

Weekly Parent Bulletin



Monday 24th February 2025

Non pupil day – Monday 24th February. See you back on Tuesday 25th February.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at school we reviewed how oracy is developing in our classes. As we have mention before, this is a significant piece of work that the school has embarked on over the last few years, led by Mr Smallwood and Mrs Oke. Super progress was noted from our last review, and in particular the strengths noted were:

- Effective use of talk partners in a range of lessons.
- Classes have developed a strong culture of shared and collaborative learning.
- Teachers are using targeted questioning to pick out and develop the thinking of identified children.
- Children are providing good explanations linked to taught vocabulary.

Whilst there is always more work to do, we are delighted with how our children are responding to this vital area of learning. Well done everyone.

We want to wish everyone a lovely half term and Valentines Day! We hope you get some precious family time to enjoy the love of those closest to you.

Remember children are due back to school on **Tuesday 25th February**. Have a safe and happy half term.

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner.

Growth Mindset

Congratulations to all our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

Delilah H-C

Evie B-P

Kiara B

Myla-Mae H

Alfie G

Fraser W

Tallulah C

Thomas H

Alfie W

Xander J

Lacey C

Louie M

Zachary P

Emily S

Abigail W

Logan P

CONGRATULATIONS



Year 1 trip to Haynes Motor Museum

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Haynes Motor Museum this week!

With a collection of more than 300 cars and motorcycles, the museum really brought the history of motoring to life for the children. They were fascinated by the different models, shapes and colours on offer and excited to hear the stories behind their invention.

They were an absolute credit to Sticklepath, listening carefully to the adults during the tour and being careful and respectful when 'trying out' some of the cars for themselves. The highlight of the day was exploring the first ever car invented by Karl Benz - something they had only ever seen a picture of before!



Book Week – Awesome Authors



Once Upon a Page – A Short Story Competition!

Do you have a brilliant story inside you, just waiting to be told? Now's your chance to bring it to life in our **Once Upon a Page** competition!

Write a **short story (or a section of a story)** —no more than one **A4 page**—and let your creativity shine! Your story can be told through **words, pictures, or a combination of both**. Whether it's a thrilling adventure, a magical mystery, or a funny tale, we can't wait to see what you create!

How to Enter:

Open to all year groups with the following categories:

- Year 5/6
- Year 3/4
- Year 1/2
- Reception/Nursery

Prizes:

- **1st Place:** £20 book voucher
- **2nd Place:** £10 book voucher

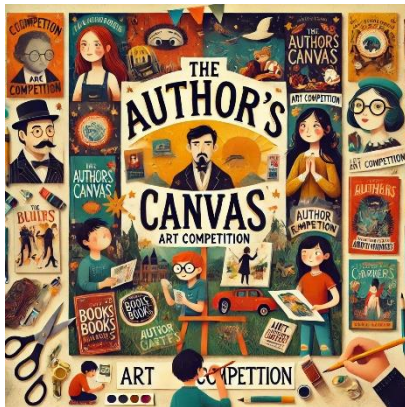
Deadline: All entries must be submitted to the **school office by Thursday 6th March**. Make sure your **name and class** are clearly displayed.

Judging: Our fantastic **school librarians** will judge the entries, looking for imagination, originality, and storytelling magic!

All entries will be proudly displayed in the hall on World Book Day, Thursday 6th March, when the hall doors will be opened after school for adults to view.

Winners Announced: At our **Prize Giving Assembly on Friday 7th March!**

So grab your pens, pencils, and imaginations—your story starts now!



The Author's Canvas – Art Competition!

Are you ready to get **creative and celebrate your favourite authors** in a whole new way? In **The Author's Canvas** competition, your challenge is to design a **collage** inspired by a famous author!

Your artwork could include **pictures of their famous characters, book covers, memorable quotes, or interesting facts about them**—all put together in a **visually creative and eye-catching way** on a **canvas, board, or piece of card**. Let your imagination run wild!

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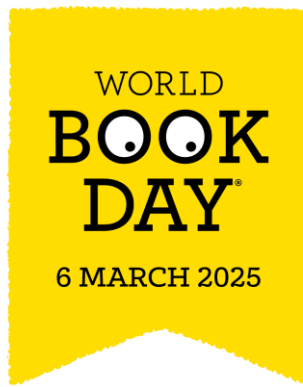
Deadline: All entries must be submitted to the **school office by Thursday 6th March**. Make sure your **name and class** are clearly displayed on your artwork.

Judging: Our **school librarians** will judge the entries, looking for **creativity, originality, and how well your collage represents your chosen author!**

All entries will be proudly displayed in the hall on World Book Day, Thursday 6th March, when the hall doors will be opened after school for adults to view the wonderful artwork!

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So, grab your paints, pencils, magazines, and glue—it's time to bring your favourite author's world to life in an amazing collage!



World Book Day – Dress Up as a Book Character!

On **World Book Day, Thursday 6th March**, children are invited to **dress up as a character** from a book written by a famous author! This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the magic of storytelling and bring beloved book characters to life.

Competition & Prizes

Each class will have a **£5 book voucher winner**, judged by our **Pupil Librarians**, based on creativity and effort.

Winners Announced

The winning costumes will be revealed during our **Friday Prize-Giving Assembly (7th March)**.

Need a Costume?

If you need help sourcing a costume, we have a few spares available. Please contact **Claudia.Oke@sticklepath.tarkatrust.org.uk** if you would like some assistance.

Let's celebrate **World Book Day** in style—get creative, have fun, and step into the world of your favourite stories!



Year 5/6 Girls Football

Well done to our girls' team that took part in the Premier League Primary Stars qualifying tournament. The level of competition was fierce with teams from all over Devon. All our matches were closely fought and could have gone either way. Unfortunately, we didn't quite get through to the knockout stages this time, but we are immensely proud of our Sticklepath team for their tenacity and sportsmanship.

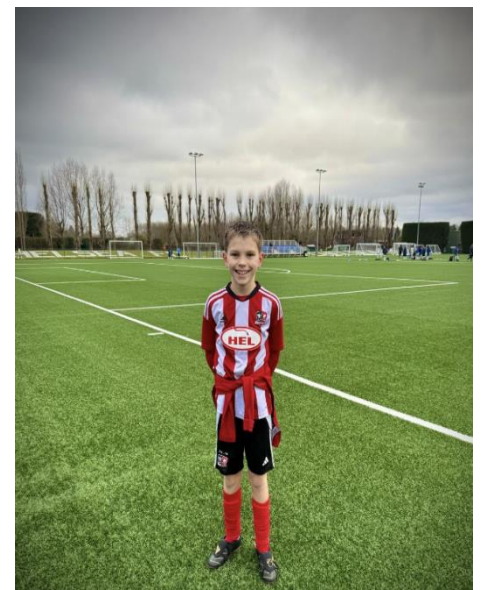


Congratulations

Congratulations to Dougie from all of us at Sticklepath School!

What an epic weekend he has had...10 years old, playing Chelsea FC at their own ground, & a year up!

With Exeter City coming home with a fantastic result! 🌟



Forest School



The Eco warriors would like to share some of the work they have been doing recently –

The eco warriors have been busy around school, litter picking, tree planting, reducing energy – switching off lights when not needed and closing the doors to keep the heat in. One eco warrior has even made notebooks to help keep track of the jobs completed.



This week Year 6 constructed their community, and we tried worm charming. We learnt which end of the worm the mouth is, it has 5 hearts, it's covered in bristles and is blind and deaf, so it uses vibrations to navigate itself around. After reading 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French we found out how they recycle leftovers. After some success in finding worms, we carefully released them back where we found them. We also enjoyed reading 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson.



Gymnastics

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

After School Clubs

After School Sports Clubs February to Easter 2025

| Day | Club | Dates | Collection |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Monday | KS1 Gym Comp Practice | 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3 | 4.00 pm |
| Tuesday | Yr 5/6 Dodgeball | Yr 5: 25/2, 4/3, 11/3 Yr 6: 18/3, 25/3, 1/4 | 4.15 pm |
| Wednesday | KS2 Gym Comp Practice | 5/3,12/3,19/3,26/3 | 4.15 pm |
| Thursday | Yr3/4 Dodgeball | Yr 4: 27/2, 13/3 Yr 3: 20/3, 3/4 | 4.15 pm |
| Friday | Yr 2 Multi Skills | EFI: 28/2, 14/3 AWE: 21/3, 28/3 | 4.00 pm |

Spring Timetable

Please look at the Timetable as there are some changes after half term

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

Important Dates

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

Non pupil day – Monday 24th February

Term Ends – Friday 4th April

Term Starts - Tuesday 22nd April

May Day - Monday 5th May

Half Term - Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Non-Pupil Day - Monday 14th July

Term Ends - Wednesday 23rd July

Menu from Tuesday 25th 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.

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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 – Non pupil day

Tuesday

SM1: Westcountry sausages served with crispy potato wedges, baked beans or mixed vegetables (2.14.)

Vegetarian: Vegetarian sausage served with crispy potato wedges, baked beans or mixed vegetables (2.)

Pudding: Homemade golden flapjack (2.)

Wednesday- Menu chosen by DPA class

SM1: Homemade sausage and tomato pasta with mixed salad and garlic bread (2.14.)

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

Pudding: Soft pancakes with blueberries and cream (2.4.7.)

Thursday

SM1: Chicago town stuffed crust pizza served with potato twisters and peas or sweetcorn (2.7.)

Pudding: Strawberry jelly and cream (7.)

Friday

SM1: Breaded 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 white 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!



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|----------------|-------------|
| Aniyah-Grace M | Bobby C |
| Emily F | Evie J |
| Finlay B | Harlee P |
| Johnny B | Myah T |
| Olivia B | Samuel H |
| Thomas H | Esme-Rose M |
| Levi L | Luna K |

Community news...

WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAPS

WORLD BOOK DAY
6 MARCH 2025

**DONATE, SWAP OR REHOME
PRE-LOVED COSTUMES FOR
WORLD BOOK DAY 2025**

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6TH MARCH**

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**SUNDAY 2ND
MARCH
2PM - 3.30PM**



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INTERESTED IN BOOKING A TABLE? CONTACT LOUISE LINCOLN

07971 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
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Children & Family Health Devon

Livewell
Southwest

Devon Children & Young People's Neurodiversity Navigators

A free, confidential wellbeing service supporting children, young people and their families navigating neurodiversity.

Contact Us

livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net

Monday - Friday
9am-5pm

What we do

- Information and guidance relating to specific aspects of neurodiversity
- Objective, evidence-based advice and positive support strategies
- Active listening and practical and emotional support
- Connect with other teams and external services to help co-ordinate your journey
- Connect families to enable peer support and connection



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.

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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 for more information.

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Football Fun for girls and boys!

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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

NDHC

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

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WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
& 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
7PM - 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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or visit www.devoncricket.co.uk/mcf-hubs

NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chaddiford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1RB



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

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](#).