

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 10th November 2023

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a changeable week we have had with weather. Thankfully, we were very lucky today during our whole school walk down to Whiddon Valley Evangelical Church for the Remembrance Service. It was wonderful to have the privilege of taking a moment to remember and reflect on those who were lost in past and recent wars and conflicts. The children were very respectful in observing the 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock. It was also lovely to see the older children in school looking after the younger children during the walk, encouraging them all the way. Well done, to the group of children from Years 5/6 who represented Orchard Vale at the Schools' Remembrance Parade in Barnstaple, they were a credit to the school.

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who took part in the Shakespeare Children's Festival on Wednesday; they were amazing.

Finally, we have bid a sad farewell to Mrs Gordon who is moving on to pastures new, we wish her good luck in her new job.



Have a good weekend.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

## Your PTFA needs you

If you feel you would like to join our small friendly PTFA, we would love to hear from you.

Any hours you have available to volunteer to join this great team of PTFA members would be a wonderful, it does not have to be a set time each week.

If you are interested please contact one of the following:

**Mrs Oldfield, Mrs Golding, Ms Knight, Mr Whetton or Mrs Manley.**

We will require all members to complete a DBS check, which is a easy process. Please contact Mrs Slate in the school office.

If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact one of us.



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### Open Evening - Reception Class of 2024

Wednesday 29th November 4pm-5pm

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

If so, we would like to invite prospective parents to visit our wonderful school.

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!





# Shakespeare Schools' Festival



'We have been practicing Macbeth since September and the performance day was finally here. First, we arrived at the Landmark Theatre, where we went to our dressing room, which was amazing, to get ready for the performance. We then took part in a technical and dress rehearsal, whilst Ashleigh School watched.'

It was very exciting being on the stage for the first time. During the technical rehearsal the stagehand tried different lighting and everybody's favourite was the last one. The time came for our performance. The audience arrived, which included a lot of our parents. Ashleigh School opened the evening with Romeo and Juliet, followed by Holywell's Much Ado About Nothing. Finally, it was our turn. We performed in front of 180 people, everybody performed amazingly. The hair and make up was fabulous.

At the end of the evening, we held a party in the dressing room; Miss Williams gave us a huge cheer and some sweets before we went home.'

By Lettie, Martha and Larisa



Some of the children's favourite parts of their experience were:

'It was an amazing opportunity. The atmosphere we created for the deserted place was so eerie. The make-up was amazing. I am so proud of myself and everyone for accomplishing such an achievement.' - Lettie

'My favourite parts were performing in front of everyone, all of the lights, and taking a group photo in front of the Macbeth poster.' - Elena

'I loved the performance being on the stage in front of lots of people I think the whole trip was amazing. I loved the costumes as well the witches looked so amazing. Everyone had a massive smile on their faces after.' - Nieve

'I loved performing and watching the other schools plays and the costumes were just amazing - the witches' make-up was amazing, Ross and Lennox's beards and moustache and every thing was amazing.' - Layla

'I loved watching the others rehearsals, I loved all the different makeup and hair the atmospheres that we created were amazing. It was amazing to see all the smiles on their faces after from the audience and other schools; it was an amazing show! And finally I really enjoyed it!' - Larisa

'I loved seeing the other schools' plays. I loved the performance, the opportunity was amazing, it amazing to see how much effort everyone put in!' - Millie

'My favourite part was performing in front of everyone, it really made me happy! During the tech rehearsal, I loved seeing how the lighting would work.' - Charlie

'It was the best experience to perform in front of all of the people on in a real theatre. I love it when the audience clapped us it made me feel proud of what we all had achieved.' - Amelie

I liked the deserted place and all the effort that we all put into it and I think that we all are amazing and I also like the fact that we were all together and on a real stage in-front a real audience.' - Alexa-Jade



We would like to say a special thank you to:

Mrs Scott and Mrs De-Ritis our Creative Directors

Mrs Oldfield and Mr Quilter – Official chauffeurs

Mrs Pearce, Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Blincow – Costume Department – making cloaks

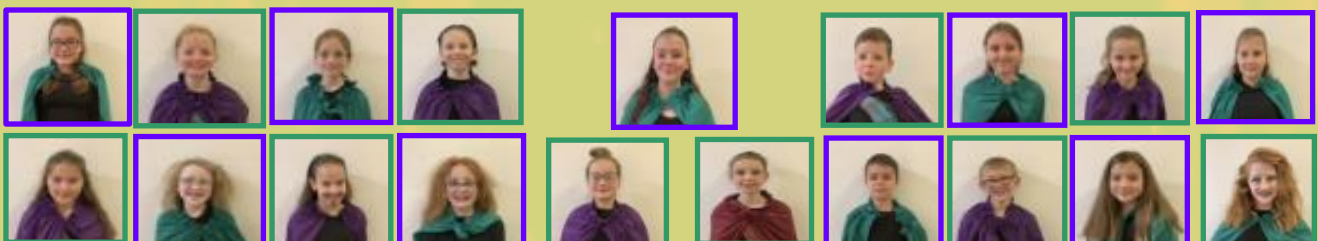
Miss Williams—Chaperone

Charlotte, Mia and Lola – Prop Decoration Department

Andrew Scott Carpentry for building the staging.

Homebase, Barnstaple for donating materials for our staging.

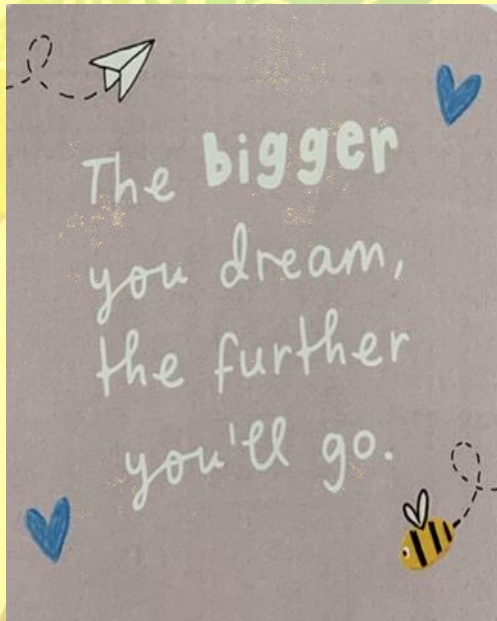
## The Cast





# Mrs Manley's Community Project Page

## Orchard Vale's Mental Health Ambassadors



## Help needed.

Do any of your family, close relations or friends work for MOTO SERVICES?

If so, could you please contact Mrs Manley at

[orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk).

## Orchard Vale needs your help! **Tesco Stronger Starts**



We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in our funding application with Tesco Stronger Starts.

We are in the process of upgrading our existing Forest School area into an accessible outdoor learning and well-being provision. There are 3 grants available, £1500, £1000 and £500. The amount we receive will depend on the public voting for us instore with the blue tokens.

Please could we ask for your help when shopping at Tescos by using the blue tokens, available at the checkout, to vote for Orchard Vale before you leave the shop.

### Spread the word

Ask your family and friends to vote for us too.

Voting will commence in stores from  
First week in October 2023 until mid-January 2024

Participating stores are:  
Tesco Extra – Barnstaple Retail Park  
Tesco Superstore – Rose Lane  
Tesco Express – High Street

## Can you help us help our school community?



We intend to give each child a wrapped age-appropriate book at the end of the year for Christmas.

Have you got any books at home that you feel you would like to donate?



If you have, could you please pop them to either your class teacher or the school office.





**NEW MENU—Week commencing—Monday, 6th November**  
**Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options**

<b>LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov / 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec / 8 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb / 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza	Butchers Mince Beef Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish Shop Breaded Cod Nuggets (New)	Carbonara Pasta Bake
Handmade Falafel Burger in a Bun (New Recipe)	Handmade Cheese Wheels	Vegan Cauliflower Bites	Vegan Sausage Bap	Chinese Style Vegetable & Noodle Wrap (New Recipe)
Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	
Wholemeal Pasta, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Peas & Cauliflower	Roast or Mash Potato, Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta, Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Batons of Carrot & Cucumber Sticks
Fresh Fruit	Fruit Jelly	Pear & Vanilla Crumble & Custard (New Recipe)	Fruit Cookie	Pineapple Oaty Slice (New Recipe)
Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll

**Congratulations to  
Reading road champions**

**Farai Arthur**  
On reaching 50 reads  
**Eli Jessica**  
On reaching 25 reads

**Congratulations to  
Years 3 and 4 - High Flyers**

**Evalyn**  
On reaching 50 reads

**School Diary Dates**

Tue, 14th Nov	Reception—Vision Screening
Wed, 15th Nov	Y5/6—Group 2—swimming lesson
Fri, 17th Nov	Y5/6 Cinema Trip
Tue, 21st Nov	Y5/6—Hampton Court Trip
Tue, 21st Nov	Y6—Rising Stars—Gymnastics Day—Group 1
Wed, 22nd Nov	Group 1—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 1
Wed, 22nd Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6 Swimming Lesson
Thur, 23rd Nov	Group 1—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2
Mon, 27th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 1
Tue, 28th Nov	Y6—Rising Stars—Gymnastics Day—Group 2
Tue, 28th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2
Wed, 29th Nov	Group 3—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 1
Wed, 29th Nov	4pm to 5pm—September 2024 Reception Starter Tour
Thur, 30th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2
Mon, 4th Dec	Reception/Y1&2—Balanceability
Tue, 5th Dec	Reception/Y1&2—Balanceability
Wed, 6th Dec	Reception/Y1&2—Balanceability
Thur, 7 Dec	Reception/Y1&2—Balanceability



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# CIRCUS BERZERCUS

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2023

2PM

Circus Berzercus - The Magical Elves Christmas Show

A perfect family Christmas show packed full of comic mishaps, great circus skills and lots of audience participation.

Gerald the senior elf in the circus department, has to train up Wallace, an apprentice transferred from the magical department due to "elf cuts", with hilarious results.

Suitable for ages 3-93  
£5 per person - booking essential



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**FREE ENTRY**

\*OPENING TIMES VARY SO PLEASE CHECK BEFORE VISITING.  
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# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?

Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



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# Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE  
QUESTIONS YOU  
WANT ANSWERS TO

 **03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am






## HAF PROGRAMME Christmas Activity Days

**WHEN?**

Monday 18th  
December- Thursday  
21st December

**TIMINGS:**

Standard day  
9.00am-1.00pm

Extended day  
options available

**WHERE?**

Sticklepath  
Community  
Primary Academy

AGES 5-11

**HOW TO BOOK:**

- VISIT OUR WEBSITE- PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK
- CLICK ON THE TAB 'BOOK NOW'
- SCROLL DOWN TO STICKLEPATH PRIMARY SCHOOL- HAF PROGRAMME CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

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CRAFTS

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