

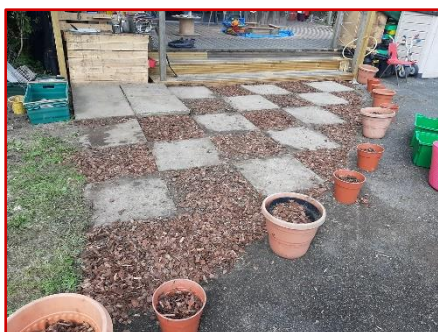
### **Sharing our Joy**

We are finally in a position to start offering our school community the opportunity to join us in school events. Our upcoming Harvest festival, parent consultations and FoBS AGM are opportunities for the children to share their joy of learning with you all.

Our new website is now live at [www.bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk). The new, fresh look of the website is very welcome and the 'Classes blog' section is now linked on the home page meaning all members of the community can keep up to date with what is going on at the school. As ever, we want to share our great learning with you all and hope these events and the website will help you feel more connected to the school.

### **Clive Pig**

At the end of last week, we were joined by storyteller Clive Pig in character as Bran, the Celtic warrior. His performance and storytelling captivated Year 3 and 4 in learning about this period in History, and the impact of the Romans on the Celtic people of Britain. A superb learning experience!



### **Thank you to FoBS**

Thank you to FoBS who recently donated play bark and soil for our EYFS area and sensory garden. The Owlets have been busy tidying and setting up the area, which will be a special place for all our children.

### **String Quartet visit**

We have been given the exciting opportunity to host the Kyan String Quartet this morning. The ensemble joined us in the Methodist church to perform for the children. You can see one of their performances here: [Kyan Quartet | Royal Academy of Music \(ram.ac.uk\)](https://www.royalacademyofmusic.ac.uk/). Thank you to The Two Moors Festival and the Devon Music partnership for supporting this opportunity.

### **World Mental Health Day**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October we will mark World Mental Health Day in collaboration with Young Minds. Youth mental health is a massive issue which has been exacerbated by recent school restrictions and lockdowns. On the day we will discuss how to maintain positive mental health and what to do if you don't feel your normal happy self. Children will be invited to wear a yellow accessory with their school uniform on the day, for example a hairband, badge, wrist band, or scarf. Voluntary donations of £1 to Young Minds will be gratefully received. [YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/) | [Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People](https://www.mentalhealthcharityforchildrenandyoungpeople.org.uk/) | [YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

### **School Photos**

Individual school photos will happen on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Pre-school siblings are welcome to join us for sibling photos – please let the office know and you will be given an early time slot. Clean uniform and an extra brush of your hair on this day!

## **Harvest Festival**

We are delighted to be able to welcome all parents, carers and members of the community to our Harvest Festival at St Bridget's church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm. Children are asked to bring an item of fruit or a vegetable to offer as a way of connecting to the spirit of giving.

Parents and carers will be invited to make a donation to the Send a Cow charity. [Send a Cow | Home](#)

## **Open the Book Assemblies**

The Methodist Church has offered us the opportunity to explore stories from the Bible through drama and storytelling of Open the Book. The assemblies will include stories around Harvest, Christmas and the morality behind them. These will feel a little more special as they will take place in the Methodist Church itself. Dates are below.

## **Parent Consultations**

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to meet with your class teacher to discuss the return to school.

Please use the forms attached to request dates and time slots.

Please select all the times/dates you are able to do.

Your time will be confirmed no later than Monday 11th October.

Owlets – Miss Bryant – Monday 18th October 1.30pm – 5.30pm or Tuesday 19th October 1.30pm – 3pm <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBclPJiicRozbU84L-MhNsleCTqPb67JUNDZNN00yTTNNV0VaSERSVkvRMzZZSUpWMMi4u>

Tawny Owls – Mrs Amy Lammas – Tuesday 19th October or Thursday 21st October 1.30pm – 5.30pm - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBclPJiicRozbU84L-MhNsleCTqPb67JUQlo5VEHaMIFGWVRXUzBUNjVGR0Y4RzA2TS4u>

Snowy Owls – Mrs Emma Harris - Tuesday 19th October or Thursday 21st October 1.30pm – 5.30pm - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBclPJiicRozbU84L-MhNsleCTqPb67JUN0dGOFFSMk9ETFMyWTQ5WIZUTzhYWTNNSi4u>

Barn Owls – Mrs Sarah Reid – Wednesday 20th or Thursday 21st October 1.30pm – 5.30pm - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBclPJiicRozbU84L-MhNsleCTqPb67JUOUJESVhZTzVMTDA1RlpSUDNCUE5OSDNKQi4u>

## **Forest School**

Forest School with Dartmoor Ranger Rob will resume this term for all children. This fantastic opportunity to explore our ever-developing forest school area is loved by all.

We are always looking for support with maintaining the forest school. If you have any time to offer for cutting back brambles/nettles from the paths, or tidying up fallen branches etc., please speak to Mr Hill about your availability.

## **Remembrance**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November we will mark remembrance at the War Memorial in the Churchyard. All parents/carers are welcome to join us. The children will perform poetry and readings.

## **Theatre Trip**

Key Stage Two children (Years 3-6) from The Moorland Hub of schools (Bridestowe, Lydford, Boasley Cross, Northlew, Exbourne and Highampton) will be visiting the Exeter Northcott on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December to watch A Christmas Carol theatre performance. This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other children from the area of the same age as well as experience live theatre.

The trip will be dependent upon parental donations to help cover the costs – more details to come.

## **Dates**

### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> – String Quartet visit

8<sup>th</sup> – Individual school photos

8<sup>th</sup> – World Mental Health Day

13<sup>th</sup> – Forest School

15<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival 2.30pm at St. Bridget's church

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – Owlets parent consultations

19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – Tawny Owls/Snowy Owls parent consultations

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – Barn Owls parent consultations

20<sup>th</sup> – Forest School

22<sup>nd</sup> – Open the Book assembly

WB 25<sup>th</sup> – Half term



### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> – Pupils return

2<sup>nd</sup> – Vision screening (NHS) EYFS and Year 1

3<sup>rd</sup> – Forest School

5<sup>th</sup> – Open the Book assembly

11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance service in Churchyard – 11am

17<sup>th</sup> – Forest School

26<sup>th</sup> – Open the Book assembly



### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> – Forest School

3<sup>rd</sup> – Open the Book assembly

14<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service – St Bridget's church

15<sup>th</sup> – A Christmas Carol at Exeter Northcott – KS2

TBC – Christmas play

WB 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break

### **January 2022**

5<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return

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**Whole School Attendance**

**97.3%**

Art Club: Sunflowers

