



# Newsletter

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In Our Lady's Catholic Primary School we learn about God and try to follow his footsteps by showing care and respect for one another.

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## Congratulations

**Very well done to the following children who have recently achieved Headteacher Awards:**

Adam Dyer	Oscar Meech
Will Harman	Drew Phillips
Ffion Rippon	Kayleigh Lancey
Nnenna Amandiogu	Jamie Oke
Kieron Quick	Reece Elshout
Amber Ladyman	Isla O'Grady
Jamie Gibson	Zuzanna Filipczyk
Ollie Scoines	Amelia Geraghty
Harvey Moore	Olivier Blaszczyk
Christy Raji	Millie Bishop
Kacper Czechowski	Brogan Groves
Kye West	Angel Raji



**We are very proud of you**

## New Staff Governor

We are very pleased to welcome Cathy Jeffery to the Governing Body as a new staff governor. Cathy is the Manager of our Barn A Bs pre-school. Our Governing Body is a dedicated group of volunteers who work alongside the Principal to ensure that our school continues to grow and flourish.

## Attendance

Congratulations to **EAGLE** who have the highest attendance for the whole year at **96.8%** closely followed by **PUFFIN** at **96.1%**.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

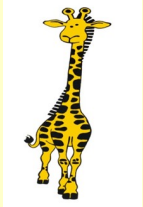
## Dates

A reminder that Prayer and Praise takes place every Thursday morning from 9.15am. All parents, carers and friends are welcome.

22nd May	Orders for Class photos to be returned
<b>22nd May</b>	<b>Head of Year Pilton CC to see SWALLOW Class</b>
23rd May	Dyslexia Working Group 3-3.30pm
<b>24th May</b>	<b>No Karate</b>
24th May	Holy Communion Session 5-6pm
<b>24th May</b>	<b>Last Sports Premium Swimming for OWL &amp; EAGLE Class</b>
25th May	Parenting Group 1.15-3pm
<b>26th May</b>	<b>SWALLOW at Park school a.m. for Science</b>
26th May	Cake Sale for Prince's Trust 9am
<b>26th May</b>	<b>School finishes 3.15pm</b>
5th June	Return to school
<b>7th June</b>	<b>Holy Communion Session 5-6pm</b>
7th June	Sports Premium Swimming for KINGFISHER & SWALLOW Class
<b>8th June</b>	<b>School Closed—Polling Day</b>
9th June	ROBIN Class Trip to Exmoor Zoo
<b>13th June</b>	<b>SWALLOW Class at Lifeskills</b>
14th June	Sports Premium Swimming for KINGFISHER & SWALLOW Class
<b>15th June</b>	<b>SWALLOW to Pilton Community College 9-12 (Intake Day)</b>
15th June	HERON Class Trip to Rosemoor
<b>15th June</b>	<b>Parenting Group 1.15-3pm</b>
16th June	SWALLOW Class to Oceanfest

**The next newsletter will  
go home on: Friday 9th June 2017**

### Barn-a-b's at Our Lady's



We are all really enjoying our fairy tales topic at the moment. We have just finished Robin Hood this week and the children have done some work on camouflaging (long word!)

Next week we are going to be reading Little Red Riding Hood and exploring lots within this classic story. You might have noticed that our underlying theme is forests. We have loved looking at all your forest adventures on Tapestry – you've seen Gruffalo's, Bears, the Stickman – it looks so much fun!

Why don't you pop through to the school hall and see our latest display? We have photos of the science based activities you have been doing at home – it's a fantastic example of how we can share our experiences with each other.

The children have had a brilliant time with Claire from Jiggy Wrighlers, who visited recently – she has brought lots of musical instruments and different ways for the children to express themselves through music and dance. We have our last session next Friday.

Please note, we can no longer accept the old £5 note as payment anymore.

### Class Photos

Just a reminder that the orders for Tempest for the class photos need to be returned to the school office, with the relevant payment, in the envelope provided by Monday 22nd May. Thank you.

### Dyslexia Working Group

The Dyslexia Working group will be meeting in the staff room from 3-3.30 on Tues 23rd May. Geraldine Herage (SEN Governor) and Naomi Jefferies (SENCO) would like to invite any interested parents as we will be discussing strategies to support children with literacy difficulties.

Please let Claire Silverlock in the school office know if you would like to attend.

### Advice on Supporting Reading

We have attached to the end of this newsletter advice on supporting reading that may be helpful for parents.

### Free Hockey Sessions

North Devon Hockey Club and Taw Valley H.C. are jointly offering 6 FREE taster sessions from TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 6.45-7.45 at Park School.

Sessions are open to Girls and Boys from Years 4, 5 and 6. Qualified coaches will be running these sessions and will be able to guide your son or daughter in the basics of Hockey.

Places will be limited to 30 pupils so early booking is recommended.

For further details or to book a place:

Please ring or text Nick Howells on:- 07929058926 after 5pm.



### Reach for the Stars!

Well done to the following children who have had achievements in the following areas:

Well done to **Finley Daniel** who received a certificate and badge for swimming 200m as part of the Rainbow ASA Swimming Scheme.

**Finley Daniel** also had the following message posted on Facebook by his boxing club "Finley is the winner of boxer of the week for the second time. Finley is the first in the club to have received this twice. Finley is a real talent and the team at Barum are very proud at how far he has come. A big future awaits this young man".

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate the hard work and talents of our pupils. Children are invited to bring in their certificates, medals and good news on a Thursday morning so that they can be given out at assembly and celebrated in the school newsletter.

## Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who were our Star Learners for last week. They are all invited to attend afternoon tea with Mr Meech on Thursday 25th May.



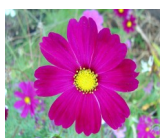
Swallow Class  
Simon White  
Ava Holtmann  
Bence Bartos  
Callum Curtis  
Sarah-Louise Dyer  
Alisha Lancey  
Sophie Phillips  
Zoe Szaraz  
Billy O'Grady  
Zack Williams  
Stanley Sargent  
Errin Fee

## PE Kits

Just a reminder that PE kits should be available in school all week. Children have PE Lessons twice a week but the days of these can be subject to change.

*Every Day in May*  
for *Mary*

Holy Mary, mother fair,  
Filled with love for God,  
Pray for us in all our needs.  
Pray for us today



## School Clubs

Below are the start dates for the clubs that are running this term.

<b>Monday</b>	Football (Yr5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff  Gardening Club (4.15pm) (by invitation) Miss Mitchell  Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mrs Houle
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff  Karate (4.10pm) Mike Leverton (Fee) <b>No Karate Weds 24th May</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	School Choir (4pm) Mrs Hynes
<b>Friday</b>	Tennis (Y1,2&3) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee)  Play and Pray (Y3-Y6) (4.15pm) Mrs Cohen

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at club finishing time. Thank you.

**Please be aware that Our Lady's is used as a polling station so we will be closed to pupils on Thursday 8th June 2017.**  
**Thank you.**

## Collection of Children at the End of the School Day

Please could we ask that parents collect children from the playground at the end of the school day. Please do not come to the front of the school and wait for classes to finish outside the office area.

Thank you.

## Supporting your Child with Reading

When you are reading aloud to your child, encourage them to follow the text as you are reading it. This will help to develop the eye movements needed for reading. Try to make the whole experience an enjoyable one.

If your child is reading aloud to you from a book he or she has brought home from school, *try to consider the following:*

- Choose a quiet place to read.
- Sit side by side in a comfortable position.
- Choose a time to read when you both feel good (not hungry, tired or upset).
- 10 - 15 minutes reading aloud is long enough.
- Be patient
- Always praise your child for the words and sentences he reads well, and try hard to conceal any disappointment you might feel if he is struggling.
- Contact the school to ask about advice on any strategies they might be using in school.

*Try to keep the flow of the reading going:*

- If your child cannot read a word, do not allow him to struggle. Tell him the word and move on.
- Sometimes take it in turns to read a sentence or a paragraph, particularly if it's a long book. Many children enjoy being read to, so if the reading is becoming a struggle, you take over and finish the session - ending on a positive note.
- Try to build up their confidence to have a go. To do this it is important not to criticise any mistakes.
- Check that they understand the meaning of what they are reading by discussing what might happen next, what they think about the story or the characters, reviewing where you got up to in the storyline last time you read. The 'Paired Reading' approach is a specific technique; useful if your child wants to read books his or her peers are enjoying, but is unable to read independently. It can also be useful if reading at home has become a bit of a battle. Paired reading is a research-based approach designed to increase confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading.

*Here's how to do it:*

1. The pupil chooses a book of interest. It should be within the pupil's understanding, but it doesn't matter that it is beyond the pupil's reading level (within reason).
2. The adult and pupil both read the text aloud, together, at a slow but steady pace. The tutor should run a finger along the words as they read, preferably along the top of the words.
3. If/when the pupil reaches a word or phrase they feel they can read independently, they give an agreed signal (e.g. tap on the table or the adult's arm) and read this alone and carry on alone.
4. As soon as the pupil begins to hesitate or struggle the adult simply joins in reading again and both continue reading together (no prompting, correcting or teaching should be given).