



Pupil of the week:	Eva Coly Class	Finley Otter Class	Nicola Yarty Class	Jack Axe Class
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Dear Parents

Thank you to the Pre-School for the invitation to the Duck Race this year – I think that might be the quickest one ever! All that rain helped the ducks whizz along the stream.

We were lucky this year – one of our ducks came in fourth place so Coly class have won a Complementary ticket to Abbotsbury farm for 2 adults and 2 children. Obviously, the winning class cannot use the tickets themselves so we have decided to hold a raffle for the tickets, and they can choose how to spend the money raised.

Next week we will be starting to practise for the annual Maypole and Cream Tea event which will be held this year on Tuesday 22nd May outside the village hall – many thanks in advance to June Millman who has once again offered her expert services in dance choreography!

We will also be holding interviews next week for a new Reception teacher for Axe class in September, hopefully I will be able to give you some good news in next week's newsletter.

SPORTING SUCCESS

We have done very well lately in the sports fixtures that we have attended... Our Year 5 and 6 team will be progressing to the final of the Quadkids and our rounders team are also through to the East Devon finals.

HOMEWORK

At a recent staff meeting we were reviewing our school homework policy and during the discussions we spent quite a while talking about the importance of children reading at home.

In the early stages, when reading aloud, adults can check that children are reading the words correctly and help them decode new vocabulary. They can also ask questions about the meaning of the sentences, what is happening in the story or check that they have understood what they have read.

Once the children become more independent readers, it is much more difficult for adults to know whether they are reading all the words correctly, that they have understood new vocabulary, and that they do actually understand the meaning of various aspects of the stories on the different levels. It is therefore, still vitally important that some time is spent every day - reading aloud, discussing the book, asking questions about vocabulary and generally having 'book-related-chat'.

We would like to remind the whole school, that reading at home daily is expected of all children. For the youngest children short sessions are best but as children get older they should be doing some sustained reading for increasingly longer periods, as well as some reading aloud of small sections. We should also be encouraging them to discuss the books that they are reading with each other and with you.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – NO SCHOOL

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School Diary Dates

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *School Diary* section. Should your child be participating in a particular event or visit, then more specific details from your parent letter can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant event, this will then display the letter content.

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MAY	
Mon 7th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 8 th	Yarty class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Tues 8 th	Y3/Y4 Mini Tennis League (team event) – Parents to transport 4.00pm-5.00pm
Thurs 10 th	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Fri 11 th	Y2/Y3 Kwik Cricket Skills
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th	Y6 SATS
Tues 15 th	Yarty class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Tues 15 th	Y3/Y4 Mini Tennis League (team event) – Parents to transport 4.00pm-5.00pm
Thurs 17 th	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Fri 18 th	KS1 Swimming Gala (team event) – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 22 nd	Maypole & PTFA Cream Tea
Tues 22 nd	Y5/Y6 Quad Kids Athletics Final 4.00-6.00pm (team event) – Parents to transport
Wed 23 rd	Y6 PE Academy Workshop (selected pupils) – Parents to transport
Thurs 24 th	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Fri 25th	OCCASIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 28th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS TUESDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 1ST JUNE MONDAY 4TH JUNE – NON PUPIL DAY	
JUNE	
Mon 4th	NON-PUPIL DAY – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Tues 5 th	Y5/Y6 Rounders League East Devon Final (team event) – Parents to collect 6.00pm
Thurs 7 th	Axe Class Farm visit – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 8 th	Y6 Canoe Day – PACKED LUNCH – Parents to transport
Tues 12 th	Y4/Y5 High 5s Netball training (team event) – Parents to transport 4.00pm-5.15pm
Wed 13 th	Y6 – Axe Valley Academy Transition day (small schools)
Thurs 14 th	Y6 – Axe Valley Academy Transition day
Thurs 14 th	Y5/Y6 Aquathon Competition (team event) – Parents to transport
Fri 15 th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm – Year 4 & Year 5 to lead
Tues 19 th	Y5/Y6 Move, Make, Motivate (selected pupils) – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 19 th	Y3/Y4 Quad Kids Athletics 4.00pm-6.00pm (team event) – Parents to transport
Tues 19 th	Y4/Y5 High 5s Netball training (team event) – Parents to transport 4.00pm-5.15pm
Wed 20 th	Y6 – The Woodroffe School Taster Day
Mon 25 th	Y6 Junior Life Skills – PACKED LUNCH – Parents to collect 3.15pm
Thurs 28 th	Y6 – Colyton Grammar School Transition Day
JULY	
Tues 3 rd	Y5 Axe Valley Academy visit
Wed 4 th	Y5 Play Leader Training – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 10 th	Sports Day - PM
Wed 11 th	Y5/Y6 Sports Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 12 th	Y6 PE Academy Activities Day (selected pupils) – PACKED LUNCH / Parents to transport
Fri 13 th	(Reserve Sports Day)
Fri 13 th	Y5/Y6 Federation Sports Day (team event)
Fri 13 th	End of Year Reports
Mon 16th	PTFA Whole School Trip
Tues 24 th	Y6 Leaves Assembly
Tues 24 th	Y6 Leaves Tea Party (by invite)
Wed 25 th	Axe class – Day out
Fri 27 th	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish