

Weekly Parent Bulletin



Monday 31st March 2025

Non uniform day on Friday 4th April in exchange for chocolate (Easter egg, chocolate bar or similar).

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all the Year 1 parents and family that came to watch their Sharing Assembly on Thursday. It was so wonderful to see so many people invested in the learning that the children are doing. This week has also seen a real focus on our curriculum across the whole school, with a visit from our External School Advisor. His visit on Wednesday, to talk with children across the school from the youngest to the oldest, led to some incredible discussions around their learning. If you ever wanted to capture the culmination of our learning journey as a school in the children that flow through the doors of Sticklepath, this was the day!

The knowledge the children had around the learning they talked about was quite extraordinary, including knowledge they could recall from enquiries from the beginning of term. The links they made to previous enquiries meant that they had a real depth of knowledge. For example, in Year 6, the children could link one era of history to another or reflect on a key concept like discovery throughout history. They weaved into all of this some fascinating reflections on learning and how the brain works and they talked with a contagious enthusiasm about both history and geography.

This is the result of **years** of work by all staff, teachers and leaders on developing and refining a curriculum that is progressive, knowledge rich and builds over time. This curriculum delivers strong outcomes and standards in the classroom, supported by subject leaders who have championed their subject. Finally, this is sat within a culture and context that envelops children in constantly reflecting on the brain and the process of learning. We are so proud of our children, families, staff and school.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend, particularly on Mother's Day!
Ms Warner and Mr Blunt.

Gym Competition

Tomorrow is the big day that all your children having been working so hard. I am super proud of them all and wish them the very best of luck.

Just to let you know all leotards were given out this week, please remember to bring them with you tomorrow. If your daughter didn't come home with a leotard do not worry, they will be given it at the competition, it's just we have so many competing this year we have needed to share leotards. As this is the case, we are asking all pupils to come wearing their Sticklepath PE kit, red tops and black joggers or leggings. Boys need black shorts to compete in. On arrival please look out for myself, Mrs Gaunt or Pica to let us know you have arrived.

Good luck and enjoy.

Tara

Growth Mindset



Mia-Mai T

Olly B

Isobel E

Leo W

Lily C

Max M

Amelia S

Rory C

Albert V

Olivia G

Toby J

Claudia L

Billy H

Arabella W

Albie B

Anela C

Congratulations to all our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

Year 3 and 4 Boys' Hockey

We were so lucky to be invited to West Buckland school to take part in a Yr3/4 boys hockey tournament. They transported us to their school then ran a small tournament coaching the children as they played. It was amazing to see how fast our boys picked up the game and the technique for using their sticks. Don't forget that if your child is interested in playing hockey the North Devon hockey club have coaching sessions from age 5 🏒 (see below)



Year 5 Residential

Last week, Year 5 had an amazing time on their overnight residential to Rock and Rapid. The children worked as a team, taking part in bouldering, climbing and archery. True grit, determination and resilience were needed for the high ropes and abseiling from both the children and adults! They really faced their fears, with some tears and a lot of perseverance! There was a lot of laughs and a little bit of sleep. The children really did show what they could achieve with a growth mindset and the support of each other. We are so proud of all of them!



Year 6 – Clive Pig Author Visit

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed listening to Clive Pig the incredible local storyteller who has travelled the world!

He told us some fascinating stories about Mayan culture and their creation story along with teaching us about their daily life. It was brilliant to have a real interactive experience with such a charismatic individual!



Hockey

Our Yr 6 team played some fabulous hockey at the Park School tournament this week. They finished runners-up behind reigning champions Shirwell (who always produce a masterclass). It was great to have officials from the North Devon Hockey club umpiring and providing handy tips and advice. If anyone is interested in playing hockey next season, please have a look at the attached leaflet. Players can start from the age of 5 yrs - it really is a great game!

NDHC

NORTH DEVON HOCKEY CLUB
THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BARNSTAPLE, EX32 9AX

Tuesday
Hockey Heroes / Under 10s
6:00 - 6:45pm

Under 12s / Under 14s
6:45 - 7:45pm

Ladies
7:45 - 9:00pm

Wednesday
Mens
7:00 - 9:00pm

Growing club in North Devon
2 competitive men's and ladies' teams
Strong junior programme
Social atmosphere and close knit community

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northdevonhockeyclub@gmail.com

It's in the Bog



Forest School

Eco Warrior update

This week the eco warriors are started to tackle the waste paper. First, they sorted it into re-useable bricks, or left overs which were then used to make paper bricks which we will dry and use at Forest School.



With spring in the air, we have dipped in the pond to see what wildlife could be found. We read 'Lester and Clyde' by James.H.Reece and 'Tadpoles Promise' by Jeanne Willis. Year 1's made seed bombs which caused much excitement on who could throw and stick it on a tree. We also had some great engineering and future chefs creating wonderful mud/woodchip cakes.



Gymnastics

MARCH

Monday 3rd YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY
Wednesday 5th YEARS 3,4,5 & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY
Monday 10th YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY
Wednesday 12th YEARS 3,4,5, & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY
Monday 17th YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY
Wednesday 19th YEARS 3,4,5 & 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY
Monday 24th YEAR 1 & 2 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY
Wednesday 26th YEARS 3,4,5,& 6 COMPETITION ENTRANTS ONLY

Monday 31st LWA & LLO

APRIL

Monday 28th EFI & AWE

Wednesday 2nd TRG & DSM
Wednesday 30th CDI & AJA

MAY

Monday 12th LWA & LLO
Monday 19th EFI & AWE

Wednesday 7th BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL
Wednesday 14th TRG & DSM
Wednesday 21st CDI & AJA

JUNE

Monday 2nd LWA & LLO
Monday 9th EFI & AWE
Monday 16th LWA & LLO
Monday 23rd EFI & AWE

Wednesday 4th BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL
Wednesday 11th TRG & DSM
Wednesday 18th CDI & AJA
Wednesday 25th BPH, DMO, RSO & BCL

Important Dates

Term Ends – Friday 4th April

Term Starts - Tuesday 22nd April

May Day - Monday 5th May

Half Term - Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Non-Pupil Day - Monday 14th July

Term Ends - Wednesday 23rd July

Lunchtime Cross Country



No need to register - just turn up!
Children should wear their PE kits to school that day.

Yr 2 - Tuesdays

Yr 3/4 - Fridays

Yr 5/6 – Wednesdays

After School Clubs

After School Sports Clubs February to Easter 2025

Day	Club	Dates	Collection
Monday	KS1 Gym Comp Practice	3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3	4.00 pm
Tuesday	Yr 5/6 Dodgeball	Yr 5: 25/2, 4/3, 11/3 Yr 6: 18/3, 25/3, 1/4	4.15 pm
Wednesday	KS2 Gym Comp Practice	5/3, 12/3, 19/3, 26/3	4.15 pm
Thursday	Yr3/4 Dodgeball	Yr 4: 27/2, 13/3 Yr 3: 20/3, 3/4	4.15 pm
Friday	Yr 2 Multi Skills	EFI: 28/2, 14/3 AWE: 21/3, 28/3	4.00 pm

SPRING TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forest School		Eco Warriors AWE	LLO CDI	BCL EFI	RSO TRG
PE	TRG CDI AJA DSM	GTU LWA TRG CDI DSM DMO	EFI AWE AJA BCL RSO	DPA LWA LLO RSO	LLO EFI AWE BPH BCL

Menu from Monday 31st March 2025

Please find below the **Food Standards Agency's** List of **Allergens** – Numbered **1-14**
Some of our dishes contain Allergens which are monitored closely and are listed alongside the corresponding dish.

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|------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1. Celery | 4. Eggs | 8. Molluscs | 12. Sesame Seeds |
| 2. Cereals Containing Gluten | 5. Fish | 9. Mustard | 13. Soya |
| 3. Crustaceans | 6. Lupin | 10. Nuts | 14. Sulphur Dioxide |
| | 7. Milk | 11. Peanuts | |

Monday

SM1: Westcountry sausages with oven baked jacket wedges and mixed vegetables **(2.14.)**

Vegetarian: Vegetarian sausages with oven baked jacket wedges and mixed vegetables **(2.)**

pudding: Homemade custard biscuits **(2.)**

Tuesday

SM1: Homemade tomato pasta served with mixed green salad and homemade bread **(2.7.)**

pudding: Homemade vanilla sponge with icing and sprinkles **(2.4.)**

Wednesday – Menu chosen by EFI class

SM1: American style hot dog with ketchup served with crispy curly fries and sweetcorn or cucumber sticks **(2.)**

Vegetarian: Quorn dippers served with golden fries and baked beans **(2.)**

pudding: Fresh jam doughnuts **(2.4.7.14.)**

Thursday

SM1: Chicago Town stuffed crust pizza served with herby potatoes and peas or sweetcorn **(2.7.)**

pudding: Homemade chocolate cracknell **(7.)**

Friday

SM1: Battered small fry alongside golden fries and carrot and cucumber sticks **(2.5.)**

Vegetarian: Spicy beanburger alongside golden fries and carrot and cucumber sticks **(2.)**

pudding: Assorted party biscuits **(2.4.7.)**

Payments for dinners (£2.50) are to be made online at 'www.mychildatschool.com' or via MCAS app.

Jacket Potato with beans is available most days.

Fresh salad available every day.

Fresh fruit platter and yoghurt available every day as an alternative to pudding.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday from everyone at Sticklepath!



Amelia M	Florence C	Ruby T
Clay E	Harrison S	Tallulah C
Dotty E	Joshua B	
Effie H	Lochlan R	

Community news...

EASTER HAF
5-11 YEAR OLDS
9.00AM-1.00PM
EXTENDED OPTIONS AVAILABLE

EASTER HAF ACTIVITY DAYS RUNNING HERE!
-MONDAY 7TH APRIL
-TUESDAY 8TH APRIL
-WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL
-THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO BOOK!

Primary Sports and Education North Devon

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EASTER ACTIVITY DAYS
Ofsted
Primary Sports and Education North Devon

5-11 YEAR OLDS
8.30AM-3.30PM

BOOK NOW

Monday 7th April
Tuesday 8th April
Wednesday 9th April
Thursday 10th April

Monday 14th April
Tuesday 15th April
Wednesday 16th April

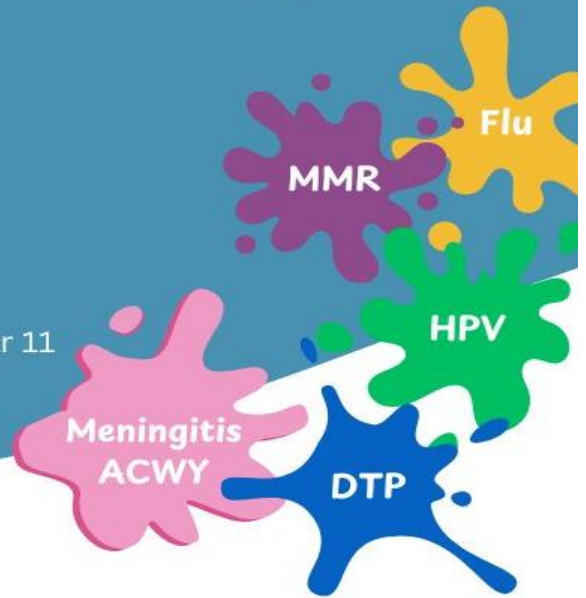
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School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11



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- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

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Squirrels



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5 - 12 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

Week 1

Mon 7th Apr Rock Park
Tues 8th Apr Braunton
Wed 9th Apr Rock Park
Thurs 10th Apr Braunton
Fri 11th Apr Rock Park

Week 2

Mon 14th Apr Braunton
Tues 15th Apr Rock Park
Wed 16th Apr Braunton

Teen Camp

13 - 16 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

Dates

Tues 8th Apr Braunton
Thurs 10th Apr Braunton
Mon 14th Apr Braunton
Wed 16th Apr Braunton

Locations

Barnstaple Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH
Braunton Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP



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16 & 17
APRIL
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4-4.45 LITTLE MOVERS (AGE 3-6)
4.45-5.30 JUNIORS BEGINNERS (AGE 7-11)
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