



Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

I have been visited this week by so many pupils from across the school who are celebrating the learning that they are completing. I have seen a lot of great writing which has been completed at the end of our first sequences. I have loved seeing the progress that pupils are already making and how proud they are with their efforts and what they have achieved. Everyone is definitely working very hard.

Staff news

I am very sad to let you know Pam Dean (from our office team) will be leaving us just before half term. After many years of dedicated service to Lipson Vale and the community, Mrs Dean has successfully been promoted into a new and exciting role. We will all miss Mrs Dean but wish her all the best as she moves on. Thank you for always being brilliant, Mrs Dean.

Individual Photos

On 24th October, we will have Tempest visiting school to take individual school photos. This will include an invitation to come into school early to have siblings photos taken. We will send out reminders about this before the day but please put this date in your diary.

Parents' Evenings

We are almost ready to launch our online booking system for parents' evenings this term. The invitation will be coming out to families shortly. I encourage all families to sign up to these so that you have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and find out about how they have settled into the new school year and see what they have already achieved.

Online Safety Workshop

Miss Kelly, our Computing Lead, will be running an online safety event. This will include supporting parents/carers to set up suitable restrictions on devices that children have access to. Children are online more and more and it is vitally important that we do everything that we can to keep them safe. Please come along to get your questions answered and work with school staff to keep children safe online. This drop in session will take place on 14th October in the Rays classroom.

PTFA Events

Our wonderful PTFA have so many great events planned for this term. This includes the Christmas fair and lights switch on taking place on 22nd November. Before then, we have a 'spooky mufti' on 18th October. Please continue to support our PFTA by taking part in all of their events. A full calendar can be found on their Facebook page.

If you know someone who has a child starting school in September 2025, please let them know about our tour dates coming up over the next few months so that they can come and visit our brilliant setting and find out about what we have to offer.

Have a great weekend.

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Congratulations



Harris Cup
Ella



Reading Cup
James



'H' Cup
Indie

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 regular and punctual attendance to school has a significant impact on a pupils life chances. Pupils that are well enough should be in school at 8.45am every day.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	93.8
Coral	83.7
Seahorses	98.6
Oysters	93.8
Mussels	94.6
Starfish	96.5

Key Stage 2

Turtles	95.5
Sunfish	97.7
Otters	95.0
Dolphins	97.2
Anglerfish	96.3
Orca	97.4
Angel Shark	95.5
Rays	96.3

The **highest class attendance** last week

Seahorses in FS/KS1

Sunfish in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



On Time Octopus
winning class:

Starfish

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:

Otters



celebrate

News & Events



Things to talk about at home...

- What do you think of our book vending machine in school?
- What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it important to you to read book by authors from different backgrounds and with different experiences? What do others at home think?



Thank you to Lola and Isla for their enthusiasm to encourage our school to be more eco friendly. They have great plans to continue to share this message and are also keen to raise awareness about a charity which is important to them.

Watch this space for more information.

Well done and thank you both for your fabulous enthusiasm and commitment to making a difference.



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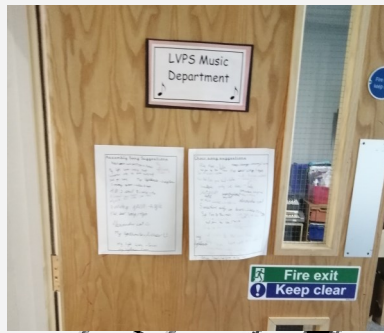
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Look out for the music stave on the music display. Today three of our musical assistants placed the notes on the display. Come and read the notes to help improve your note reading fluency.



In our music assembly some of our students have been listing, on the back of the music room doors, their favourite songs. We have started to gradually build these into our singing assemblies. Today we walked into assembly and immediately started singing, 'My Lighthouse'



Year 5 have embraced the different rounds they have learnt to sing and accompany with Miss Renouf over the last few weeks. What great harmonies you have made. Wow.



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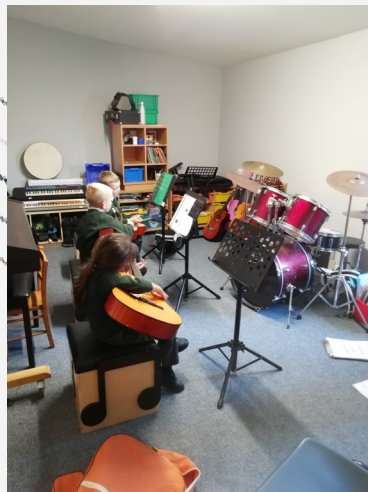


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The Year 3 Recorder group enjoyed learning a new note today and are working hard at preparing a piece for our music assembly in the next few weeks.



Our music students have made a great start in their music lessons and have enjoyed their newly painted surroundings. Our music room is now the perfect place for taking their music skills forward.

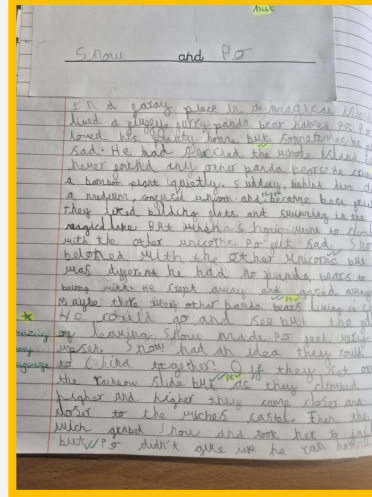
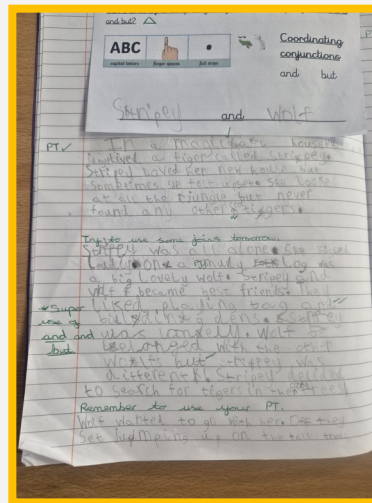
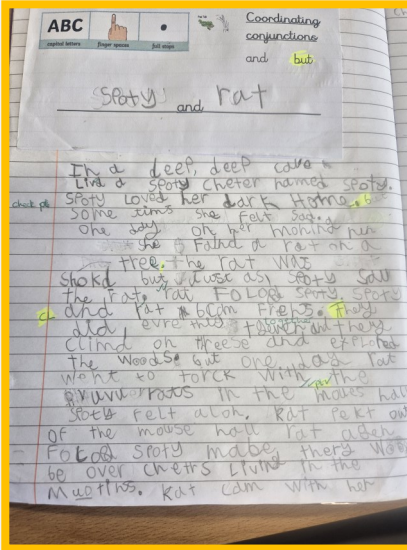
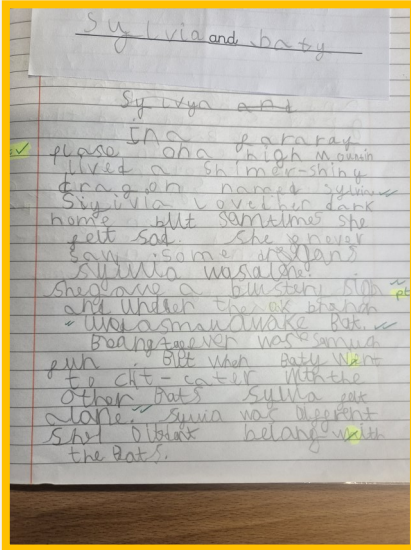


Today we were treated to two great performances from our Year 4 musicians. You played with rhythm and clarity and so much musical bravery. Congratulations on your performances.

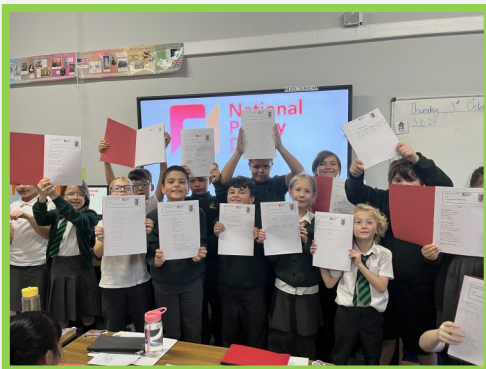


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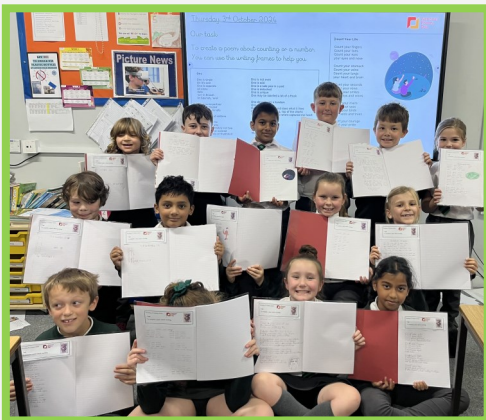
The year 2 team are so proud of the year two writers this week. All children have completed their friendship stories, which we have all enjoyed reading and listening to! Children have worked hard on their personal targets and have used conjunctions to write compound sentences. We are also so pleased to see many children applying their learnt joins to their independent writing too. Keep up the great learning year 2.



love to learn



The Year 4 children had great fun celebrating National Poetry Day and writing their own poems on the theme of counting. We were so impressed by the inspiring poetry the children composed!



The

Two is double
It always has a friend
Two is a twin trouble
Has a duo
Duo in Polish
Deux in French

Two is a bestie
Two has a pair
Two loves a sofa
But doesn't split a chair
Two is a good friend

Two is a unit
Twins are the same
Two is definitely not one
Two is not isolated
Possibly happy or envious

Two next Two is for
2+2=4
Two stands proud as a number
Also is half of a heart

Count your stuff

Count your books
Count your pencils
Count your pens and
your felt tips.

Count your plates
Count your flavors
Count your vegetables and
your fruits.

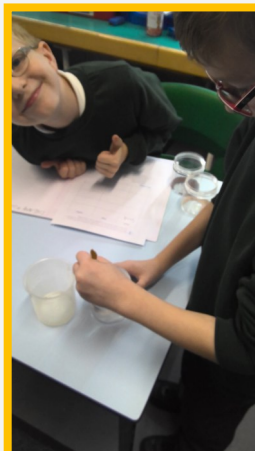
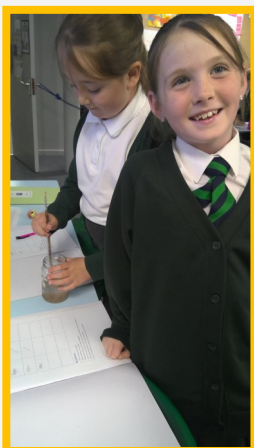
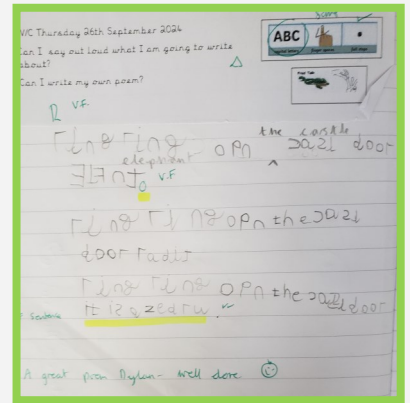
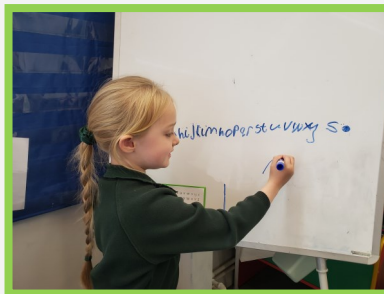
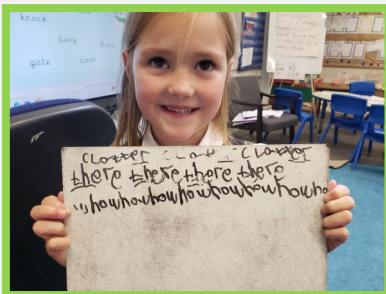
Count your footballs
Count your basketballs
Count your tennis balls and
your golf balls.

Count your football nets
Count your basketball hoops
Count your tennis ball rackets and
your golf clubs.

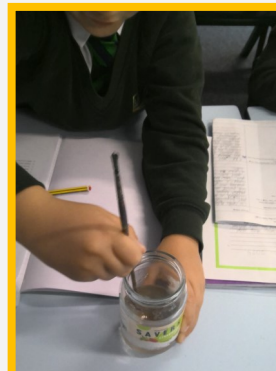
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The children in Year 1 have been continuing to settle in really well to their new learning environment. As well as working with adults, they are really enjoying their independent learning and accessing all the exciting learning around the classroom and garden. We have been so busy learning, including reading, writing and matching capital letters with lower case letters. We have also just finished our writing unit, having read, 'Knock, Knock, Open the Door,' and invented our own poems based on this text. Well done to everyone for all your fantastic learning.



On Tuesday, the children in Orca completed a scientific investigation which focused on exploring which solids are soluble in a water solution. During our experiment, we explored whether sugar, sand, coffee and tea dissolve. Did you know to be classed as dissolvable it must dissolve in cold water?

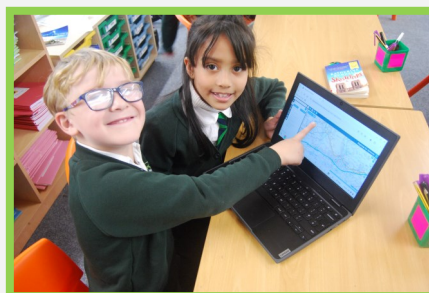


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This week, Year 6 had a wonderful trip to Dawlish Warren as part of their geography learning all about coasts and had a lot of fun exploring the local area. The children loved observing the features on Red Rock beach and identifying the arch, caves and stumps in the surrounding area. As well as this, the children had great fun testing out handmade sea defenses to see whose sandcastle would survive in a storm! To top off a wonderful day, the children enjoyed a delicious ice cream before the bus journey home; a great day all round!



DIGIMAPS ADVENTURES: We've been using Digimaps to embark on exciting journeys into the world of geography. From analysing human features like roads and churches to exploring physical features like rivers and woods, our students have been digging deep to understand our world better.



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We are Readers



National Poetry Day

Throughout school, we celebrated National Poetry Day, on Thursday, the biggest mass celebration of poetry in the UK. It was wonderful to see children enjoying a selection of poems and composing their own poems on this year's theme of counting.

If you would like some recommendations on poems to share with children, then there are some fantastic recommendations here: [Best children's books - Primary Poetry \(booksfortopics.com\)](https://www.booksfortopics.com)

There are also some great, free poems by Joshua Seigal on his website: [Joshua Seigal | Poems](https://www.joshuaseigal.com/poems)

Lastly, many children enjoyed watching a recording of Michael Rosen's Big 50 Year Show, performed at the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich earlier this year. Michael brilliantly performs some all-time favourite poems including *Hot Food*, *No Breathing* and *Chocolate Cake!* It is a fantastic watch!

[Celebrate the joy of poetry with Michael Rosen's Big 50 Year Show!](https://www.michaelrosen.com/show)

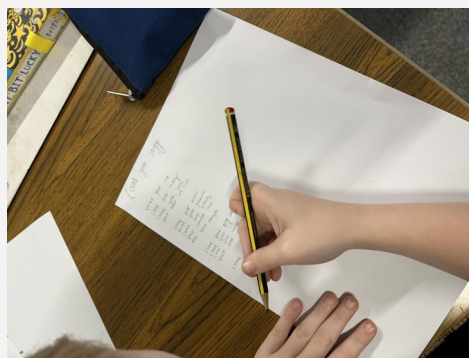
How books can help with worries about school

Children's author, Serena Patel, shares the way that books can offer comfort during times of change and stress in this article for Book Trust, alongside some recommended reads. [How books can help with worries about school | BookTrust](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-books-can-help-with-worries-about-school)

Boom Reader

Thank you again for your engagement with our new online reading record, Boom Reader. It has been a pleasure to celebrate children's great reading at home with their peers and read through pupil and parent reviews of books read. If you are yet to download the app, please ask your class teacher for a copy of your child's login details.

Happy reading.



News & Events

Bobtails Fundraising events Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd October from 3pm in Bobtails Parents Shelter.



Second handbook sale from 20p

Second-hand fancy dress sale

Halloween-superheroes masks and lots more



The main event the Teddy tombola 50p

Guaranteed win (A Teddy or sweet.)



Well done to all the families who attended the Bikebus today-during Cycle to School week! Keep up the good work with the cycling and scooting skills!

The next Bikebus is 18th October, 8.25am at Trefusis Park- with optional spooky fancy dress bikes/scooters! (weather dependent!)



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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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Pumpkin Art Competition!

Get your arty skills on show- draw or paint us a picture of a pumpkin (A4 paper or smaller)!

Bring your picture to reception and put it in the pumpkin box!

FREE Entry! Running 1st-18th October.

One entry will win an arty treat from the PTFA!
Please put your name & age on the picture!



Pumpkin box in reception 1st-18th October.



PARENT WORKSHOP

ONLINE SAFETY AND WELLBEING

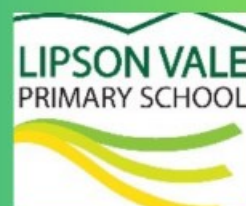
WHEN: MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER @ 3:30 - 4:30PM

WHERE: RAYS CLASS - YEAR 6

Come along to our parent drop in to learn more about how you can support your child to stay safe online.

Bring along your devices so staff can support you in setting time restrictions on social media apps, as well as signposting you to resources that can support you and your child's online wellbeing.

We'd love to see you there!



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.



Children and Young People's Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A casual meet up for parents and carers of neurodivergent children (no diagnosis required). Come along and meet our Community Support Workers and have a cuppa and a chat. No need to book, just turn up - and your little ones are more than welcome!



Coffee & Connect

Mondays, 9-10.30am Rees Centre Wellbeing Hub, Plympton PL7 2PS	Weds, 9.15-10.45am DELL Emerging Family Hub, High View School, Efford PL3 6JQ	Weds, 1-2.30pm Manor Street Children's Centre, Stonehouse, PL1 1TL	Thursdays, 1-2.30pm Four Woods Family Hub, Whittleigh PL5 2LN
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For further information please contact our advice line
Monday to Friday from 09.00-11.00 or 14.00-16.00

Tel: 01752 435404

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

Collective Worship

We have been continuing our focus on our value of **bravery**. We have considered what it means to be brave and how bravery is represented in images. In many images we see bravery being represented as superhuman powers. This got us thinking about how we show bravery on a daily basis in the every day acts that we do.

This week we had an introduction to Poetry week by exploring some poems on the theme of counting.

How do you show bravery everyday?

Dates for your diaries:

7.10.2024	Year 3 'The Hoe' trip
9.10.2024	Year 4 'The Box' trip
9.10.2024	KS1 RWInc drop in 3.20pm
10.10.2024	Year 1 & 2 Reading event 3pm
14.10.2024	Online Safety Workshop 3.20pm
18.10.2024	PTFA Spooky Muffi
21.10.2024	Whole School Sport - Handball
Wb 21.10.2024	Parents Evenings
23.10.2024	Harvest Festival
24.10.2024	Year 1 & 2 Reading event 3pm
Wb 28.10.2024	Half term
4.11.2024	Non Pupil Day
20.11.2024	Year 5 NMA Trip
22.11.2024	PTFA Christmas Fair and Light Switch on
25.11.2024	Flu Vaccinations
16.12.2024	Whole School Sport - Football
17.12.2024	Carol Service
20.12.2024	Christmas Lunch
20.12.2024	PTFA Festive Muffi & Parties
23.12.2024	Start of Christmas break
6.1.2025	Non Pupil Day



School Meals



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