



# Notes from the Vale

Friday 22nd November 2024

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## Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Not only has the temperature dropped but we are beginning to hear Christmas music playing in classrooms and around the school. We even have our Christmas trees up (and it is still November!).

### **PFTA Christmas Fair**

We are very excited for our Christmas Fair today. Thank you to our amazing PFTA for doing an absolutely brilliant job of organising it (around their very busy lives). Thank you, also, to you all for your support with bringing in donations for the fair and for coming along. I am sure that it will be a wonderful community event and be the start of us getting into the Christmas spirit.

### **NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe**

Last week, the whole school took part in the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' program. This was delivered in house this year by class teachers. We really value this time to explore the important issue of personal safety and understanding our rights. This was, of course, delivered sensitively to all pupils and there was built in time afterwards for pupils to digest the information and speak to an adult if needed.

### **All things Christmas**

You may have seen that all of our key Christmas dates were published on our Facebook page earlier this week (with a little Christmas jingle). I hope that having these dates in one place will have been helpful to families. All of the dates are also included in the important dates later in this newsletter. Letters have been sent out to our KS1 and Foundation families letting you know how to get hold of tickets for the nativities. More information about the Carol service will come in the next couple of weeks.

**Please make sure that you have booked your Christmas Lunch on School Money by Friday 6th December.**

### **Children in Need**

A big thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need last week by coming into school dressed up or in your own clothes. As a school we have currently raised £216 but the payment is still live on School Money should you want to contribute to this amazing charity.

### **Clubs**

Mrs Giles has started a new craft club (exciting) this week. We trialled moving the booking system onto the School Money app rather than using the paper based system. This seemed to work really well and enabled families to book their child into the club quickly. We are planning to roll this out in the new year for all of our clubs. This will also mean that clubs can start sooner in the term as the registers are produced quickly.

Have a great weekend and I hope to see lots of you at the Christmas fair tonight.

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## Congratulations

### 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	93.3
Coral	90.7
Seahorses	99.0
Oysters	98.3
Mussels	97.4
Starfish	94.1

#### Key Stage 2

Turtles	95.3
Sunfish	97.0
Otters	96.0
Dolphins	92.8
Anglerfish	96.7
Orca	95.2
Angel Sharks	97.9
Rays	96.9



### Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

**Seahorses** in FS/KS1

**Angel Sharks** in KS2



**On Time Octopus**

winning class:

**Starfish**

**Punctuality Penguin**

winning class:

**Orca**



# Celebrate

# News & Events

## What impact can bullying have on a community?



### Things to talk about at home...

- What do you know about Anti-bullying week?
- This year's theme is 'Choose Respect', what is your definition of respect? Ask others at home?
- This week's story explores the role of Anti-bullying Ambassadors. Do you think this is a good way of tackling bullying? Can you think of any other strategies?



The children in Eco club have been having a fantastic time recently working with Yazmin from Sustrans. They have been sharing and discussing ways to help the planet, as well as recognising the serious threat of climate change on all our lives. There has been lots of positive chat about ways to live sustainably. The children had a great time decorating this planter as well as planting some sensory plants. We hope you notice it displayed in the front of our school!

We were also lucky enough to have an eco assembly delivered by Yazmin and our Eco Club children. We learnt lots more about how there is only one planet to live on and it is important we respect and care for it. We learnt that if we all make a difference, then it will make a big

difference to our planet. Ways to help the planet include:  
Reducing the amount of things we buy, such as new clothes and toys.

Reducing the amount of single use plastic items. Maybe we could reduce what we already buy by half?

Turning off our bedroom lights.

Walking, cycling and scootering to school if we can.

Caring about all the creatures, including those little insects, as they too are important to our eco system.

Thank you to all of the Eco Club





# are musicians

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This week Puffins and Coral enjoyed their space related music lesson. Activities included singing and moving to a song about the planets, using shakers to make planet rhythms with their partner and listening to a piece of music about space. Great focus and enthusiasm to everyone.



Year 6 started to plan and rehearse their melodic phrases today as part of their musical assessments. A positive start was made. Next week the musicians will focus on using dynamics and building up the different musical layers to make a more interesting performance.





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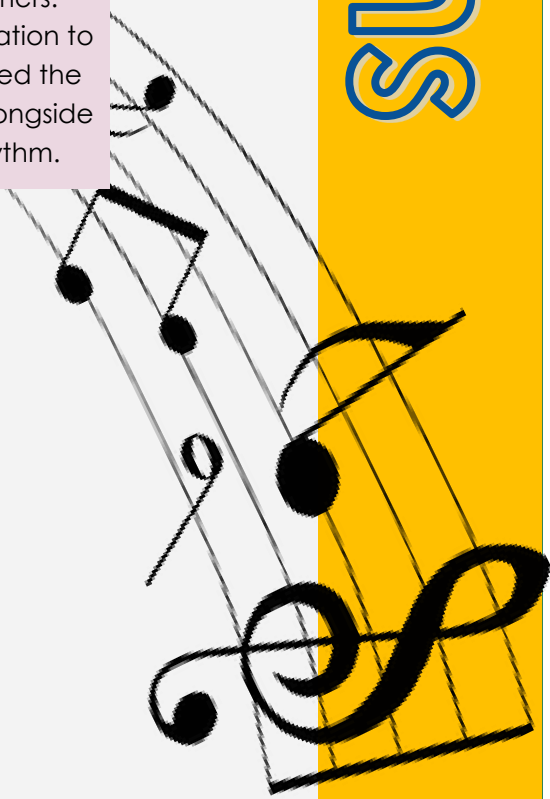
# are musicians

Our guitarists and keyboard players used chords to drive the rhythm forward in our new Christmas piece this week. You sounded great.



One of our recorder groups today dipped in to the Christmas bag to find our new Christmas song ready to model to the orchestra, later in the week. We hope to play it at our Carol Service on the 17th December.

This week Year 4 explored a range of rhythms in their musical study, we are performers. They were confident in using some notation to support their performance and enjoyed the success of playing their own rhythm alongside another group playing a different rhythm.



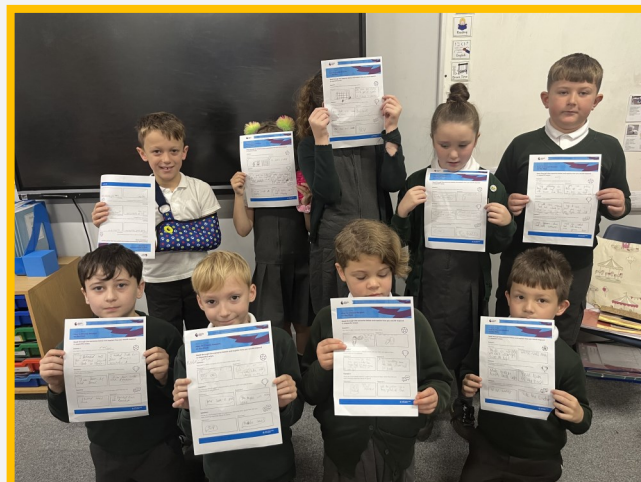
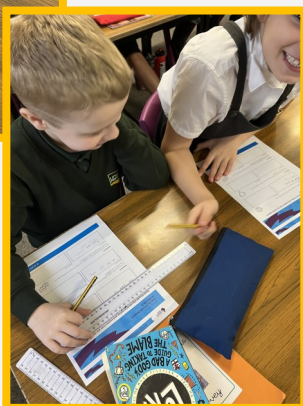
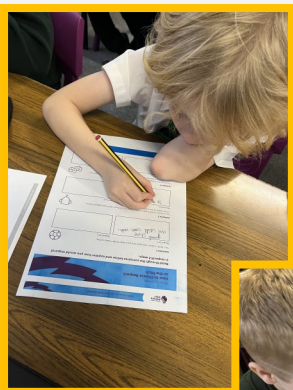
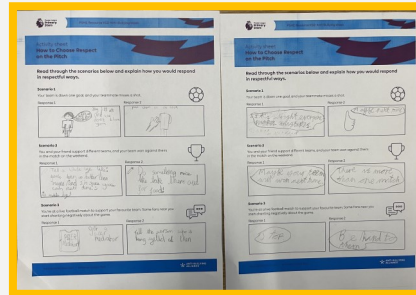
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# love to learn

This week, Year 5 went on a trip to the aquarium to learn more about sustainability. The children were able to examine a range of artefacts linked to the ocean including the vertebrae of a whale! We were also able to use the VR goggles to dive to the deepest depth of the oceans!



During Anti-Bullying Week, the Year 4 children participated in an engaging anti-bullying workshop led by the Argyle Community Trust. The session focused on exploring the meaning of respect and practicing respectful responses in different scenarios, both on the football pitch and in the playground.





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Year One has had a fantastic start to the second half of the term! The children have been engaging in a variety of exciting learning experiences, including creating their own artwork inspired by the colourful pieces of Wassily Kandinsky, exploring different materials in Science and enjoying a memorable trip to Dartmoor Zoo. The visit was a huge success, with the children showing great enthusiasm and representing Lipson Vale Primary School beautifully through their excellent behaviour and insightful discussions about the animals. We're so proud of all their hard work and enthusiasm!



Year 3 have been having a blast the past few weeks!

From immersing ourselves in our new English text 'The Stone Age Boy' where our classrooms were turned into parts of the book, a campfire reading corner, a cave for cave drawings, tool making, campfire making and even hunter gathering in the playground.

We've also had lots of fun on our bone scavenger hunt to build a skeleton in our new science topic! And to top it off with a visit to the NMA, what more could we ask for!





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# love to learn



The children enjoyed having Anne Middleton this week to read us her book, *Piggy & Woof Follow the Star*. Listening to this version of the Christmas story sparked conversations about why Christmas is special for Christians. We had a great discussion about how Christmas is a wonderful time for everyone to celebrate being around their friends, family and loved ones.





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## We are Readers



### Christmas Book Fair!

We are excited to announce that our annual Christmas Book Fair is coming soon, bringing a fantastic selection of new children's books for you to browse and purchase!

#### Dates:

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, and Thursday 28th November

#### Time:

3:25 – 3:45 pm

#### Location:

School staff room

#### Payment:

This year, our book fair is cashless, so all payments must be made online.

You can pay securely at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

A QR code will be available at the event to access the payment page quickly on your phone, or staff can assist you via our laptops.

#### Can't attend the book fair?

If you can't make it to our Book Fair, but would like to purchase books, your child can bring home a wish list and you can pay for their chosen books using the same payment website. Alternatively, you can buy prepaid vouchers at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents) to ensure your child doesn't miss out on their favourite titles.

Every book you purchase helps our school to earn FREE BOOKS for our school library so your support makes a huge difference!

We hope to see you there!

Happy reading.



# News & Events

## PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



These workshops are for parents/carers only and are running face-to-face at Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth PL2 2PQ on the following dates:

### How to have successful meetings

Tuesday 26 November 2024, 12:00-2:00pm

Book at: [Successful Meetings](#)

### How to understand and support my child's everyday transitions

Thursday 28 November 2024, 9:45am-12:00pm

Book at: [Child's Everyday Transitions Workshop](#)

### How to understand and support my child's emotions

Thursday 5 December 2024, 9:45am-12:00pm

Book at: [Child's Emotions Workshop](#)

## FAMILY HUB AND SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP MEETING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

COFFEE AND CAKE PROVIDED



THIS WILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR LOCAL FAMILY HUBS AND SCHOOLS

3RD DECEMBER  
1-2.30PM

HIGHVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE AGENDA OR ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THEN PLEASE LET US KNOW.

RSVP: Tracy Tucker  
tracy.tucker@barnardos.org.uk



## Family Friendly at Plymouth Arts Cinema PADDINGTON IN PERU (PG)



Tickets  
£4

Saturday 7th December, 11am  
Wednesday 11th December, 11am

FREE drop-in colouring workshop  
from 10am before each screening

- Relaxed, accessible and neurodiverse friendly
- Babies are welcome
- Wednesday event is suitable for home educators
- Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar
- Award-winning local independent cinema!

Plymouth Arts Cinema

At Arts University Plymouth, Tavistock Place, PL4 8AT  
info@plymouthartscinema.org | www.plymouthartscinema.org | 01752 200114



## Starting school in September 2025?

Come and see what Lipson Vale Primary has to offer...

We will be hosting tours for prospective parents for the September 2025 intake throughout October and November 2024. Please call the school office on **01752 224801** to book yourself onto a tour.

Numbers are capped so booking is essential.

Wednesday 16th October @ 10am  
Thursday 24th October @ 2pm  
Saturday 9th November @ 10am  
Saturday 23rd November @ 10am  
Friday 29th November @ 9.30am

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## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS



If you have recently changed any contact information (phone number, address etc) please let the school know so that we can update our records. We have added a simple online form to our website which you can complete (in seconds) to notify us of any changes.



# Collective Worship

We have returned to in-person collective worship for the first time in over 4 years. This has been an exciting change as we strengthen our sense of community by sharing in this together each week. Our first collective worship was focused on remembrance. On 11th November, we came together to remember those service men and women who have given their lives to keep us safe. We also remember those civilians who contributed to the war efforts.

**Who would you remember for their remarkable service to others?**

## Dates for your diaries:

25.11.2024	Flu Vaccinations
25/26/28.11.2024	School Book Fair @3.25pm
04.12.2024	Year 4 Trip to EW Plant
10.12.2024	Yr 1 Christmas Show @ 9.30am Yr 2 Christmas Show @ 2pm
11.12.2024	Yr 2 Christmas Show @ 9.30am Yr 1 Christmas Show @ 2pm
16.12.2024	Whole School Sport - Football
17.12.2024	Carol Service
17.12.2024	Fdtn Christmas Show @ 10am
18.12.2024	Fdtn Christmas Show @ 2.15pm
20.12.2024	Christmas Lunch
20.12.2024	PTFA Festive Muffi & Parties
23.12.2024	Start of Christmas break
06.01.2025	Non Pupil Day



**School Meals**



**SCAN ME**

**CATER**ed   
FEEDING AMBITIONS

A vertical banner for 'School Meals'. It features the text 'School Meals' in green, a QR code, a 'SCAN ME' button, and the 'CATERed' logo with the tagline 'FEEDING AMBITIONS' and an illustration of a chef and a child.

**School Money**



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