

Bridestowe Primary School – with Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

- 8th - Owlets & Tawny Owls Swimming
- 11th - Yrs 5 & 6 African Drumming at Lydford 9am – 11.45am
- 12th - School Dinner Taster Session after school.
- 13th - Springfields Residential Home Visit (Owlets)
- 15th - Owlets & Tawny Owls Swimming
Red Nose Day 2024
- 18th - Forest School
- 19th - EYFS Stay and Play Forest School 2-3:15pm
- 20th - Easter Service for Parents (2:30pm)
- 22nd - Owlets & Tawny Owls Swimming
- 27th - Book look and homework share 3-3:30pm
- 27th - Cross Country @ Chagford Cricket Club 4-5.30pm
- 28th - Inset Day
- 28th - 12th April – Easter Holidays

Dear Families,

Yesterday was World Book Day. It was another opportunity for our children to work in mixed aged teams and develop important oracy skills. The children spoke about their costume and the reasons why they chose this character. Children also wrote book reviews and discussed their favourite texts. Thank you for all your support with the costumes. World Book Day voucher have been issued to all classes. It is a good idea to try and use these as soon as possible before the books sell out!

We are now into the second half of the school year, time really is flying! The children have undertaken a range of assessments in Maths and English and staff are busy ensuring any misconceptions or gaps in knowledge are addressed. The children have shown fantastic levels of engagement and ambition in these tasks.

There is also lots going on in our wider curriculum. The children have enjoyed making something special for Sunday (!) in Art and DT lessons. We are also enjoying making artwork and rehearsing for our Easter service on the 20th March at 2:30 at the church in Bridestowe. We hope many members of our extended school community can join us for that.

We all enjoyed meeting with families last week, to discuss progress at school and next steps. If you were not able to make it, or have any further questions please speak to your child's teacher or email the school to arrange a convenient time.

The Bridestowe Staff Team

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

ATTENDANCE

96.96%

BOOK COMPETITION WINNER

EVIE SOUTHCOTT

Team points:

- 1st - Elm with 229 points
- 2nd - Ash with 219 points
- 3rd - Willow with 148 points
- 4th - Oak with 146 points

STAR OF THE WEEK

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK
FLYNN - for showing ambition in his learning and flourishing with his choices.	The Snowy Owls - this week you have shown ambition in your assessments - well done to everyone for showing great focus.

Golden Heart Award (Bucket Fillers):

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK
BARN	IONA – for flourishing in language	MASON – for flourishing in his reading.
SNOWY	CLIFFY - for sharing with another child. Nominated by Evie W.	TYLER - for being kind and caring and looking after a child who was upset.
TAWNY	JOSELYN – Flushing in writing and self-editing her work	EVELYN – Showing great ambition in her writing.
OWLETS	BONNIE – Been flourishing in writing by using adjectives and conjunctions	ELLIOTT – You have shown ambition and perseverance in Maths, Fantastic subitising ...

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Continued

April

15th – First day back

18th - NSPCC Speak out, stay safe workshop for Yrs 2, 5 & 6

22nd – Parents Workshop (Y1) on the phonics screening check 3-3:30pm

Cross Country at Abbeyford Woods

May

6th – Bank Holiday

13-16th – Y6 SATS

21st – Normandy Trip Meeting at Octagon, Okehampton College

27th – 31st – Half Term

June

28th – Inset Day

July

19th – School Breaks up for Summer



15th March: **Red Nose Day**, wear a silly hat. Don't feel you have to buy anything, get creative and make a hat that you think will make others smile e.g. stick spots on a woolly hat!

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ABSENCE

If a child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason, parents/guardians (only those with parental responsibility) must contact the school by telephoning or messaging within the School Gateway before 9am and advise of the reason for their child's absence (ie, cough/cold/vomiting).

Parents/guardians must advise the school on the first and every day of absence due to illness.

SCHOOL DINNER TASTER SESSION

Meradith Hart will be setting up a taster for parents after school on Tuesday. Weather permitting this will be at the front of the school. Please feel free to pop in and try some of the delicious food that it served by our wonderful Catering Manager Hazel.



SHEEP TRAIL

There is a sheep trail taking place all the way up until the Easter Weekend. If you would like to enter just pop into the village shop. Entry is £2.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March Bridestowe Primary School celebrated World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children dressed up as so many different book characters. During the day children got into their team colours, then shared books and discussed their characters. We also made book marks and began to write the Blue Peter book reviews.



Today we were joined by Pinocchio, Red Riding Hood, Alice in Wonderland, Bart Simpson, Hermione Granger and many many more characters! Well done everyone for your costumes and sharing your love of books with the younger children.

We were particularly pleased to be joined by "Sophie", the young orphan cello player in 'Rooftoppers' . All the children were delighted to reminisce about the book, by Katherine Rundell, which they had read in Snowy Owls. We were also very pleased to hear Molly demonstrate her cello skills which were inspired by her reading the book.

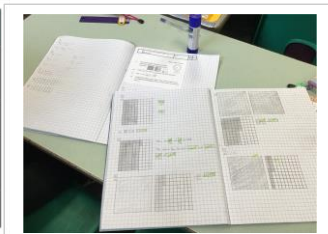


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Barn Owls:

This week, children in Year 6 have undertaken a full SATs practice. They were carried out in exactly the same way as they will be administered in May. Every day the children have thrown themselves into the tests and shown great diligence and maturity. The children are now feeling very confident about the arrangements in May. The information from these SATs will inform the focus of our lessons in the coming weeks. Children are also assessed on their writing and science. We will use evidence from the wider curriculum books, as well as English books to inform our writing judgement, and work will be moderated by teachers across the Moorland Hub. To find out more about the SATs, there is a leaflet for parents [here](#). The dates of SATs have been added to the school calendar and are below for your information.

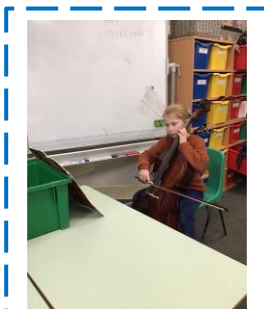
Date	Subject	Test papers
Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1: Questions Paper 1: Spelling
Tuesday 14 May	English reading	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics	Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics	Paper 3: Reasoning



Year 5 have been working hard on their decimals.

In French, Year 5 and Year 6 have started to write letters to our French partner school in Normandy. We will be visiting the school in June on the Year 6 residential. The school is in the pretty village of Creully, close to Gold Beach. The school is named after a WW2 veteran, Cecil Newton. Mrs Jordan has been working with this school for nearly 2 years and is delighted that Bridestowe children can now start to send letters in French and we will hopefully receive some replies after Easter. To ensure everyone's safety, the letters will be checked before sharing by both Mrs Jordan and the French teachers. We will ensure that the children do not share any sensitive information or contact details. You can read more about the school on our Turing Scheme [blog](#).

We had lots of fun on World Book Day! I was so impressed with the costumes and the props! We even got to enjoy a cello performance to complement Molly's costume. Well done everyone! We celebrated books and reading throughout the day and enjoyed watching Michael Rosen perform some poetry while we ate our lunch.



Snowy Owls:

The Snowy Owls have been working hard and have been particularly focusing on handwriting and presentation. All children have concentrated on joining their letters consistently and the perseverance is paying off! Keep up the great work.

As part of the Snowy Owl's learning on the book called The Matchbox Diary, the children have collected and shared three objects which tell a story about part of their life. They have enjoyed talking about their own objects and asking questions to find out more about their partner's object. This week they wrote a short autobiography based on the items.



In Music, the class are enjoying playing the recorders.



Teamwork!

We have been really impressed with how well the children have been working as a team towards a shared goal. They have been really proud of what they can achieve when they work well together.



Tawny Owls:

Building Things

The Tawny Owls task this week was to build a strong wall using a box of different materials. They worked well as a group, discussing the materials and predicting which ones would be best to use, before making their wall. We then tested these walls using a hairdryer to see if they were stable and strong.



Art

The Tawny Owls have printed their own paper and created wonderful patterns. They have then used this to create a collage flower. I think you'll agree that they are fantastic!



Owlets:

Mothers Day Celebration

The Owlets welcomed their Mummies and Nannies into class today for a Mothers Day celebration. They sang 'I Love Mum' and then gave their loved ones the biscuits, cards and bouquets they had created.



Owlets Continued:

The Owlets have been busy baking biscuits for their Mothers Day celebration. They measured and weighed ingredients, then kneaded and rolled their dough.



Planting Bulbs and Seeds

In Forest School this week the Owlets enjoyed planting climbing beans which linked to their text in Drawing club 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Over the next few weeks they will be observing them carefully to check how they are growing. I wonder what they may find at the top of their beanstalks!

