1's have been busy completing their 'car' project and also building a Habitat wall. Year 6 used all their skills to produce small mythical habitats. We read 'Norman the snail' and 'The climb' by Simon Henderson and 'The snail and the whale' by Julia Donaldson.





# Gymnastics

## **FEBRUARY**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> LWA & LLO  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> EFI & AWE

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> TRG & DSM  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> CDI & AJA  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> BPH, DMO, RSO

## **MARCH**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> YEARS 3,4,5 & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> YEARS 3,4,5, & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> YEARS 3,4,5 & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> YEARS 3,4,5,& 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> LWA & LLO

## **APRIL**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> EFI & AWE

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> TRG & DSM  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> CDI & AJA

## **MAY**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> LWA & LLO  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> EFI & AWE

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> TRG & DSM  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> CDI & AJA

## **JUNE**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> LWA & LLO  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> EFI & AWE  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> LWA & LLO  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> EFI & AWE

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> TRG & DSM  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> CDI & AJA  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL

# Netball

Congratulations to our Yr 5/6 netball team for winning the Barnstaple Primary School Competition. They won all their matches from the group stages right through to the semi-finals and finals. What a team! Next stop North Devon finals in March.



## Spring Timetable

|               | Monday                          | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                       | Thursday                 | Friday              |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Forest School |                                 | AWE<br>EFI                      | LWA<br>CDI                      | BCL<br>RSO               | Eco Warriors<br>TRG |
| PE            | LLO<br>TRG<br>CDI<br>AJA<br>DSM | LWA<br>TRG<br>CDI<br>DSM<br>DMO | EFI<br>AWE<br>AJA<br>BCL<br>RSO | LWA<br>LLO<br>RSO<br>BCL | EFI<br>AWE<br>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

## 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



# Menu from Monday 10th February 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.

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

## Monday – Bag Meal

SM1: Freshly baked sausage roll served with herby diced potatoes and baked beans or mixed vegetables **(2.3.7.14.)**

Vegetarian: Freshly baked cheese slice served with herby diced potatoes and baked beans or mixed vegetables **(1.2.7.9.13.)**

Pudding: Homemade wholemeal shortcake **(2.)**

## Tuesday

SM1: From the grill – Bacon, sausage, hash brown, baked beans and bread and butter **(2.14.)**

Vegetarian: Grilled halloumi , veggie sausage, hash brown, baked beans and bread and butter **(2.7.)**

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

## Wednesday

SM1: Homemade chicken korma with fluffy Tilda rice, poppadom's and a choice of sides **(2.7.10.)**

Vegetarian: Homemade vegetable tikka masala with fluffy Tilda rice, poppadom's and a choice of sides **(10.)**

Pudding: Homemade date crispy crunch **(7.)**

## Thursday

SM1: Fresh pork meatballs served with pasta fusilli and homemade tomato sauce with mixed salad and bread **(2.13.)**

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

Pudding: Mini ring doughnuts **(2.4.7.)**

## Friday

SM1: Battered small fry alongside golden fries and carrot and cucumber sticks **(2.)**

Vegetarian: Chicken wing style crispy Quorn dipper alongside golden fries and carrot and cucumber sticks **(2.)**

Pudding: Homemade valentine cookies **(2.)**

**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!



|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Arlo M   | Piper S  |
| Emily W  | Romie R  |
| George D | Sophie S |
| Jacob B  | Summer S |
| Joshua O | Tommy L  |
| Laila B  | Lidia G  |

# Community news...

**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

**NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB**

**VENUE**  
Pilton Community College  
Chaddiford Ln  
Barnstaple  
EX31 1RB

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10\*

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

**Sign Up**

For more information contact  
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01392 262509 / 07939 015663  
or visit [www.devoncricket.co.uk/fncf-hubs](http://www.devoncricket.co.uk/fncf-hubs)



# PRELOVED BABY & CHILDREN'S SALE



**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
MARCH  
2PM - 3.30PM**



## ROUNDSWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE



PRELOVED  
ITEMS FROM  
BIRTH TO  
TEENAGERS

TOYS  
CLOTHES  
BOOKS  
& MORE

SAVE MONEY ON HIGH QUALITY, PRELOVED ITEMS

BAG YOURSELF A BARGAIN

BOOK A STALL & MAKE SOME MONEY

£10 FOR SELLERS & £1 ON DOOR FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE

FREE ENTRY AFTER 3PM

INTERESTED IN BOOKING A TABLE? CONTACT LOUISE LINCOLN

07871 951439 OR LOUMOIR@HOTMAIL.COM OR

SEARCH FACEBOOK FOR 'NORTH DEVON PRELOVED BABY & CHILDREN'S SALES'

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# 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.



**ROMAR  
SPORTS**

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us for a fun filled  
week of football,  
games, competitions & prizes  
Girls & Boys / All abilities  
Ages 5 - 15 years



## TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G

Monday 17 - Friday 21 February  
9am - 4pm  
Barnstaple, EX31 2AP



[www.romarsports.com](http://www.romarsports.com)

*Kingsley*



# OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 10AM - 3.30PM**

For more information please contact the Admissions Team  
[admissions@kingsleydevon.com](mailto:admissions@kingsleydevon.com)

[WWW.KINGSLEYDEVON.COM](http://WWW.KINGSLEYDEVON.COM)



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We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. Teaching Assistants, SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

These are 6 week courses, full time, intensive courses, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



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We have online Fully Funded, School Support Courses starting soon. With online guided learning webinars, 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 **24th February 2025**.

**The deadline to enrol is Tuesday 18th February!**

Aspire Education Academy's courses 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.

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

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 will be eligible to apply for a fully funded (free) place on our course.

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available. Please go to: [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online) for more information.



# NORTH DEVON HOCKEY CLUB

THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BARNSTAPLE, EX32 9AX



Tuesday

**Hockey Heroes / Under 10s**

6:00 - 6:45pm

**Under 12s / Under 14s**

6:45 - 7:45pm

**Ladies**

7:45 - 9:00pm


Wednesday

**Mens**

7:00 - 9:00pm

Growing club in North Devon  
2 competitive men's and ladies' teams  
Strong junior programme  
Social atmosphere and close knit community

FOLLOW/CONTACT US

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**It's in  
the Bog** 







## Classroom Experience and Information Events

### Event Information

This is an opportunity to gain classroom experience and find out more about SWIFT Teacher Training, our route into teaching, courses and PGCE.

These events are based in one of our partner schools where you will be looked after by an experienced Campus Lead, who will be your host for the session.

Activities could include:

- a guided training walk with the campus lead and school staff
- introduction to observing lessons and different styles of teaching
- seeing how specific subjects are taught
- engaging in learning conversations with colleagues
- learning more about the SWIFT Teacher Training programme
- questions and Next Steps

### Who

Educated to degree level; recent graduates, career changers, returners to work; teaching assistants, anyone interested in teaching.

### To book

Online booking form [HERE](#)

Or contact: Jo Turnbull

Email: [jo.turnbull@sw-ift.org.uk](mailto:jo.turnbull@sw-ift.org.uk)

PLEASE BOOK BY **Wednesday 26 February 2025**

### Time and Venue

Phase | Primary/Secondary

**SWIFT Teacher Training | North Devon | Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy | Wednesday 5 March 2025 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy | Abbey Road | Barnstaple | EX31 1JU**

Although this is a primary school setting, we welcome anyone interested in secondary school teaching, as the information sharing will also include applications for secondary school training, and the Campus Lead can discuss this option further on the day. Any school experience is worthwhile, and a primary school experience will help you to understand the starting points for students in the secondary phase.

### Further Information

You can find out more information about future classroom experience and information events [HERE](#).