

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 8th December 2023

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### Headteacher's message

*Dear Parents/Carers*

We were delighted to welcome the children and staff from Holywell School this week and we would like to thank our school community for making them feel so welcome. The school feels busy and lively, and children are taking the time to get to know each other and new friendships are being made. Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding at this difficult time. I know everyone at Holywell feel very grateful and supported that they were able to return to school on Wednesday and will be able to finish the term properly.

We are looking forward to sharing our whole school performance with you next week. The children have been busy rehearsing, and they are beginning to get very excited. Please make sure you have checked your class teams for information about costumes. Further information has been included below about the times your child needs to be in school especially for the evening performances.

Next week, on Wednesday, we have Christmas jumper/Christmas dinner day. Christmas jumpers should be worn over school uniform. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, please do not buy one especially for the day, children can wear festive colours, hats or other accessories instead.



Have a great weekend.

Fiona Pearce  
Head teacher

### Explosion of Colour Performances

The children are looking forward to performing in front of you next week. We have some tickets available for each day, at the moment. If you have not booked or would like extra tickets please make your payment on Parentpay and tickets will be sent home with your child via your class teacher.

**Please remember to bring tickets with you on the day, as proof of booking.**

**Monday, 11th December**—1.30pm to 2.45pm (1¼ hour duration) and 5pm to 6pm (1 hour duration)

**Tuesday, 12th December**—9.30am to 10.45am (1¼ hour duration) and 5pm to 6pm (1 hour duration)

Raffle tickets, to win a Christmas Hamper, will be on sale in the hall for £1 per strip

**Afternoon performances** - Our audience should queue in the courtyard by the school office to be welcomed into the hall at 1.15pm. After the performance children will go back to class for parents to collect at the normal end of school day.

**Evening performances**—please bring your child to school for **4.40pm**. Children will need to go to their classes and enter via the playground (gates will be locked at 4.45pm so please be prompt)

At 4.45pm could the audience please queue in the courtyard, by the office, to be welcomed into the hall, via the Community Room ready to take their seats.

At the end of the performances children will go back to class to change before being dismissed by class teachers into the playground.

**As it will be dark at 6pm all children MUST be collected by an adult (we will not allow anyone to walk home on their own).**



## The Naughty Elf visits Orchard Vale

What a wonderful fun filled day we had on Tuesday!

The naughty elf came to school and took over the hall. He set up an obstacle course for the children to complete, but whilst they were going around the hall he was very naughty and threw snowballs at them. It was wonderful fun.

To make up for being so naughty the elf gave each child a Christmas slap band and a present to take home.



## Suggested Reading List for Parents—[click here](#)

Hello Parents/Carers

Please could I make an **urgent** appeal for lost ReadWrite Inc reading books. So many of our reading books are missing, probably around 20% of our stock.

These books are needed in school every day to teach your children to read.

If you have **ANY RWI** reading books in your car, your van, your house, please return them to us. Either through your class teacher or at the school office.

These books will be gratefully received. No judgement, no questions asked.

Please help us to resource your children on their reading journey.

I am looking forward to receiving the gift of books this Christmas!

Thank you.

Mrs Grimwood

### Community Choir

Mrs De-Ritis and Miss Felgate took the children to perform their Carols in and around the community.

We visited Fremington Manor, Asda, The Library, The Fern Centre and Tesco's.

The children all performed well. They were a credit to the school.



**NEW MENU—Week commencing—Monday, 11th December**  
**Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options**

<b>LUNCH MENU – WEEK 1</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct / 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov / 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec / 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb / 4 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Butchers Pork Sausages & Potato Wedges	Butchers Mince Beef Nachos & Wholegrain Rice	Christmas Dinner	Harry Ramsdens Battered Salmon Fillets	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Finger Roll	
Spanish Omelette	Cheese Pasty & Tomato Pasta		Vegan Nuggets	Oaty Veggie Crumble & Creamy Mash Potato	
Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		
Baked Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Green Beans		Chips, Wholemeal Pasta Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Sliced Carrots & Sweetcorn	
Fruit Smoothie	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard		Fruity Flapjack	Fresh Fruit	
Ham Roll	Cheese Roll		Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll	

## School Diary Dates

Mon, 11th Dec	Whole School Performance—1.30pm to 2.45pm and 5pm to 6pm
Tues, 12th Dec	Whole School Performance—9.30am to 10.45am and 5pm to 6pm
Wed, 13th Dec	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Christmas Dinner—must be pre-booked through the office
Thur, 14th Dec	Sleeping Beauty Panto—Queen's Theatre (10am to 1pm)
Fri, 15th Dec	Last Day of Term
Wed, 3rd Jan	First Day Back
Wed, 10th Jan	Year 4—Swimming Lessons
Mon, 15th Jan	Tempest—Reception and Year 6 Vista photos and Class Photos
Wed, 17th Jan	Year 4—Swimming lessons
Wed, 24th Jan	Year 4—Swimming lessons
Fri, 26th Jan	Year 3/4—Groups 1 & 2 —Level 1 Bikeability
Mon, 29th Jan	Year 2 and Year 5—Fire Safety Awareness Workshops
Wed, 31st Jan	Year 4—Swimming lessons
Fri, 2nd Feb	Year 6 Rising Stars—Basketball at Pilton Community College
Fri, 2nd Feb	Years 3/4—Group 3—Level 1 Bikeability
Wed, 7th Feb	NHS Dental Survey—Selected 5 year olds (parents will have received information)
Thur, 8th Feb	Explore the Orchestra—Years 5/6— Visit to University of Exeter
Mon 12th to Fri, 16th Feb	Half Term
Mon, 19th Feb	Return to school



## Orchard Vale Community School

### Reception Class of 2024

Is your child due to start in Reception class September 2024?

If so, we have space for your child in our wonderful school!

We are holding an open evening on Wednesday 10th January  
4pm-5pm

Please come to the school entrance where you will be greeted by  
Mrs Oldfield, our Early Years Lead.

You will be given a brief talk in the school hall prior to having the  
time to look around all our classrooms and meet our amazing  
teachers.

We hope to see you there!





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# Orchard Vale Community School Nursery

Is your child turning 3 years old?

We have availability within our nursery for you!

There are 3 intakes into our Nursery:

September - Autumn Term

January - Spring Term

April - Summer Term

If you would like to apply for a place please  
complete an application form that can be  
downloaded from the website at

[www.ovschool.co.uk](http://www.ovschool.co.uk)

or call us on 01271 375074

TARKA  
LEISURE CENTRE

# MERRY AIR XMAS

Saturday  
16 December 2023

Get into the festive spirit with our  
Christmas Air X event. Christmas songs,  
fancy dress and fun at Tarka Leisure

11:00-12:00  
12:00-13:00  
13:00-14:00  
16:00-17:00  
17:00-18:00

CHRISTMAS

Contact us:  
01271 373361

**LeisureCentre.com**

**Before and After school  
care places available from  
Jan 2024.**

Aimee offers a breakfast club  
from 7am which includes  
breakfast and drop off to  
School for 8.30am

And

After school club until 6pm  
which includes school  
collection, a variety of snacks  
and drinks, activities and  
homework.

Contact Aimee on  
07841839893 or email  
littlepea.aimee@gmail.com

**ZestLab**

NEW for  
January

## Saturday Art Club Sculpture - wood and textiles

Time: 10.15 - 12pm

Recommended age: 7+

Cost: £55 for 5 sessions

## Monday Art Club

Printing

Time: 4 - 5.45pm

Recommended age: 7+

Cost: £44 for 4 sessions

Venue: Studio KIND. at The Corn Store - Barnstaple Pannier Market

Booking for sessions: <https://zestlab.org/events>

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The annual SANTA'S ON A BIKE ride from Taunton to  
LITTLE BRIDGE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE  
will be visiting South Molton on the morning of  
Saturday 9th December 2023. Arrival: 11am. Depart: 12 Midday

Come & enjoy a festive morning at the South Molton Pannier Market & marvel  
at the sight of numerous Santa's arriving en masse in the town square  
The Santas will park up on the town square & stay for approximately an hour  
to enjoy hot refreshments sponsored by Griffiths & listen to the  
South Molton Town Band



**Come along & view the magnificent bikes & Santas!**

We will also be fundraising in the town & running a Raffle Stall  
with the

Children's Hospice South West Team

Any prize donations for the raffle please contact Lynda on  
07929878653 / [Lynda.Sudlow@alungriffiths.co.uk](mailto:Lynda.Sudlow@alungriffiths.co.uk)

For more info on the ride and how to join - click [here](#)  
for The Santa's on a Bike Facebook page website



Click [here](#) to donate  
to Children's Hospice  
South-West, Little  
Bridge House or use  
this QR code



All bikes, trikes and quads are welcome to  
join the ride at pick up points along the  
route & the ride is fully L plate friendly.  
Don't worry if you've not attended a group  
ride before, you'll be made very welcome

