

Bridestowe Primary School – with Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

- 15th – First day back
- 22nd – Parents Workshop (Y1) on the phonics screening check 3-3:30pm
 Cross Country at Abbeyford Woods
- 24th – NSPCC assemblies ‘Speak Out, Stay Safe’
- 29th – Watersafety assembly

May

- 1st - Cross-country - Chagford Cricket Club
- 6th – Bank Holiday
- 8th – Open the Book – Bridestowe Methodist Church
- 13-16th – Y6 SATS
- 14th May - Parents Info Evening for those joining the school in Sept 2024
- 15th – Rev Brooks assembly
- 21st – Normandy Trip Meeting at Octagon, Okehampton College

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the summer term! It has been fantastic to see the children returning to school looking so smart. Staff have been delighted to hand out so many team points for showing respect for the school rules and being kind and helpful to each other and the adults. We are continuing to talk about filling each other’s buckets and will start our NSPCC unit on ‘speak out to stay safe’. Please do read the information on this important programme, so you can support your child with this important topic.

We are very pleased that Mrs Down has returned from maternity leave this week. She will normally be working Mondays and Tuesdays in Snowy Owls. Mrs Dewsberry will continue in Snowy Owls Wednesdays to Fridays.

The Bridestowe Staff Team

**READING RAFFLE WINNER
 SOPHIE LAMMAS**

ATTENDANCE: 98.09 %

STAR OF THE WEEK

	This Week
Barn	Ellody – Ambition in Maths
Snowy	Joseph – Showing ambition by listening carefully
Tawny	Elsie – Determination in all learning this week
Owlets	Fletcher- for flourishing in phonics and using Fred Fingers to spell words.

TEAM POINTS:


1st – Willow with points 768

2nd – Oak with points 633

3rd – Elm with points 494

4th – Ash with points 311

Golden Heart Award (Bucket Fillers):

	This Week
	Henry – for helping others who are in need. Nominated by Jack.

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DIARY DATES Cont...

May

- 22nd – Springfields visit Tawny Owls
- 23rd – Y2 and Y6 National Child Measurement Programme
- 27th – 31st – Half Term

June


- 3-5th – Y5 Bristol residential
- 10-15th – Y6 Normandy residential
- 11th – KS2 Cricket competition
- 19th – Barn Owls visit Springfields
- 20th-21st – Y3/4 residential
- 20th – Wildlife Champs to Meeth Quarry
- 26th June – Rev Brooks assembly
- 28th – Inset Day

July

- 1st – provisional sports day
- 8th – reserve sports day
- 9th – moving up day
- 10th – Snowy Owls to Springfields
- 19th – provisional Leavers assembly in the afternoon – Y6 parents only
- 19th – School Breaks up for Summer

CRICKET COMPETITION

11th June – Y3-5 will take part in a cricket tournament at Bridestowe Cricket Club. More details to follow shortly.

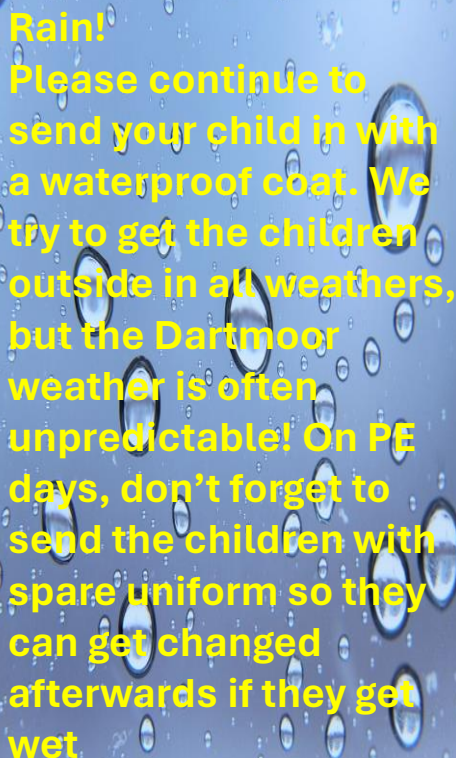


Wed 8th May – 5.30-6.30pm Parents Forum

Parents and carers are invited to join us in school for a parents' forum. Please email the school office to confirm your attendance by Friday 5th May, and submit any questions / topics you would like to discuss with staff and parents.

If you need to bring your child, please let us know so we can make arrangements in school.

Rain!
Please continue to send your child in with a waterproof coat. We try to get the children outside in all weathers, but the Dartmoor weather is often unpredictable! On PE days, don't forget to send the children with spare uniform so they can get changed afterwards if they get wet.



SUN SUN SUN!

We are hoping to see the sunshine more frequently from now on. Please can we ask parents to apply sunscreen to their children in the morning before school – especially on PE days.

On particularly sunny days, please send your child in with named sun screen and a hat



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OCRA-13 2024



Key Stage 2 children will be running a half marathon over the Summer Term. Children will run a total of 1 mile each week during the school day to achieve their own personal Half Marathon. The success of all children who complete the ‘unofficial challenge’ will be celebrated with a certificate awarded by school.

Children may also wish to run a weekly mile at the OCRA Pavilion on Thursdays at 4.30pm, free of charge. **Parents would need to make their own arrangements for this.**

Children can enter the ‘official challenge’ by following the link (there is no obligation to do so and this is the choice of families). For those children who enter they will run their final mile in Simmons Park on Sunday 14th July at 9:30am.

Entry into the OCRA-13 2024 is £9.50, for which children will receive an OCRA-13 T-shirt and medal, plus entry into the running event on Sunday 14th July, 9:30am. Please be aware that this is not an event organised by the school and parents will need to accompany children on Sunday 14th July – no school staff will be supervising.

[OCRA-13 Primary School Challenge 2024 – Okehampton Community and Recreation Association](#)

CLUBS

CHEERLEADING	MONDAY	ALL YEAR GROUPS	29 th April, 13 th May – 20 th May, 3 rd June – 15 July
MORRIS DANCING	TUESDAY	YRS 2 - 6	16 th April – 21 st May, 4 th June – 16 th July
ART JOURNALING	WEDNESDAY	YRS 4 - 6	24 th April – 22 nd May, 5 th June – 17 th July
DANCE	THURSDAY	YRS 1 - 6	18 th April – 23 rd May, 6 th June – 27 th June
MULTI SPORTS	FRIDAY	ALL YEAR GROUPS	19 th April – 24 th May, 7 th - 21 st June, 5 th July -19 th July

OFFICE NEWS

- There are still a few teething problems with the booking of the school meals which should be resolved soon.
- If you need to contact the office for any communication, please use the School Gateway app.
- Y6 - Just a reminder that the next instalment of £50 for Normandy was due on 31.03.24, could you please keep your account up to date.
- Y5 - The next instalment of £30 for Bristol was also due on 31.03.24. Please hand in your menu choices for Bristol.



ABSENCE

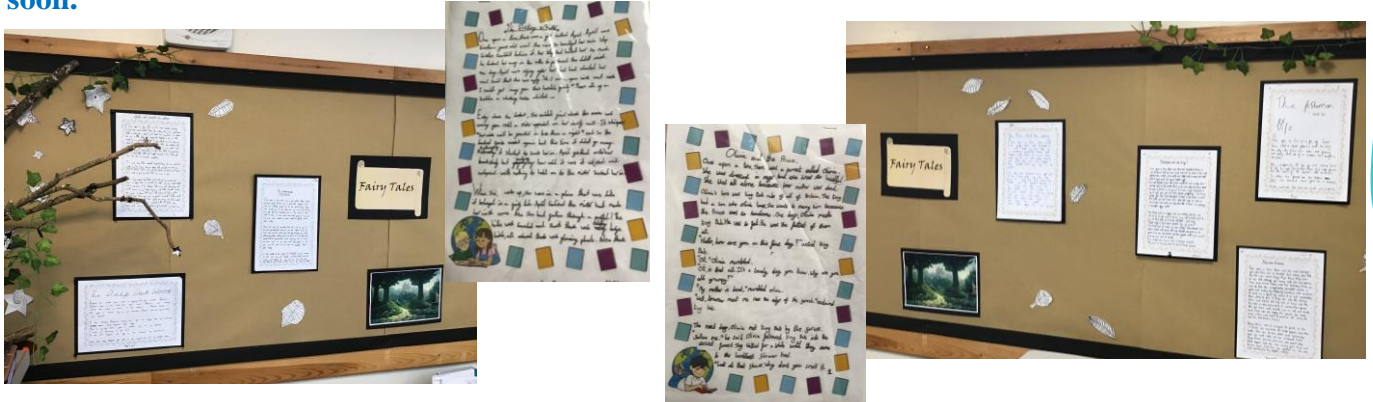
If a child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason, parents/guardians (only those with parental responsibility) must contact the school by telephoning or messaging within the School Gateway before 9am and advise of the reason for their child's absence (ie, cough/cold/vomiting).

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

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Barn Owls:

In English last term, we were reading lots of examples of fairy tales. The children have now ‘published’ their own. We are very proud of our work. In our Art/DT lessons, with Mrs Dewsberry, we are finishing our pop out books. We hope to share these books with the younger children very soon.



We have had a big focus on kindness in Barn Owls this week. Children have been practicing their conversational skills. We are developing active listening skills, our ability to ask follow up questions and effective body language.



Snowy Owls:

The Snowy Owls have settled well into the Summer Term. We have started reading new texts in Book Club and English and the class have enjoyed predicting what might happen in the stories. During science, the children have conducted a scientific investigation and explored how the variables can impact the experiment. The children are investigating the impact of sunlight on growth and have changed the location of their seeds. They have kept all other variables the same to make the investigation fair. Ask your child about what our control variables were! We are looking forward to seeing some green shoots emerge soon.



Well done to all the children that completed their home learning last half term – it was great to read everyone's hard work over the Easter. Maths files have been sent home this week as well as information about our new learning focus. Don't forget to send children to school in PE kits on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tawny Owls:

The Tawny Owls saw evidence of the Giant coming to school from the story, Jim and the Beanstalk that they are studying in their English lessons. They were very excited that his footprint was found on our playing field with a note that read, 'Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum!' We wonder what other things may happen around school over the coming weeks!



Our PSHE topic this term in Tawny Owls is all about how to stay healthy. We started by discussing the importance of a healthy diet and eating lots of fruit and vegetables. The children then all contributed pictures to our rainbow collage which will remind us about eating a variety of colours.



Owlets:

The Owlets visited Springfields on Tuesday. They read their reading books to the residents and talked confidently about themselves. It was so lovely to see the youngest children displaying so much confidence in our local community.



Year 5 Cheerleaders

Evie and Lissy from Barn Owls have travelled to America to take part in the World Finals for cheerleading with Miss Spooner. They took part in dance competitions and cheerleading, and managed to perform both times without ANY faults and were awarded the GOLD prize in the junior dance event. Well done everyone!

