

Summer Term 2

We are very excited to be starting Summer Term 2, which includes so many enriching activities. The weather has been beautifully warm and dry for the first week and we hope this continues for our residentials, sports day and FoBS Summer Fair.

We are also excited about transition – we are looking forward to welcoming our new September starters and the current EYFS, Year 2s and 4s moving up. Our Year 6s are preparing for transition to college and have met with Mr Sweeny (Okehampton College Principal) this week.

Another joy this term is welcoming parents into school to be part of events, and to review the year's learning. Thank you for your continued support.



Stars of the Week

David – being kind and *flourishing* in Phonics

Jacob G – *flourishing* in independent fractions work

Maisie – *flourishing* in friendships, showing *respect* and kindness

Hayleigh – showing *ambition* in her knowledge of giraffes

Team Points: Ash

Forest School

In Forest School Year 4 children used natural materials they found in the forest school area to make their own name plaque. The designs were beautiful and very innovative.



*A reminder that Year 3s will have Forest School on Wednesday 14th June instead of Year 4s who will be taking part in Bikeability training.

Year 3 Residential

The Year 3 children have had a fantastic two days with 30 other Year 3s from the Moorland and Ruby Hubs of schools. They have engaged with climbing, low ropes, archery, grass sledging, team building and crate stack activities. Camping overnight at Boasley Cross was great fun and many new friends have been made. A great experience for all the children involved and brilliant for them to become familiar with a wider group of children who they will get to know over the coming years before attending college. On Thursday, Adventure Okehampton Centre staff commented 'We've really enjoyed this morning, what a lovely group of children you have, some real leaders in there'.



Devon Wildlife Trust – Wildlife Champions Conference

On Thursday next week, our Wildlife Champions will be travelling to Meeth Quarry wildlife reserve to attend the Wildlife Champions Conference with other champions from around the Trust. This is a great event for learning about local habitats and supporting or promoting wildlife.

Bikeability

Next week our Y6 and Y4 children will learn new cycling skills and road safety with a professional Bikeability instructor. Y6s will train on the school playground on Monday before learning how to cycle safely on local roads on Tuesday.

Y4s will complete Level 1 training on the school playground on Wednesday. Please ensure your child brings a suitable bike and helmet into school. We are able to store bikes overnight on Monday, if required – please provide a bike lock.



Music with Mrs Joliffe

Mrs Joliffe has been with us for Music since Easter, and Barn Owls have learned some WW1 and WW2 songs and compared them. We've also been looking at and learning about pitching and notation. Mrs Joliffe has remarked on the impressive singing by the class.

On Friday, children also had the chance to begin learning notes on the ukelele.



Rainbow Day

Friday 23rd June is our Trust Rainbow Day. We are encouraging our children to wear their favourite colours to celebrate. This is an opportunity for us to reflect upon our similarities and differences so that all our children learn to understand that there are people in the community and wider world with characteristics similar and different to their own. It is a day immersed in respect and inclusion.



The rainbow flag is steeped in history – it is a symbol of maritime peace, the cooperative movement, LGBT equality and, more recently, support for the NHS. The colours of the rainbow are different but come together to make something beautiful.

We will be asking children to think about equality and when people may be treated unfavourably. We anticipate they will think about people with different physical abilities, cultures, religions and families. We are careful to talk in an age-appropriate way and give children space to explore questions and develop their own thinking.

Y4/5 Residential

26th – 28th June, Menadue activity centre, Tintagel. 3 days and 2 nights at Menadue centre in Cornwall will include adventurous activities and a beach day including approx. 2 hours of surfing lessons from Surfs Up. We are 'glamping' in fixed tents so please bring a sleeping bag and roll mat. If you have any questions, please ask Mr Hill. A reminder that there is a £96.10 cost, which must be paid in order for your child to take part. Please check you have made payment via School Gateway.



OCRA13

Snowies and Barn Owls are running around a mile a week in the build up to the OCRA13 half marathon. By running one mile each week over 12 weeks, it gives children the opportunity to enter to run their final mile on the day of the event (details sent previously).

There are varying levels of enthusiasm for running one quarter of a mile each day, but it's very enjoyable to get out in the sun, especially now the grass is dry.



Sports Day – 5th July

Families are invited to join us for a picnic lunch from 11.45am on the field before events begin at 12.30pm.

Mrs Berry will be providing a special school picnic lunch for the children, and families are asked to bring along their own lunch to enjoy. School lunch options are: Chicken Nuggets/Quorn Nuggets, Potato Wedges, veg sticks and a cupcake. Sandwich options will also be available but not Jacket Potatoes. Please order in the normal way via School Gateway.

Calendar Amendment

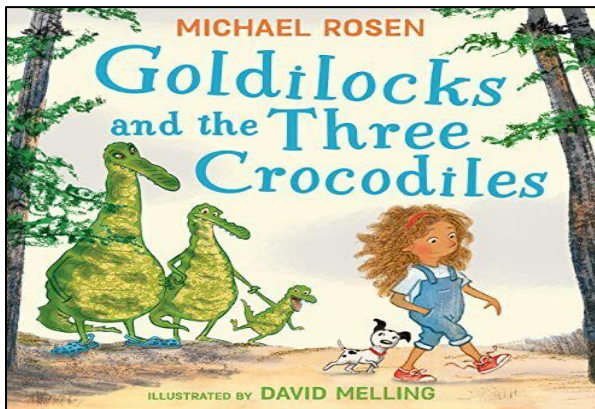
Please note the last day of term is Friday 21st July, not the 20th as previously published.

Class and Leavers' Photos

Jelly Images will be visiting to take school photos on the morning of Thursday 22nd June. Smart uniform and an extra thorough hair-brush please!



Book Review by Mrs Sherring



Goldilocks & the Three Crocodiles by Michael Rosen

We ALL know and love the story of Goldilocks & the Three Bears.

But here is a new and fabulously funny twist on the classic story by Michael Rosen and superbly brought to life by illustrator David Melling.

Goldilocks and her little dog are off on an adventure, looking for that house again – the one with the chairs, the porridge and beds – but they find some rather unexpected and hilarious inhabitants!

Mrs Sherring has a copy if you would like to borrow it. Alternatively, listen to the author himself read the story by clicking on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gf5NPLWzPfl>

Words of the Week

In order to develop the children's vocabulary, each class teacher chooses one word to discuss and model using in class with their children. Here are next week's words:-

Owlets - seasons
Tawny Owls - positive
Snowy Owls - trudge
Barn Owls - bedraggled



Time to Talk

As part of our school focus on getting children talking and improving their Oracy, we have a topical, weekly question and picture for you to discuss as a family:-



This month the usual plastic Mars wrapper, which cannot be recycled, has been swapped for a more environmentally friendly paper one which is being trialled for a limited time.

Do you think this is a good idea and why?

If you are a Mars bar fan, here's an easy recipe for Mars Bar Slice which only uses 5 ingredients and takes 10 minutes to prepare.

<https://bakeplaysmile.com/mars-bar-slice-is-very-very-nice/>

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Whole School Attendance

95.4%

Next Week

Monday	Y6 Bikeability *Athletics Club 3.15-4.00pm; *Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Y6 Bikeability September Intake Transition Afternoon, 1.15-3.05pm *Photography Club 3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Y4 Bikeability Forest School – EYFS, Years 3, 5, and 6 *Running Club 3.15-4.00pm
Thursday	Wildlife Conference @ Meeth Quarry – School Wildlife Champions *Cheerleading Club 3.15-4.15pm; *Cricket Club 3.15-4.15pm
Friday	Open the Book Assembly Football Workshop

*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part

Diary Dates

21 st	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
22 nd	Class and Leavers' Photos September Intake Transition Afternoon, 1.15-3.05pm
23 rd	Rainbow Day Football Workshop FoBS Rounders Evening, 5.30-7.30pm @ the Cricket Club
26 th – 28 th	Y4/5 Residential @ Tintagel
27 th	September Intake Transition Afternoon, 1.15-3.05pm
27 th & 28 th	Y6 Holsworthy College Transition Days
29 th	Y6 Okehampton College Taster Day
30 th	Football Workshop
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5 th	Sports Day and Picnic Lunch
6 th	September Intake Transition Afternoon, 1.15-3.05pm
7 th	Open the Book Assembly Parental Book Look, 2.45pm FoBS Summer Fair, 3.30-6.00pm
10 th	September Intake Transition Afternoon, 12.00-3.05pm
12 th	Forest School, EYFS, Y1-3 KS2 Summer Performance, 1.30pm @ Methodist Chapel
13 th	September Intake Transition Afternoon, 12.00-3.05pm
14 th	Football Workshop
17 th	Forest School – EYFS, Years 4-6 Y6 Meet The Tutor Evening @ Okehampton College
18 th	September Intake Transition Day
19 th	Circus in a Day – Whole School
21 st	Leavers' Assembly Last Day of Term

Enjoy Funk, Soul and Disco at the Nicholls Hall Lydford
Saturday 29th July 2023



With

Ocean City Groove

(featuring Ranger Rob)

Tickets £12.50

Available from Lydford Farm Shop
from the 1st June

Licensed Bar and BBQ

Cash payment only

All profits to the Nicholls Hall Funds

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ANIME

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as *Fortnite* and *Call of Duty*, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the *SPG* *Genshin Impact* may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. *Yandere Simulator*, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, an anime web series based on the popular video game, *Cyberpunk 2077*. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. *Death Note*, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name), would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. *Pokémon* and *One Piece* are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: *Grave of the Fireflies*, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in *Fortnite*, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

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