

# Weekly Parent Bulletin



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful few weeks leading up to the festive break, with so much to look back fondly on. This week the nativities have been the final star on top of our tree, and we hope that both the children and families hold these special memories close to their hearts. The children (and staff!) are all ready for the break, to recharge batteries and spend some quality family time with loved ones.

Finally, it is with sadness but great pride that we wave off Mr Pennington for his next learning step in his career. As you are aware, he will become the Acting Headteacher at North Molton for two terms until next September. This is such an exciting opportunity, and we know he will be amazing - but we will all miss him dearly. Good Luck Mr Pennington from all the children, families and staff at Sticklepath.

We wish everyone the happiest Christmas holiday and all the very best for the New Year. Will see everyone back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Best wishes

Ms Warner, Mr Blunt and all the staff at Sticklepath.

## Growth Mindset Learner of the term



Congratulations to all our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

Lucy S

Jenson H

Theo C

Alba S-T

Olivia B

Reagan H

Mila B

Ella R

Lochlan P-B

Josh C

Evie W-E

Charlie B

Sophie B

Jorja G

William T

## Year 5 Mini Police

This half term, Year 5 have taken part in a Mini-police programme where a police officer visited school where in which the children focused upon citizenship and community values. The children were taught about road safety, online safety, anti-social behaviour and speed awareness. They then chose a policing-based topic that affects our community. The children chose speed awareness where we went out into the community and looked at the speed of drivers in our local community. Year 5 have loved taking part in this project learnt a lot and has led the children to think deeply about their own behaviour and safety in their local area. We want to say a huge thank you to PC Matt Young for his work in supporting our children think about making good choices in our community.



## Forest School

Merry Christmas from Forest school, over the festive season the wildlife trust has a '12 wild ideas' challenge, how many will you do?

**Let's go**  
**12 Days Wild**

The Wildlife Trusts

**Dec 25**  
Take a festive walk! What species can you spot? Share your discoveries with us!

**Dec 26**  
Recycle wrapping paper, boxes and plastics. See what can be reused!

**Dec 27**  
Use Christmas leftovers to make birdfeeders (such as fat balls & left over nuts, seeds and crackers)

**Dec 28**  
Learn to identify bird calls and songs!

**Dec 29**  
Go stargazing!

**Dec 30**  
Write some winter themed poetry.

**Dec 31**  
Get crafty - make a festive bird wreath!

**Jan 1**  
Happy New Year! Tag us in your first nature picture of 2025!

**Jan 2**  
Set some eco New Year's resolutions!

**Jan 3**  
Make a nature collage from leaves, twigs, and other fallen objects!

**Jan 4**  
Leave presents for nature: top up birdfeeders, make shelters for wildlife.

**Jan 5**  
Tell us how you plan to make time for nature this year!

Make sure to share your photos on social media using **#12DaysWild**

## Special visit



We had a very special visit this morning!

The Barnstaple Round Table had heard about the theft of our balance bikes and wanted to send some Christmas cheer to our Reception and Nursery classes. They got in touch with Santa and Mrs Claus who were happy to come and deliver them to the children 🎅. We are so extremely grateful for their support 🌲

## Important Dates

Term starts - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

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 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--|------------|
| Monday    | KS2 Girls Football              | Yr 5/6: 13/1, 27/1, 10/2<br>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<br>Gp 2: 22/1, 12/2           | 4.15 pm    |
| Thursday  | Yr 3 Handball                   | TRG: 9/1, 23/1, 6/2<br>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    |



# Gymnastics

## GYMNASTICS DATES

### JANUARY 2025

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> EFI & AWE  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> LWA & LLO  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> EFI & AWE

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> TRG & DSM  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> CDI & AJA  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL

### 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

Was your child born between  
1st September 2020 and  
31st August 2021?

## How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on

**0345 155 1019**

or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



Even if you have already given details  
to a primary school, you must apply  
for a place through the Admissions  
Team. This is the only way to apply;  
other forms or lists held by schools  
will not count.

# Spring Timetable

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

**Year 1 PE days -To be confirmed**

**Year 5 swimming – starts Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**



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

## Drama Club

### Drama Club

We are very excited to announce our Summer 2025 production is going to be Disney's Aladdin Jr! Our performance dates are set for 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June and we cannot wait to get auditions and rehearsals underway!

Audition information: All children have brought home and parents have been emailed audition information. Please note children only need to attend one of the two audition sessions based on which character they choose to audition for. Any children auditioning for: Aladdin, Jasmine, Genie, Jafar or Iago are required to attend on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January (First Day Back) until 4:30. Everyone else will need to attend on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January until 4:30. We will then send out a cast list and rehearsal schedule.

## 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 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

- |                              |          |             |                     |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------|
| 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: Homemade tomato pasta served with mixed green salad and bread **(2.)**

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

## Wednesday

SM1: Homemade chicken korma served with fluffy tilda rice and a choice of sides **(2.7.10.)**

Vegetarian: Homemade spinach, red pepper, sweet potato and chickpea madras with fluffy tilda rice and a choice of sides **(10.)**

pudding: Homemade gingerbread **(2.4.)**

## Thursday

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

pudding: Homemade vanilla sponge with icing and sprinkles **(2.4.)**

## Friday

SM1: Breaded coddies alongside golden fries, mushy peas and seasonal vegetables **(2.5.)**

Vegetarian: Spicy beanburger alongside golden fries, mushy peas and 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!



|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Archie H     | Bella R-R  |
| Ashton H     | Evie W-E   |
| Bluebelle T  | Morgan R-G |
| Erin M-B     | Sophia L   |
| Frank H      | Hollie H   |
| James-Dean K | Maci B     |
| Rosanna C    | Wynter C   |



## Community news...

### North Devon GIRLS ONLY Hub Information

#### Weekly

**Sessions:** Wednesdays 7 PM - 8:30 PM, 8 January - 5 February and

5 March - 2 April 2025  
at Pilton Community College, Chaddiford Ln, Barnstaple EX31 1RB

**Cost:** FREE

Parents can complete the expression of interest form here

- <https://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/ba7c7851/> - or scan the QR Code on the attached Poster.



**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  
7PM - 8:30 PM**

**NORTH DEVON  
GIRLS' HUB**

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  
[martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk](mailto:martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk)  
01392 262509 / 07939 015663  
or visit [www.devoncricket.co.uk/mccf-hubs](http://www.devoncricket.co.uk/mccf-hubs)

#### VENUE

Pilton Community College  
Chaddiford Ln  
Barnstaple  
EX31 1RB

### TARKA LEISURE CENTRE

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Why not join our weekly lesson programme and continue your journey

Lessons available for all ages and abilities  
Weekdays and weekends available

FREE public swimming included  
FREE swim hat provided  
FREE softplay included

To book your place

Call the centre on 01271 373361

Go online at [LeisureCentre.com](http://LeisureCentre.com)

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Learn to Swim Programme



## 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.oheds@nhs.net](mailto:rduh.oheds@nhs.net) | Phone: 01392 405705 | Website: [www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/dental](http://www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/dental)





## 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](http://www.studysmartuk.online)**

★ Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1, 2 & 3 starting on 2nd December!

Sessions will be available with our employment engagement officers after course completion! ★

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.

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](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

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

Please go to: [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online) for more information.

Our next course starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, with a break over the Christmas period (18<sup>th</sup> December - 6<sup>th</sup> January) and finishing on 24<sup>th</sup> January.





# Nativity Service

**St Paul's Church, Barnstaple**  
**24th December 3.30~4.30pm**

Christmas songs, Lego nativity & a festive goody bag! Children are invited to come dressed as a nativity character or animal (optional). All

welcome. For more information, contact -

St Paul's Church [vicarestpaulsbarnstaple.co.uk](http://vicarestpaulsbarnstaple.co.uk)

## COMPETITION TIME AT BANBURYS WIN £40 TO SPEND ON JELLYCATS

\*Terms and conditions apply, please ask in store for more details  
 Barnstaple only.

### THERE'S BEEN A SNOW STORM!

#### HOW TO ENTER:

- GET AN ENTRY FORM FROM ANY TILL POINT
- FIND THE 9 PARTS OF OUR MYSTERY SNOWMAN AROUND THE STORE AND REVEAL HIS NAME



**RESCHEDULED EVENT**  
 THE PENGUIN SPORTS FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO OUR

**1 YEAR CELEBRATION & CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

**SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER**  
 10-4pm

**BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET**

GRAND RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, BOTTLE IN A BAG, GAMES, CRAFT, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, MUSIC, CAKES, NALU BEADS, SCARLETT'S CREATIONS & CHOIR PERFORMANCES.

[www.thepenguinsportsfoundation.co.uk](http://www.thepenguinsportsfoundation.co.uk)

*Christmas at St Paul's*  
 DECEMBER 2024

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM

NATIVITY SERVICE - CHRISTMAS EVE AT 3.30PM  
 Children are invited to join us for Christmas songs, Lego nativity, & a festive goody bag! Come along dressed as a nativity character or animal (optional).

MIDNIGHT SERVICE- CHRISTMAS EVE AT 11.30PM  
 Late night service with carols by candlelight & communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 10.30AM  
 Informal service with carols, pass the parcel & festive cheer

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US!  
 CONTACT [VICAR@STPAULSBARNSTAPLE.COM](mailto:VICAR@STPAULSBARNSTAPLE.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION



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# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

**DATES:**

- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

**VENUE- STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY**

8.30AM-3.30PM ONLY £20 A DAY

5-11 YEAR OLDS

**Primary Sports and Education North Devon**

**PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION**

HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK!

For More information, contact us :

- north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk
- www.primary-sports.co.uk
- 07531530131

# CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

Holy Trinity Church, Barbican Terrace, Barnstaple EX32 9HQ  
 Email: office@trinitybarnstaple.org.uk Telephone: 01271 374240

You are welcome to join us

Saturday 14th December  
 Quiet Christmas Service 3pm

Sunday 15th December  
 All In Family Christmas Service 10:30am  
 Carols by Candlelight 7pm

Thursday 24th December  
 Crib Service 4pm

Wednesday 25th December  
 Christmas Communion 10:30am

GLORY to the new born KING!

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# HAF CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

**DEVON HAF**

**Primary Sports and Education North Devon**

**DATES:**

- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

**STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY**

9.00AM-1.00PM  
 Extended options available

5-11 YEAR OLDS

**PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION**

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- www.primary-sports.co.uk
- 07531530131

# BARNSTAPLE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Football Fun for Boys and Girls

**Tarka Leisure Centre**

Thursday 2nd January  
 Friday 3rd January

9.30am - 3.30pm

**THE ACTIVITIES**  
 Festive Football Fun with our Match Manias  
 Play, Play, Play

**AGES 5-14**

**BOOK TODAY**

EXETERCCT.ORG

Reminder that all Junior Grecian Members can get a 10% discount off of Holiday Club Bookings



# 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!



Exciting festive events at Barnstaple Pannier Market!

Flourishing Barnstaple is delighted to bring festive cheer to the community with an incredible line-up of entertainment at the Barnstaple Pannier Market from Tuesday, 10 December to Saturday, 21 December. Here are two special events we think you'll love:

- **Kids Silent Disco:** Friday, 20 December at 6pm – A fun-filled event where children can dance to their heart's content with music, laughter, and festive vibes!

More festive fun:

The market will also host a variety of free and low-cost events, including:

- Live music and choirs
- Children's shows and community performances
- Prize bingo, quizzes, and carol singing

Many events are free, while ticketed performances are capped at just £5 as part of the 'Festive for a Fiver' initiative. Free events are first-come, first-served, so arrive early to grab your spot. Tickets for paid events can be purchased at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/panniermarket](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/panniermarket) or from the Pannier Market Office (Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm).

This is a great opportunity for families to enjoy festive entertainment and support local traders in the lead-up to Christmas.

For full details, visit [Barnstaple.co.uk](http://Barnstaple.co.uk) or follow the [Barnstaple Pannier Market Facebook page](#). Don't miss the fun – we hope to see you there!



**ROMA SPORTS**  
**CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB**  
**MONDAY 23 DECEMBER**

**£20**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**girls & boys 5 -14 years,**  
**3G Pitch, Tarka Leisure Centre**

**LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON**

**LIMITED SPACES**  
**BOOK NOW AS THIS DAY SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR**  
**BOOK NOW: [www.romasports.com](http://www.romasports.com)**



**KIDS SILENT DISCO**

**FRI 20 DECEMBER 6.00- 7.30PM**

**NORTH DEVON SILENT DISCO**