

Weekly Parent Bulletin



Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst the weather has definitely turned for the worse in the last few days, this has not dampened our children's enthusiasm for the outdoors. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated Forest School Leader in Mandy Dawes. All our classes get time across the year to learn about our environment through play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops their confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. Our incredible Forest School area has been developed over the last 15 years, through the passion and energy of a small band of dedicated teachers and volunteers, as well as the many 100's of children that have passed through our school.

Parents and children visiting the school for the first time are always delighted to enter the Forest School gates and experience the crafts that are on show. This important aspect of our school curriculum links into so many other subjects, both supporting and enriching our children's understanding.

The office always updates parents when Forest School is happening for your children, and a current timetable is below -

	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

PLEASE, PLEASE make sure that children have wellies in school on these days, as an increasing number of children have recently been without them, and they are absolutely essential.

We would like to wish Mrs Gail Cole 'good luck' in her new PCSO role.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Ms Warner and Mr Blunt

Growth Mindset

Congratulations to all our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

Riley P

Noah S-D

Jacob B

Theo C

Teddy H

Lidia G

Alfred S

Alia R

Mrs Cole – Teaching
Assistant

Steven B

Ruby T

Yuvraj B

Samreet K

Arlo M

Patrick P

CONGRATULATIONS



Year 5/6 Sportshall Competition

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 team who took part in the Sportshall competition at Park School. They competed against six other schools over 6 events comprising of running, jumping and throwing. Finishing in 1st place they secured their place in the North Devon finals in April at Kingsley School. Well done, what an amazing team!



PTFA

PTFA AGM meeting Tuesday 28th January 7pm in school staff room.

All welcome. We need some NEW VOLUNTEERS. Please come and see what we can do for our school. If your unable to come on Tuesday we can set up a Teams meeting or email Emma from our PTFA team for more information.

Forest School

This week we have been building shelters. We first looked at a large shelter then had a go at building smaller shelters. We read 'Home' by Carson Ellis.

Year 1 have been using more tools to enable their project to continue. This week they have used a Froe to split wood and a peeler to whittle a section of log.

Please don't forget this weekend it's the R.S.P.B Big Garden Birdwatch. As a school we will be counting next week.

We are very grateful to the PTFA for supplying us with new waterproofs, thank you.



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

Please note that CDI handball next Thursday (30th Jan) finishes at 4pm to allow Mrs Gaunt to attend an important school meeting

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

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 27th 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: Freshly baked sausage roll with crispy herby diced potatoes and peas or sweetcorn **(2.3.7.14.)**

Vegetarian: Freshly baked cheese and onion slice with crispy herby diced potatoes and peas or sweetcorn **(1.2.7.9.13.)**

pudding: Homemade golden flapjack **(2.)**

Tuesday

SM1: Ham wrap with croquet potatoes and mixed vegetables

SM2: Tuna wrap with croquet potatoes and mixed vegetables **(2.5.)**

Vegetarian: Cheese wrap with croquet potatoes and mixed vegetables **(2.7.)**

pudding: Homemade chocolate cracknell **(7.)**

Wednesday

SM1: Fresh roast chicken served with crispy roast potatoes and cauliflower or carrots and gravy **(2.)**

Vegetarian: Homemade cheese and onion quiche with cauliflower or carrots **(2.4.7.)**

pudding: Strawberry jelly and cream **(7.)**

Thursday

SM1: Fresh pork meatballs in homemade Mediterranean sauce with pasta spirals, mixed salad and bread **(2.13.7.4.9.12.1.)**

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

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

Friday

SM1: Battered small fry alongside golden fries, mushy peas and seasonal vegetables **(2.5.)**

Vegetarian: Battered Quorn chicken style wings alongside golden fries and mushy peas or seasonal vegetables

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!



Eli G

Evie W

Heidi T

Isabelle R

Jenson H

Rose P

Thomas W

Arya Rose W-W

Cleo E-T

Max J

Olivia R

Community news...

PRELOVED BABY & CHILDREN'S SALE



**SUNDAY 2ND
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'

Libraries
Unlimited

BARNSTAPLE LIBRARY

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 Torrige

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!



PLASTIC FREE
NORTH DEVON

DAY OF ACTION
2025

Mass Community
Clean Up

25.01.25



WHO ARE PLASTIC FREE NORTH DEVON?

Plastic Free North Devon is a local environmental charity (Reg No: 1182464) whose mission is to protect and improve our environment through community-led action.

Founded as a community group in 2017, we aimed to inspire North Devon residents, tourists and businesses to drastically reduce their consumption of single-use plastic, remove it from the environment and dispose of it properly. We aimed to connect people with their natural surroundings through conversations, education and events to inspire residents and visitors to protect what our very existence depends on.

Whilst this mission still holds true, the way in which we tackle our mission has evolved dramatically and whilst we still organise clean ups and educate about single use plastic, we have taken a solutions based approach and fought hard to develop how we facilitate our communities to take action on the things they care about.

JOIN US on Saturday 25th January for our annual mass community **clean** up across North Devon and Torridge.

We want to get as many people as possible outdoors enjoying what nature has to offer and then giving back at the same time by doing a little **clean**.

PLASTIC FREE
NORTH DEVON

DAY OF ACTION
Organised Cleans
25th January 2025

Barnstaple Rock Park Sticklepath Hill	Ilfracombe Wildersmouth Lee	Braunton Crow Point
Torridge Instow Sandymere Westward ho! (22/01)	Croyde Croyde Beach	Woolacombe Mill Rock

Head to our website to find our times and start points

Info@plasticfreenorthdevon.org
@plasticfreenorthdevon
#cleanseandclean

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Go along to one of our organised **clean**s which are all listed below.

OR

Head out into your community and carry out a **clean** by yourself or with family and friends.

No matter what you decide be sure to send us a picture (to info@plasticfreenorthdevon.org) and fill out our [evidence collection](#) form at the end so we can evidence what and how much was collected.

PLUS any action taken can be entered into our competition to win a dryrobe!



FOUNDATION HUBS



DEVON CRICKET
FOUNDATION



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

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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VENUE

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