

# Weekly Newsletter

## 3 March 2025

**We are committed to safeguarding children.**

Designated Child Protection Officer: Amelia Harding  
Deputy Child Protection Officers: Kate Davenport, Lauren Stone  
Named Governor for Child Protection: James Beamish

# What we did last week!

The whole school had an amazing time with the Skipping Ninja! After a mind-blowing demonstration, each class enjoyed a workshop where they showed off their fantastic skipping skills! It's safe to say, OLOTA now has the skipping bug! Watch out Skipping Ninja, the children will be challenging you for those world records in no time!



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A few more of the Skipping Ninja! See the school facebook page for even more!



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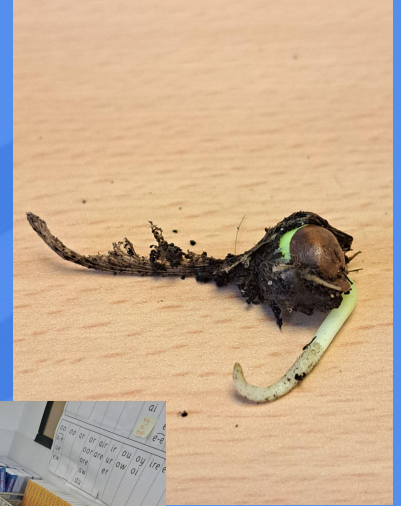
Y3 have been investigating soils in their Science topic about Rocks. We had 4 different soil samples that we dived into with magnifying glasses, spotting the organic (comes from a living thing) components such as leaves and sticks, and non-organic (not from a living thing) component like rocks and mud. We spotted some seeds and even noticed a germinating helicopter seed from the sample from Mrs Green's garden! We left it in the soil to see if it will grow into a tree! After getting pretty messy and washing our hands, we put some soil into jars and added water to see if it would form different layers. Can you spot the layers in the different jars?

Note: No worms, spiders or living creatures were harmed during this experiment. They were all lovingly removed and returned to their habitat before we started investigating!



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## Y3 science ctd...



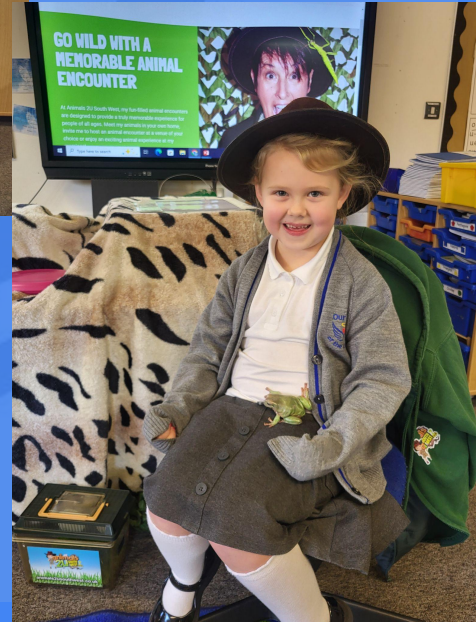
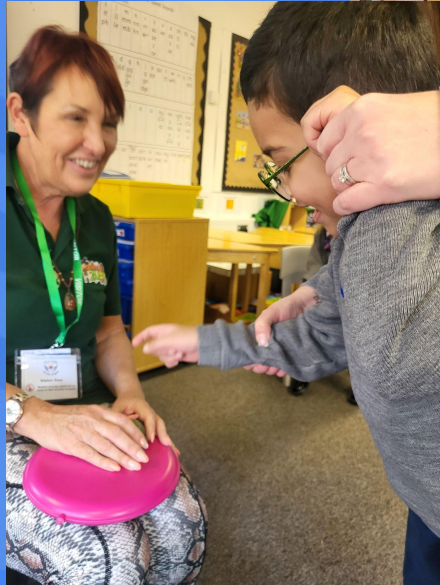
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# *This week's Gospel Value...*

Justice



This week we are going to focus on Justice.

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that if we want to live as followers of Jesus, we need to live as people for others. This means making sure that we are fair to everyone.

This week can you:

- share what you have with others
- speak out if you think that someone in your class is not being treated fairly

Dear God,

Help us to become a school where justice is guided by love, love of God and love of our neighbours.

Help us to live our faith so that our concern for social justice will be transformed into action as we spread the Good News in this land.

Grant us this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Devon Children & Young People's Neurodiversity Navigators

A free, confidential wellbeing service supporting children, young people and their families navigating neurodiversity.

### Contact Us

[livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net](mailto:livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net)

Monday – Friday

9am–5pm

### What we do

- Information and guidance relating to specific aspects of neurodiversity
- Objective, evidence-based advice and positive support strategies
- Active listening and practical and emotional support
- Connect with other teams and external services to help co-ordinate your journey
- Connect families to enable peer support and connection



### Have your say

We are interested in hearing about the lived experiences of young people and their families.

Your views and experiences allow us to develop our team, and tailor the services we provide to improve the support for our families and young people.



Holy Angels pre-school have advised that breakfast club will **NOT** be available on Thursday 27th March due to the Pre-school team attending an Early Years conference and Pre-school being closed.

After school club will be available but only to those children who are already booked on for that session and regularly attend. We will not be taking any ad hoc bookings for After school club on Thursday 27th March.

### **Last week of spring term - week beginning 31st March**

All Breakfast club and After school club sessions for the last week of term, need to be booked by Friday 28th March. We will not be taking any ad hoc bookings after the 31st March.

# Bedz4Kidz



We are proud to share that our school is a partner with Bedz4Kidz, a wonderful charity dedicated to ensuring every child has a comfortable place to sleep.

Have you ever paused to think about where or how your child sleeps each night?

If you feel your family could benefit from support with bed frames, mattresses, or bedding items, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Harding or Mrs Gale in confidence.

# Bedz4kidz

Cosy Nights, Brighter Days

At Bedz4Kidz, we believe that every child deserves a **quality sleep environment**, which is why we donate a bedtime story with every bed we deliver. A good night's sleep helps children feel happier, healthier, and more focused at school. We've put together this list of bedtime stories—some you may already know and others that might be new to you—all chosen to help your child relax before bed. Because every child deserves **Cosy Nights, Brighter Days**.

WORLD  
**BOOK DAY**  
6 MARCH 2025

## KS1 bedtime story list



**1. The Flying Bath**  
Julia Donaldson & David Roberts



**2. Peace at Last**  
Jill Murphy



**3. Omar, The Bees and Me**  
Helen Mortimer



**4. The Huddle**  
Sean Julian



**5. Lila and the Secret of Rain**  
David Conway



**6. Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?**  
Martin Waddell



**7. We're Going to find the Monster!**  
Malorie Blackman & Dapo Adeola



**8. Dream Big, Little One**  
Vashiti Harrison



**9. The Cat and the Hat**  
Em Lynas and Matt Hunt



**10. Octopus Shocktopus**  
Peter Bentley & Steve Lenton

## KS2 bedtime story list



**1. The Boy at the Back of the Class**  
Onjali Q. Raúf



**2. Asha & the Spirit Bird**  
Jasbinder Bilan



**3. Charlotte's Web**  
E.B White



**4. When life gives you Mangoes**  
Kereen Getten



**5. The Secret Garden**  
Frances Hodgson Burnett



**6. The Girl Who Stole an Elephant**  
Nizrana Farook



**7. The Island at the End of Everything**  
Kiran Millwood Hargrave



**8. The Night Bus Hero**  
Onjali Q. Raúf



**9. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**  
Kate DiCamillo



**10. The Boy Who Grew Dragons**  
Andy Shepherd

Choose a story that is calming and positive before bedtime. Books with gentle rhythms, warm endings, and relaxing themes help children feel safe, happy, and ready to sleep. Please remember to contact your schools pastoral team should you need support with bed frames, mattresses or bedding to ensure your child get's a quality night's sleep.

We are a partner school of Bedz4Kidz. If you feel your family could benefit from support with bed frames, mattresses, or bedding items, please don't hesitate to contact our pastoral team.

**Happy Reading & Sweet Dreams!**

# Spring - After School Clubs

Monday - Dance 3,4,5,6 -full  
Tuesday - Art and Crafts R,1,2 -full  
Tuesday - Netball 3,4,5  
Tuesday - Choir 3,4,5,6  
Wednesday - Girls football 3,4,5,6  
Thursday - Tennis 4,5,6  
Friday - Dance 1,2 -full  
Friday- Boys football 3,4,5,6

The clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account.





The main purpose of the PTA is to raise funds for extra items for the children such as football kit, ukuleles and gardening equipment.

Our PTA is completely reliant on volunteers to be able to run events. All parents / carers are automatically PTA members and are welcome at all meetings. New parents are encouraged to come along and bring their ideas.

We would love to see you!



Whole school attendance this week 96.2%

Current overall attendance 95.2%

This week's trend ↓0.5%



# Attendance Reminders

If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence by 9.00 a.m. and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

## Is my child too ill for school? (Government advice)

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.

If your child arrives after 9am (after registers close) this is recorded as an unauthorised session (unless evidence of a medical appointment has been provided).



House Points



Nye Bevan  
Champion of Wealth Equality



Tanni Grey-Thompson  
Champion of Disability Equality

Bevan House  
365  
Stephenson House  
337  
Pankhurst House  
188  
Thompson House  
301



Paul Stephenson  
Champion of Racial Equality



Emmeline Pankhurst  
Champion of Gender Equality

# Awards last week



## Class R

Hattie  
Jaxon  
Fife

## Class 1

Robert  
Harry  
Regan

## Class 2

Fire  
Delilah  
Pixie





# Awards last week

## Class 3

Millie A

Saanchi

Rosaleigh

## Class 4

Jeremy

Asher

Shekinah

## Class 5

Delilah

Dominick

Isaac

## Class 6

Charlotte P

Franky

Troy

## Holy Angels After school Club



If you require an After school club place for your child in Holy Angels Pre-school, it is important that you book 24 hours in advance. After School club has a maximum number of children it can accept and there are occasions when it has been full and places are not available. Also, for your child's safety, it is important that Pre-school know to expect your child.

Further to the above, please let the school know if you have booked your child into After School club at Holy Angels Pre-school. Again, for their safety we need to know where the children are going at the end of each day.

# School Meals

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.81.

All meals must be ordered by midnight the day before via ParentPay.

Please note that parents whose children are entitled to Free school meals or universal infant free school meals must also order their children's lunches in advance.

# Nut free school!

Please be reminded that the school is a nut free zone.

Please check your child's packed lunch before sending it in. Children are not permitted to eat products containing nuts on the premises.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe, resulting in anaphylaxis. This can be life-threatening.

We insist on the school being a nut free zone to protect the children in our school who have this life threatening allergy.

Thank you for your understanding.



# Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be. [More information here!](#)



# Upcoming Events

**Thursday 20th March**

Stay and Play year R 9.00-9.50 a.m.

**Tuesday 25th March**

Tempest class photos AM



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