



Bridestowe Primary School – with Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- 23rd - Owlets & Tawny Owls
Swimming
- 27th - Parent Consults (Barn Owls)
- 28th - Parent Consults (Owlets & Snowy Owls)
- 29th - Parent Consults (Tawny Owls)

March

- 1st - Owlets & Tawny Owls
Swimming
- 4th - Forest School
OCRA Cross Country @
Simmons Park 4–5 pm.
- 5th - Owlets Maths Parents .
workshop 9-9:30 am
- 7th - World Book Day
- 7th - Owlets Mothers' Day
celebration 2.45-3.15pm
- 8th - Owlets & Tawny Owls
Swimming
- 11th - Yrs 5 & 6 African Drumming at
Lydford 9am – 11.45am
- 13th - Springfields Residential Home
Visit (Owlets)

Dear Families,

We hope you had a restful and fun half term break.

The children have settled well back into the school routine. I have been delighted to witness so many children 'filling happiness buckets'. There has been superb co-operation in the playground and in the classroom.

You will have received our curriculum overviews and homework tasks for this half term. We have added a date to the calendar for a book look and homework share on the 27th March. There are lots of other opportunities to come into school and celebrate the children's learning and speak to staff. We are excited about seeing many of you at our Easter Service on the 20th March. We hope to see many of you at some of these events.

Mrs Jordan and the Bridestowe Staff Team

ATTENDANCE

95.93 %



Team points:

4th Willow: 127 points

3rd Oak: 137 points

2nd Elm: 139 points

1st Ash: 188 points

	THIS WEEK
BARN	Rosa – has flourished in Maths and made excellent progress in algebra.
SNOWY	Charlie – has flourished with her writing and focus in all areas of the curriculum. She has shown real ambition in her work.
TAWNY	Ethan – showing great ambition in all of his learning
OWLETS	Tyler M – Ambitious in Maths and with his knowledge of maths, sorting even and odd numbers

Golden Heart Award (Bucket Fillers):

	NOMINATED BY
Lily – for showing kindness towards others by helping them with their laces.	Megan
This week the children have been nominating their peers for the Golden Heart Award. The winner has been selected from a box full of nominations. It has been great to see children recognising the qualities of being a 'bucket filler' in others. Keep those nominations coming in!	



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Continued

- 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

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

May

- 6th – Bank Holiday
- 27th – 31st – Half Term

June

- 28th – Inset Day

July

- 19th – School Breaks up for Summer
Holidays

At Bridestowe Primary we value reading very highly and we are all going to take part in this special day to celebrate the joy of books and reading. Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We will be dressing up this year and we want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books. We encourage you to use things you already have at home.

Each child will be given a £1 book voucher and you can use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book! Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at [//worldbookday.com/participating-retailers](https://worldbookday.com/participating-retailers). If you would like to take part in activities at home too, then please look at the [Families - World Book Day](https://families-worldbookday.com) website.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations have now been allocated. If you have not yet received your appointment time, please contact the school office.

- 27th Barn Owls
- 28th Owlets & Snowy Owls
- 29th Tawny Owls

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.

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Lunches

Just a reminder that school lunches still need to be booked by Thursday at midnight for the following week. If these lunches are not booked by this date then a home packed lunch will need to be provided.



Schoolgateway

Can you check your child/children's account to ensure all payments are up to date and there are no outstanding balances. Thank you.

CLUBS

Cheer Club	All Year Groups	3.30-4.30	Mondays until 25 th March
Junior First Aid Club	Yrs 4 – 6 only	3.30-4.30	Tuesdays until 26 th March
Drama Club	Yrs 4 - 6	3.30-4.30	Wednesdays until 27 th March
Dance Club	Yrs 1 - 6	3.30-4.30	Thursdays until 21 st March
Multi Sports Club	All Year Groups	3.30-4.30	Fridays until 22 nd March

School Blog



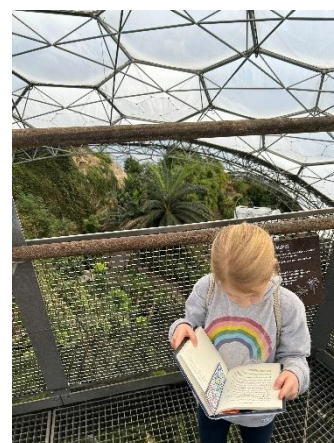
Don't forget you can see what we have been up to on our school blog here: [Classes blog \(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://classes.blog(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk))

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We shared your lovely reading photos in assembly today. It was fantastic to see children enjoying reading in a wonderful range of locations. The prize for reading in usual places goes to someone who was demonstrating that he loves reading so much he squeezes reading into his busy week...even while waiting for his swimming lesson!



Well done Chester!



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Barn Owls:

We are making great progress with our new topics. In book club we are learning about Black History and revisiting our learning about the Windrush generation from the Autumn Term as well as the Industrial Revolution from last half term.

Year 5 have thrown themselves into their Spring assessments. Their behaviour and attitude have been fantastic. I look forward to sharing these results with parents next week at parents' evening. Well done Year 5!

Please don't forget to join us for the Y6 parents French trip meeting on Monday 26th Feb at 6pm at The Octagon, Okehampton College. Please go to the main entrance and we will direct you to the Octagon

Cricket Workshop

We were joined by Jack from Devon Cricket Association today to learn more about the benefits of playing cricket and develop further our throwing, catching and batting skills. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind to us, so some of the activities we had to complete indoors. We will be looking forward to taking part in a cricket festival soon (hopefully outdoors!).



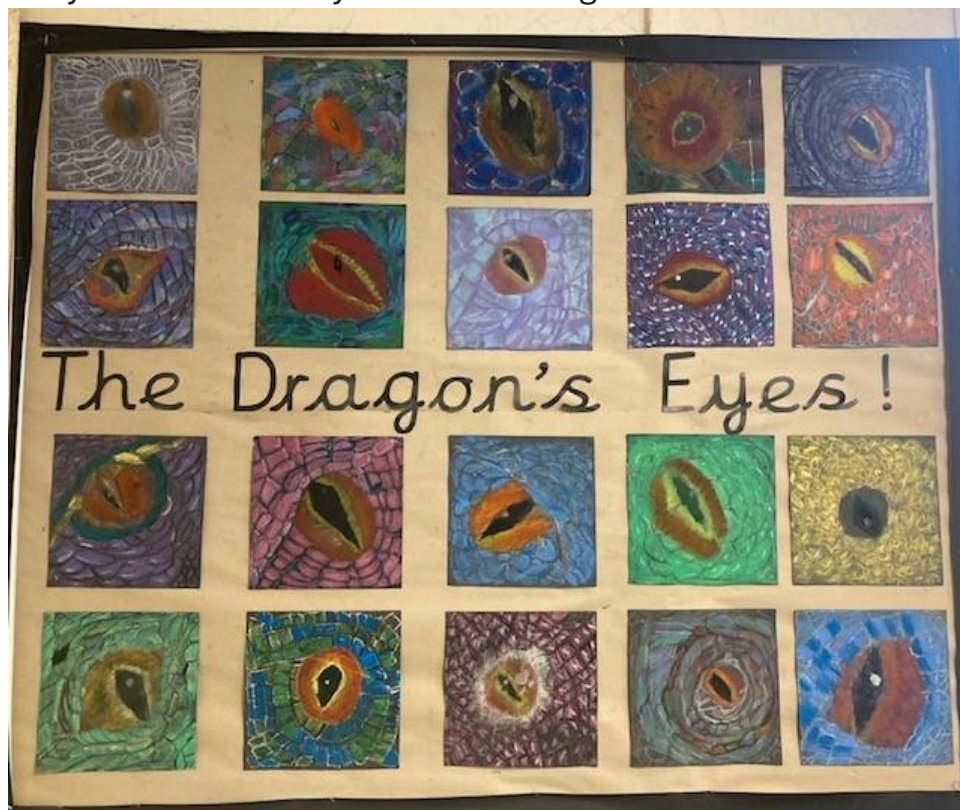
11th March – African Drumming Workshop at Lydford

Thank you to all parents who have given permission for their child to attend. If you haven't already done so, can you ensure you have responded.

We are asking parents to drop their child at Lydford Primary 8.45-9am and collect at 12 noon. Thank you to parents who have confirmed on the app that they can support with transport. Parents can make arrangements with other parents to transport their child. If your child is travelling with another parent or you would like Mrs Jordan to transport your child in her car, please email admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk to confirm arrangements.

Snowy Owls:

The Snowy Owls have settled really well this week and are enjoying their new topics. They have had a busy week including their new PE session with Mr Burns.



Last weekend marked the Lunar New Year. This year is the year of the dragon. The Snowy Owls have created these wonderful dragon eyes using pastels.



During Forest School, the Snowy Owls explored vibrations and created their own 'natural' phones!

Tawny Owls:

The Tawny Owls enjoyed a Forest School session this week with Ranger Rob where they continued to explore sound vibrations using homemade phones.

Our new topic is materials and building things and this week we investigated waterproof materials. We learnt to use pipets and the importance of fair testing whilst experimenting.



We are also exploring the United Kingdom in Geography and the children enjoyed looking at a variety of atlases and maps to locate the UK, England and Devon and Cornwall.



The pupils had a fantastic time on a trip to our local residential home, Springfields. They read their story books and chatted about lots of different things including our recent History unit, The Blitz. We were lucky to have a first hand account of a young person living in London during this time – the children were captivated by the stories the lady told us.

Owlets:

The Owlets have enjoyed their first week back at school. In forest school they have been building animal homes with materials they could find on the forest floor.



Over the next few weeks, the Owlets will be exploring 'Space'. They have started to make planets from balloons and papier mâché, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. In Drawing club, they have read the story 'Aliens Love Underpants' and have created their own Alien characters, planets and even invented a machine to make new underpants!

