



# Notes from the Vale

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## Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Hello to all of our Lipson Vale families. I do hope that you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend last week and found time to do something that you love with the people you love. Thank you for taking part in Earth Day last week and for your kind donations. We raised just over £240.

As we are seeing sunnier days, please remember to send your children into school everyday with plenty to drink, a sun hat and apply sun cream before school. When it gets hot, we always take advantage of the plentiful shade throughout the school but still encourage children to be protected from the sun appropriately with sunscreen.

### Class Photos

We were pleased to welcome Tempest into school today for our annual class photos. The photos will be made available to families shortly in the usual way.

### KS2 Statutory Assessments

Next week the yearly statutory assessments will be taking place for our Year 6 pupils. They have been preparing for these assessments carefully all year and are absolutely ready to sit them over the week. I am incredibly proud of the progress that they have made throughout their time at Lipson Vale and only wish that, by the end of the week, they feel that they have completed these assessments to the best of their ability. Year 6 pupils are invited into school at 8.15am Monday to Thursday next week for breakfast and a settled start to the day.

### Sports Day

Following on from previous communications, I wanted to remind families that our sports day is taking place on Wednesday 22nd May and will be held at Brickfields. We have made arrangements for all pupils to take part and will be travelling from school by coach on the day. In the letter on our website ([here](#)), you will find information about the plans for the day and when specific year groups will have their running races (should families be able to join).

### PTFA

Our wonderful PTFA have got many events coming up as we race through the summer term. The best way to find out about these events is to follow them on Facebook ([here](#)). They currently have a logo designing competition going for all pupils to take part in with the winning logo being used on all PTFA posters and advertising for the next 12 months. In addition, they are busily planning events for Fathers' Day, an end of year disco and a summer fair. Please do support all of these events by getting involved - I know that the PTFA are always looking for one-off or regular volunteers.

### Staffing News

I am very sad to be letting you all know that Miss Yelland will be leaving us at the end of this school year. Miss Yelland currently has a very long drive into school every day and has, understandably, decided that she would like to work a little closer to home. Whilst Miss Yelland has only been at Lipson Vale for a few years, she has had a huge impact on staff, pupils and families and I know we will all miss her when she moves on.

We do have 3 new teachers joining the team in September. I will be able to share more information about these as we move towards the end of the school year and transition.

Have a wonderfully restful weekend.

**Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.**

*Resilience, Collaboration, Responsibility, Bravery, Communication, Self-belief*

# Together we

## Congratulations



**Harris Cup**  
Ava W



**McIver Cup**  
Kara H



**'H' Cup**  
Harrison S

Each of you are excellent role models for your peers and have shown significant determination and effort to your learning.

to our weekly cup winners.

## Attendance

We know that we are all having to be a little more cautious at the moment; however, for those pupils well enough, we still have high expectations for daily attendance.

### Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	92.7
Coral	94.3
Seahorses	95.2
Oysters	95.0
Mussels	96.7
Starfish	97.6

### Key Stage 2

Turtles	95.3
Sunfish	96.7
Otters	97.9
Dolphins	92.8
Anglerfish	98.3
Orca	96.7
Angel Sharks	98.0
Rays	92.8



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The **highest class attendance** last week goes to...

**Starfish** in FS/KS1

**Anglerfish** in KS2

**GREAT ATTENDANCE**



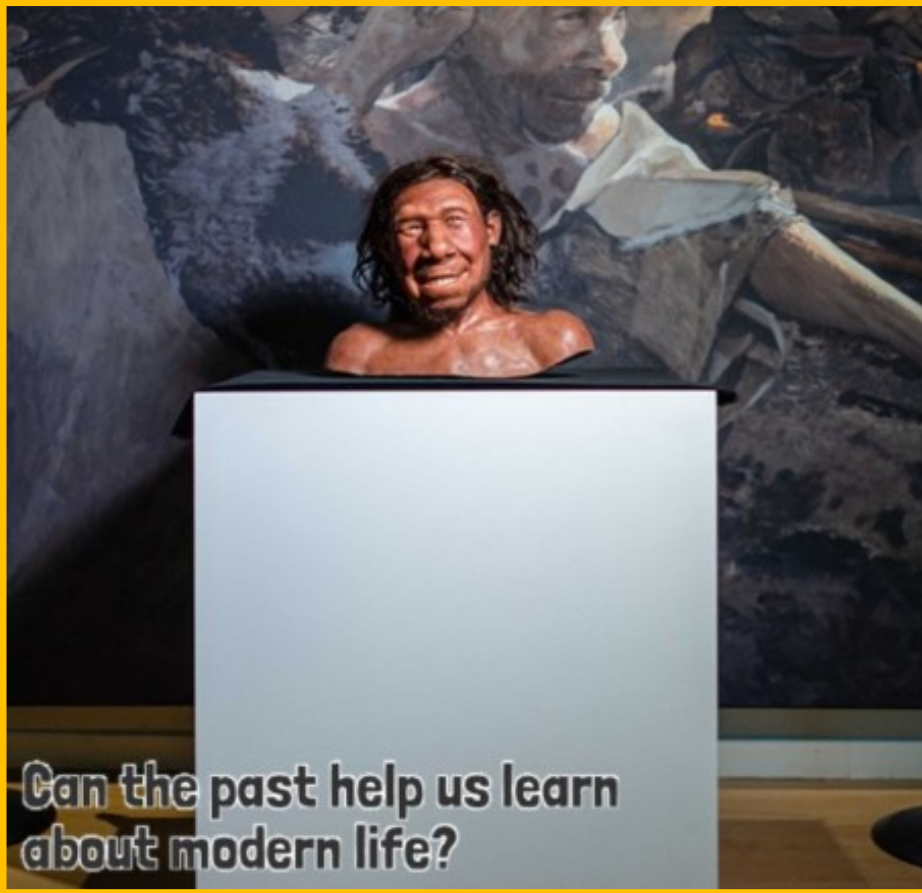
**On Time Octopus**  
winning class:  
**Seahorses**

**Punctuality Penguin**  
winning class:  
**Dolphins**



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# News & Events



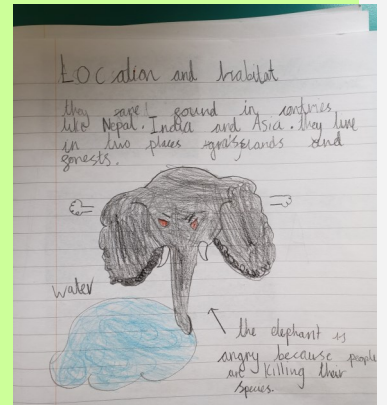
## Things to talk about at home...

- Share your response to the new research findings about Neanderthals' lives.
- How is your home organised? Do you have different areas for different activities?
- Think about how organised or tidy people at home or school are? Is everyone the same?



Thank you everyone for all the super work which went into Earth Day last week. There has been lots of great work in classrooms going into creating artwork using recycled materials and it has been lovely to hear the children telling me all about their learning. There are many sad facts about the impact of plastics on our wildlife but the good news is that our children are really keen to make a difference and help the planet on the road to recovery.

Watch this space for the announcement of our Earth Day winners!



# are musicians

Together we

Ruby has been working so hard on improving her fluency and accuracy in her performances. Last week she played Somewhere Only We Know in our music assembly, whilst the children in KS2 sang. We were so impressed with Ruby's ability to follow the tempo and rhythm to match the singing. You accompanied us musically, Ruby.



Our choir enjoyed putting a new song they had been practicing in two parts, together in their choir practice this week. We also sang a two part mash up of Blue Moon and Earth Angel in our music assembly, accompanied by our Year 5 Pianist



Children in KS2 were treated to two performances this week by a mixed flute and guitar group playing a rhythmical piece Tequila, whilst our guitar trio played a beautiful piece, counting carefully to keep in time. Thank you also to Melody who carefully prepared herself for her violin solo performance. Congratulations to you all.

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Year 2 accompanied a beautiful Indian piece of music with musical control and an awareness of rhythm and dynamics in their composition study. Whilst some children performed, the other children listened carefully to the balance of sound.



The Les Miserables theatre art's group have made a great start at the Academy over the last two weeks. They have totally embraced the different style, more complicated musical content and the experience of working with children from other schools.



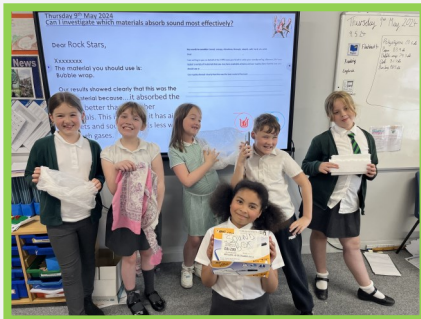
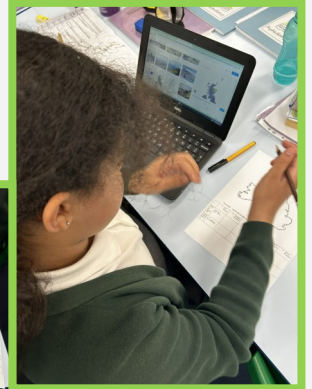
Year 1 have been using symbols to help them in their musical performance. They looked carefully to check when to play and whether they needed to play loudly or quietly.



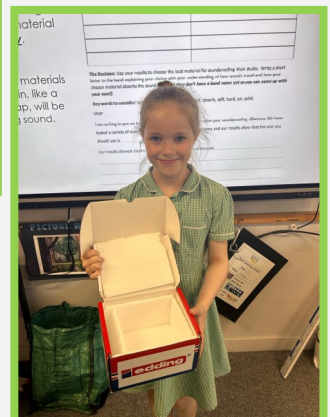
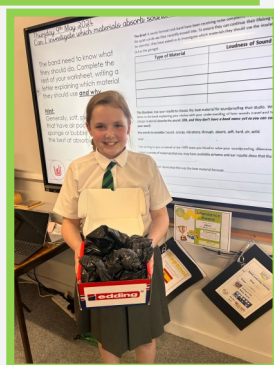
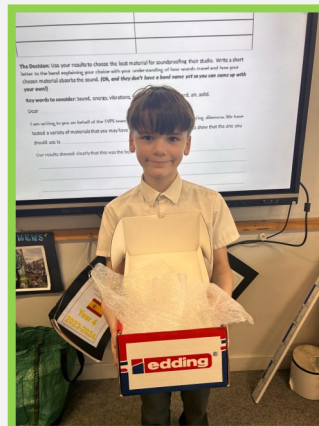
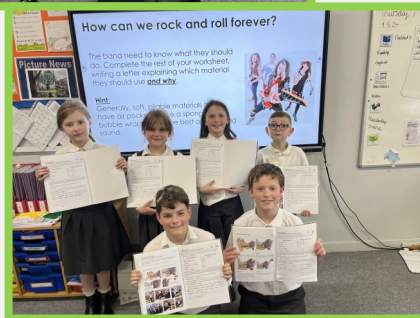
# love to learn

Together we

Year 5 continued their geography learning this week by locating UK mountains using a website called Digimaps. We had to use the search feature and zoom out to be able to pinpoint the location of a variety of mountain ranges, including Snowdonia and the Pennines. We discovered that the highest mountain is found in the Grampian Mountain range and is Ben Nevis, which stands at an impressive 1,345m! We are looking forward to exploring further than the UK next week.



Year 4 undertook a science investigation this week to find out which materials absorb sound effectively. We rose to the challenge of advising a newly formed rock band, who had been receiving noise complaints from their new neighbours, which materials they should use to soundproof their studio.



# Together we

## Good Luck

We would like to wish all of Year 6 the best of luck for their SATs tests taking place next week. They have been working incredibly hard throughout the year and we know they will try their best next week and make us all extremely proud!

Dear parents and carers,

As part of our journey of embedding careers related learning in our school, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as what they want to be when they grow up! It will be taking place on FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2024. We hope this will spark some interesting discussion at home around different careers.

We can't wait to see what you want to be when you grow up! Below is a list of websites which are great places to find and learn about different careers in the world.

[Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)  
[Explore careers - icould](#)  
<https://www.firstcareers.co.uk/>



Year 3 have been busy being ceramic artists! They have learned an array of skills working with clay including: pinching, rolling, coil building, slab building and score, slip and blend. They have now sketched their final dragon eye designs and we look forward to sharing their clay dragon eye's in a couple of weeks time!

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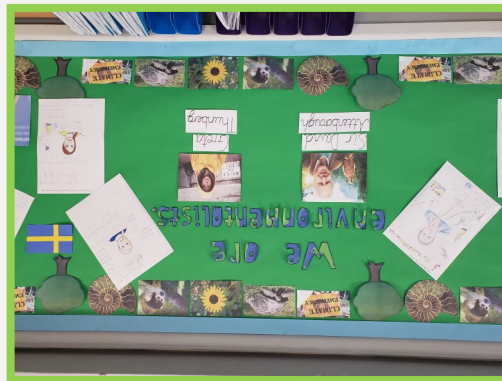
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Year 2 have been really enjoying learning about inspirational people and their dedication to helping the planet. Both Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg are remarkable advocates for planet

saving. Remarkable to think that Sir David celebrated his 99th birthday this week and Greta is still in her 20s!

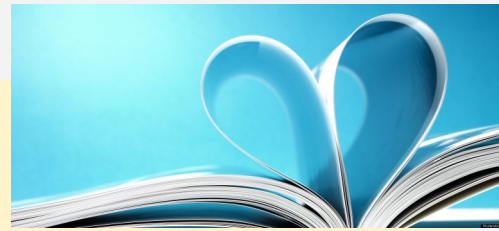




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## We are Readers



### Word Millionaires

We are thrilled to celebrate another word millionaire who has accomplished the remarkable feat of reading over a million words this year. Congratulations to Josh in Year 4, Dolphins class. In addition, Maddox in Year 6, Angel Sharks class has become a word multi millionaire after reading over 2 million words since September. Maddox's achievement is especially notable because he has consistently read more than a million words each year since Year 3, marking the fourth consecutive year that we have celebrated Maddox reaching word millionaire status.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their local library or online and it's FREE to take part.

This year's Challenge is called Marvellous Makers and it's all about creativity! From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone.

Next half term, we will welcome a visitor from the Plymouth Central Library who will talk to our pupils about the challenge in more detail.

Happy reading.



# News & Events

## School Dinners

A polite reminder that all school meals need to be paid for in advance.

<https://eduspot.co.uk/product/schoolmoney/>

If you do not know what your child wants to order, that is fine, you can telephone or visit the office on Monday or Tuesday and we can take payment on your card for the week ahead.

Many thanks for your continued support.



**Children – bring an adult with you**

**Saturday, May 11, 10.30-12Noon**

A themed morning of craft, games, songs and a Bible story, finishing with a sandwich lunch for all

**Only £1 per person**

(Babies and children up to 11 years)



**Just turn up in our big hall, Rosebery Avenue**

Further details on Salsbury Road Baptist Church Facebook page



## Children and Young People's Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A confidential, free advice line available to all children, young people and their families who are on the Neurodiversity Pathway within Plymouth.

### What we offer

Advice and support including:

- Sleep
- Diet
- Anxiety
- School refusal
- Friendships
- Positive support strategies

### Contact us

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# Collective Worship

We enjoyed a collective worship led by our Eco Group and Mrs Hardy to introduce and promote Earth Day. Pupils learnt about the importance of looking after our planet with a specific focus on cutting pollution in our oceans and wildlife. This is something that our pupils continue to be very passionate about.

**What are you passionate about improving?**

## Dates for your diaries:

13.05.24	KS2 SATS week
20.05.24	Year 1-6 Cricket/Rounders Day
21.05.24	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30pm Tap & Barrell
22.05.24	Sports Day @Brickfields
22.05.24	Year 1 Phonics Meeting @3.30pm
22.05.24	PTFA Meeting 7.30pm Tap & Barrell
24.05.24	Mufti Day: What I want to be when I grow up
24.05.24	Last day of school before break
27-31.05.24	Half term break
03.06.24	First day back to school



**School Meals**



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