

# Weekly Parent Bulletin



 Monday 16th December 2024 

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at Sticklepath. Four different days of Christmas dinners to over 400 children is no mean feat, but once again our incredible kitchen team led by Kath have done us all proud. There was plenty of festive songs, singing, smiles and even dancing throughout the week. Dominic the Donkey, our 'Christmas School theme tune' was in full flow with Kath doing her legendary dance up and down the aisles to much clapping and cheering.

This evening, we are looking forward to our traditional Christingle event at the Methodist Church before our final week when it is the turn of our youngest children when they perform their nativity play. This is always a highlight and an event that creates memories for life for children - and a very special time for those watching. We hope you enjoy it.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend,

Ms Warner and Mr Blunt



## Growth Mindset



Congratulations to all our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

Jacob M

Clara S

Romany H

Elsie R

Vogue R

Jack F

Jenson C

Maci B

Anamika M

Isla G

Albert B

Sophie L

Laelani S-B

Billy S

Jenson B

# Forest School



Unfortunately, due to storm Darragh we have not been able to use the Spinney-Forrest school site this week as it suffered some minor damage but enough to make it unusable.

So instead, we have completed our seasonal makes inside; Year 1's made hanging reindeers. Year 2's made seasonal wreaths. Year 3's wove a reindeer. Year 4's made a miniature cork reindeer and Year 5's made a pine cone Gonk. Each year group had to use a variety of skills and problem solving to complete their make.



## Year 5/6 Girls Football

So proud of our girl's football teams on Wednesday in the Barnstaple school's competition. Both teams made the quarter finals 😊. The Sticklepath Lioness's progressed to a nail biting semi-final, our last minute goal scored on the claxon was not given forcing the match into extra time. Justice then prevailed eventually winning 3-2 in the penalty shoot out. The final also went to the wire with Goodleigh taking the win in the last minute of the game. We were still happy to come away with silver medals and a place in the North Devon finals next Spring.

Congratulations to both squads, you all worked your socks off! Gina and I were very proud of your attitudes both on and off the field 🏈

Mrs Gaunt

## Important Dates



GTU Reception Nativity play to parents - 9.30-10.15 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

DPA Reception Nativity play to parents - 9.30 -10.15 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Term ends - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## 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 <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>Gp1:</b> 8/1, 29/1 <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 <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

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.

# Autumn Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forest School		LLO EFI	AWE CDI	DMO DSM	TRG AJA
PE	TRG CDI AJA DSM DMO	TRG CDI DSM DMO	EFI AWE AJA BPH BCL RSO	LLO LWA RSO BCL	LLO LWA EFI AWE 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 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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
2. Cereals Containing Gluten
3. Crustaceans

4. Eggs
5. Fish
6. Lupin
7. Milk

8. Molluscs
9. Mustard
10. Nuts
11. Peanuts

12. Sesame Seeds
13. Soya
14. Sulphur Dioxide

## Monday

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

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

## Tuesday

SM1: Ham wrap with herby diced potatoes and mixed vegetables **(2.)**

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

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

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

## Wednesday

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

pudding: Raspberry ripple ice cream roll **(2.)**

## Thursday – End of term bag meal

SM1: Breaded small fry alongside golden fries, carrot and cucumber sticks **(2.5.)**

Vegetarian: Veggie style chicken wings alongside golden fries, carrot and cucumber sticks

pudding: Freshly baked white chocolate chip cookie **(2.4.7.13.)**

## Friday- Christmas party box

SM1: Sausage roll, pizza slice, crisps and savoury egg **(2.7.14.4.)**

Vegetarian: Cheese slice, pizza slice, crisps, savoury egg **(2.4.7.)**

pudding: Biscuit selection **(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!



Atari J

Ayda M

Clement B

Elijah M

Elsie M-S

Harry W

Jupiter F

Reggie W

Ruby S

# 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  
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**



For more information contact  
[martin.brice@devoncricquet.co.uk](mailto:martin.brice@devoncricquet.co.uk)  
01392 262509 / 07939 015663  
or visit [www.devoncricquet.co.uk/mccf-hubs](http://www.devoncricquet.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: [rd.uh.oheds@nhs.net](mailto:rd.uh.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.

The churches of Barnstaple invite you to join the **Nativity Trail!**



**WHEN?**  
Saturday 14th December, 10.30am—13.00pm

**HOW MUCH?**  
Nothing!! Entry is free and there will be free refreshments for all participants.

**WHAT?**  
Various characters from the first Christmas will be dotted around the High Street and Green Lanes area!

**HOW?**  
Simply collect a passport from any of the Nativity characters in the High Street to get started.

**WHO?**  
Children will be invited to find them all and collect stickers and a code word from them. Get a prize at the end in exchange for the coded message.

Free tea and coffee afterwards in the Parish Church

**SANTAS ON A BIKE**  
14TH DECEMBER 2024  
**ANNUAL CHARITY MOTORBIKE RIDE**

The Annual Santa Ride from Taunton to Little Bridge House Children's Hospice will be visiting South Molton Town Square for **THE MAYOR'S FUNDRAISER FOR CHSW** Fundraising for Children's Hospice South West

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ALONG TO ENJOY THE FESTIVE EVENT!**  
14th December 2024 - From 10.30am - 1pm  
Santas arrive at 11AM

**FREE ENTRY**

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN THE TOWN SQUARE!**  
Join us for a magical day filled with festive fun:  
Reindeer Petting - Meet & Greet Santa's reindeer!  
Snow in the Square - Experience the magic of a winter wonderland  
Santa Sleigh Photo Opportunities - Capture the moment with Santa himself  
Live Carols - Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the South Molton Town Band  
Christmas Pannier Market - Shop for unique gifts & festive treats  
Win amazing prizes at the Children's Hospice Raffle Stall

Be amazed as over 100 Santas arrive on bikes, trikes & quads!  
Marvel at the spectacular sight & check out the magnificent bikes on display

We will also be fundraising in the town for Children's Hospice South West - YOUR support makes a difference!

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!**

ALL RIDERS WELCOME TO JOIN THE FESTIVE RIDE!  
FOR MORE INFO & HOW TO JOIN THE RIDE- [CLICK HERE](#)  
ANY PRIZE DONATIONS OR VOLUNTEERS PLEASE  
CONTACT LYNDA - 07801 988264 / CHSW - 01271 313 311

**Network Plusenvolve<sup>3</sup>**  
**GTM**  
PROUD SPONSORS OF SANTAS ON A BIKE

**SOUTH MOLTON TOWN SQUARE**  
EX36 3AB

[WWW.SANTASONABIKE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.SANTASONABIKE.ORG.UK)



**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 [vicare@stpaulsbarnstaple.co.uk](mailto:vicare@stpaulsbarnstaple.co.uk) **LEGO**

**COMPETITION TIME AT BANBURY'S**  
**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

**ANYONE CAN ENTER!  
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Ofsted  
**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  
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North Devon**

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[www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)  
 07531530131

*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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**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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[north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk)  
[www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)  
 07531530131

# 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:

- [Teachers Rock Choir](#): Friday, 13 December at 7pm – Be inspired by a fantastic choir performance from Teachers Rock, joined by their Academy Choir and the newly formed TRY Torridge Choir.
- [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!

Both events promise to be a highlight of the Christmas season.

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!

TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL!

A collage of event posters for the Barnstaple Pannier Market. The events listed are:

- CHRISTMAS OPEN MIC NIGHT: TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER - 7.30PM
- PETROC COLLEGE OF FURTHER & HIGHER EDUCATION MUSIC PERFORMANCES: WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER - 7.00PM
- XMAS FARE PRIZE BINGO: THURS 12 & 19 DECEMBER - 2.00PM
- XMAS PRIZE QUIZ: FRI 13 & 20 DECEMBER - 2.00PM
- MUSIC & FAMILY DAY CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT LIVE MUSIC CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES: SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 11- 4PM
- CHRISTMAS CAROLLING: WED 18 DECEMBER - 2.00PM

At the bottom, there are two 'FREE EVENT' circles and a central graphic for 'Barnstaple Pannier Market' with the tagline 'SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE THE WHOLE YEAR'. At the very bottom, it says 'FOR ALL FREE EVENTS JUST TURN UP!' and 'PLACES MAY BE LIMITED TO SO WILL BE OFFERED ON A FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED BASIS - THOSE U16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT'. Logos for Barnstaple, Arts Council England, and other partners are also present.