

Weekly Parent Bulletin



Monday 3rd March 2025

Please can we remind children to not put water bottles in bags, books are getting wet and being damaged. Thank you.

We are looking for some wood offcuts for Forest School if anyone has any? We are looking to make bird houses / hedgehog abodes and bat roost boxes. Thanks.

Growth Mindset



Valentina K

Theo M

Tilly G

Noah J

Rose P

Blaize-Aryan M

Willow P

Jupiter F

Esme H

Olive S

Amelia J

Aniyah-Grace M

Teddy S

Alfie R

Jake D

Darcy B

Current vacancy



Current Vacancy:

Position: Catering Assistant
Grade: Grade A SCP 2 (pro rata)
Term: Permanent
Hours: initially 7.5 hrs per week, over 3 days / 38 weeks per year (term-time only)
Start date: ASAP
Closing Date: Friday 7th March 2025
Interview: Tuesday 11th March 2025

Sticklepath Community Primary Academy is a partner school of the Tarka Learning Partnership based in North Devon.

Sticklepath Community Primary Academy are seeking to appoint a catering assistant to join our wonderful catering team.

You will need to be an enthusiastic, self-motivated and hard-working team player who can assist our kitchen manager and team in providing high quality meals for our students and staff.

You will need to have an appreciation of the challenges of working in a busy kitchen and be willing to carry out a variety of roles that may change on a day-to-day basis. The ability to be flexible is a key skill.

Ideally, you will have previous catering experience with food hygiene certificate an advantage.

Please ask for an application form and job description from the main office or they can be downloaded from the school website: www.sticklepathschool.org.uk

Completed application forms are to be submitted by 12 noon on the closing date to ellen.mitchell@sticklepath.tarkatrust.org.uk

Please contact Ellen Mitchell on 01271 342455 if you would like further information about this post; telephone appointments can be made.

Please note, in line with our Safer Recruitment policy, references will be requested after shortlisting as part of the selection process.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This role requires a DBS disclosure.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

Forest School

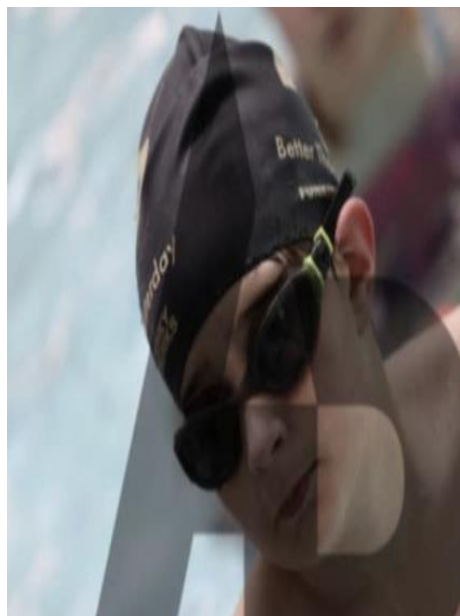
At last, it looks as if spring is coming. This week, after reading 'Titch' by Pat Hutchins we set about proving that size doesn't matter, and we can make a difference to our environment. We have planted seeds, weeded and tidied areas around our classrooms, transported woodchip to cover muddy areas in the spinney and enjoyed the bright spring flowers.

We still managed a sneaky puddle splash with the wet weather we have had.



Half Term

What a fabulous half term holiday the McDonald family had! Arlo went to Weston-Super-Mare and got to swim with Olympic Gold Medallist Adam Peaty who was doing a Breaststroke Race Clinic. What an amazing experience for him. Arlo and his sister Seren also took part in a children's first aid course at Tarka Leisure centre and learnt how to do CPR. What a great way to spend the holidays.



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

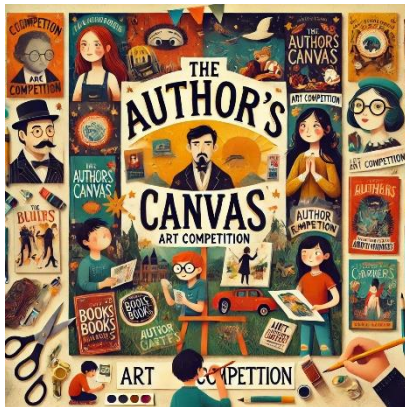
Deadline: All entries must be submitted to the **school office by Thursday 6th March**. Make sure your **name and class** are clearly displayed.

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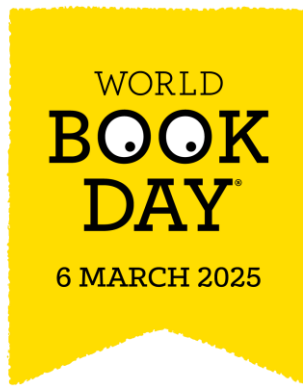
Deadline: All entries must be submitted to the **school office by Thursday 6th March**. Make sure your **name and class** are clearly displayed on your artwork.

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!



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

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 Monday 3rd March 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

Roald Dahl – James and the Giant Peach

SM1: Flying fish alongside Aunt Spiker fries and centipede peas (2.5.)

Vegetarian: Flying wings alongside Aunt Spiker fries and centipede peas

Pudding: Homemade peach melba



Tuesday

Dr Seuss's - Green eggs and ham

SM1: Fresh ham with boiled egg, potato salad, coleslaw, beetroot, mixed salad and potato waffles (2.4.)

Vegetarian: Stuffed peppers with boiled egg, potato salad, coleslaw, beetroot, mixed salad and potato waffles (4.)

Pudding: Homemade sponge with gooey green icing (2.4.)



Wednesday- Menu chosen by GTU class

Julia Donaldson

SM1: Superworm spaghetti with garlic bread (2.7.)

Vegetarian: Squash and a squeeze macaroni cheese (2.7.)

Pudding: Smartest giant in town cookies (2.4.7.13.)

Thursday

David Walliams -Ratburger

SM1: Grilled beefburger in a bap served with herby diced potatoes and peas or sweetcorn (2.7.)

Vegetarian: Grilled veggie burger in a bap served with herby diced potatoes and peas or sweetcorn (2.7.)

Codename Bananas Pudding: Homemade banana split (7.)



Friday

Lewis Carroll – Alice in Wonderland, Mad Hatter's Tea Party

SM1: Sausage roll, pizza slice, crisps, chicken goujon (2.3.7.14.)

Vegetarian: Cheese and onion lattice, pizza slice, crisps, veggie goujon (2.3.7.14.)

Pudding: Queen of hearts dodger biscuits (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!



Ava-Grace P

Darcie W

Dexter P

Evelyn B

Jenson K

Logan P

Steven B

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**

NO COST, NO WASTE, NO FUSS

**BARNSTAPLE LIBRARY
20TH FEB-
6TH MARCH**

Libraries Unlimited

Recycle Devon

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'

DANCING FEET ACADEMY

LET'S DANCE!

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH

**JOINING THE BIGGEST UK DANCE EVENT-
SPEARHEADED BY ANGELA RIPPON**

**DFA ARE HOSTING AN OPEN DAY
OFFERING FREE CLASSES!**

*Encouraging everybody, at every age, to embrace the
joy and benefits of dancing.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US ON:
info@dancingfeetacademy.co.uk**

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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.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

ULTIMATE BUBLÉ CONCERT

IN AID OF THE
PENGUIN SPORTS
FOUNDATION



**CELEBRATE BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY
FOOD & DRINK PROVIDED!**

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED TRIBUTE ARTISTE MARK DANIELS PERFORMS THE HITS OF MICHAEL BUBLÉ IN THIS STUNNING PRODUCTION. EVENING INCLUDES BUFFET GRAZING TABLE PROVIDED BY AWARD WINNING CATERER'S 'GRAZE AND SMORE' & WELCOME DRINK, AUCTION OF PROMISES & FULL COCKTAIL BAR BY 'THE GATEHOUSE TRAILER BAR'.

**SUNDAY 04
MAY 2025**

7 - 11 PM

FILLEIGH VILLAGE HALL



£45.00 PER PERSON



Scan QR code to book tickets via SimplyBook.me
For more info, & group bookings, contact
info@thepenguinsportsfoundation.co.uk



WWW.PENGUINSPORTSFFOUNDATION.CO.UK





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
01392 262509 / 07939 015663
or visit www.devoncricket.co.uk/mccf-hubs

VENUE

Pilton Community College
Chaddiford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1RB



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
 @northdevonhockeyclub
 northdevonhockeyclub@gmail.com

It's in the Bog



PERFORMANCES
MARCH 2025
THURSDAY 6TH
FRIDAY 7TH
SATURDAY 8TH
7 P M

SPARKS
YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY

Sparks Youth Theatre Company and The Park Community School presents

A MID-EIGHTIES NIGHT'S DREAM

TICKETS
ADULTS £6
UNDER 18'S £4

Tickets available from the school office, via MCAS or using the QR code.



An original musical created by the staff and students of Park School (with a bit of help from William Shakespeare).



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](#).