

Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

IT'S CHRISTMAS! We have had a wonderful couple of weeks filled with Christmas events. Our younger pupils have entertained us all with their excellent nativity performances and our choir and orchestra put on a wonderful carol service at Emmanuel Church. I feel privileged to have been part of these events and experienced how confidently our pupils performed and spread the Christmas cheer throughout the school community. I feel sure that our audiences also left filled with the Christmas spirit.



Staffing News

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Smith today. She has been part of the Lipson Vale community for many many years and has been influential in giving our youngest learners the very best start to their education. Miss Smith will be missed by the whole community and we wish her all the best as she embarks on a well earned rest.

Just after the Christmas break, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Farmer. Our amazing Parent Support Advisor is moving to work within the Local Authority support pre-school children get the support they need and have the very best start in life. Mrs Farmer has played a huge part in school life and has been a great support to our families. I know that you will join me in wishing her all the best (when the time comes).

PTFA

A shout out to our amazing PTFA who have worked so hard over the last few months to put on some fabulous events for us in the build up Christmas. Not only did they raise over £1000 during our Christmas fair but they also granted Christmas wishes for children across the school and organised some excellent raffle prizes. Thank you from everyone at Lipson Vale Primary School for bringing the community together. We are looking forward to the events to come in the new year.

Foundation outside space

There have been some very exciting building works going on over the last few weeks as we have a brand new foundation outside space installed. This space should be completed and ready to use when pupils return in the new year. I look forward to sharing photos of the completed project with you all.

A reminder that the 6th January is a non-pupil day. All pupils will be welcomed back to school on 7th January.

I wish all of our families a wonderfully enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2025 on 7th January.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

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

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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	83.6
Coral	91.5
Seahorses	95.7
Oysters	94.7
Mussels	98.1
Starfish	92.5

Key Stage 2

Turtles	91.0
Sunfish	90.0
Otters	92.7
Dolphins	91.9
Anglerfish	94.4
Orca	93.3
Angel Shark	89.7
Rays	90.7

The highest class attendance last week

Mussels in FS/KS1

Anglerfish in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



On Time Octopus
winning class:

Seahorses

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:

Orca



Celebration Breakfast

Anglerfish and **Seahorses** are invited to our termly celebration breakfast on 10th January at 8.30am. This celebration breakfast is in recognition of their great attendance last term. See you all there!



Celebrate

are musicians

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Our rehearsal at the church prepared us well for the delivery of the carol service later in the evening. Our musicians were delighted to apply their musical skills in a new setting. They performed their three Christmas songs with rhythm and a definite awareness of all the musicians.

We enjoyed some smaller group performances from the guitars and a duet performed on a clarinet and cornet.

During the service, Darcy from Year 6 was awarded the John Knight performance cup for her musical achievement and musical effort.

She is a key musician in the musical department at Lipson Vale.

Our musical assistants at Lipson support all the music lessons at school in collecting instruments and making sure the lessons are ready for delivery. All the teachers really appreciate your commitment and focus in this crucial role. Thank you. Today's task is to set aside all the orchestra Christmas songs and put them back into the folder for another year.



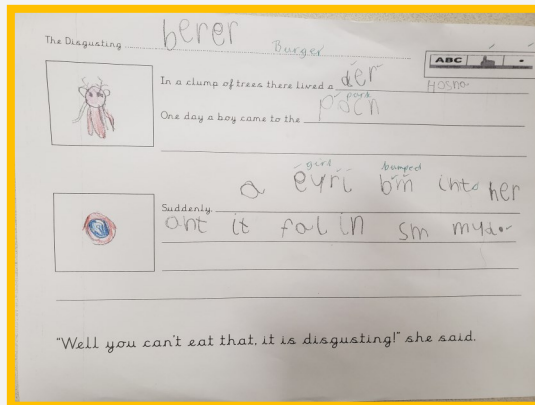
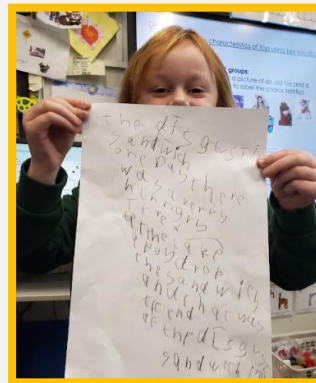
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What a busy few weeks we have had in Year 1! The children were fantastic in their nativity play and they all took part beautifully, singing their hearts out and speaking with confidence.

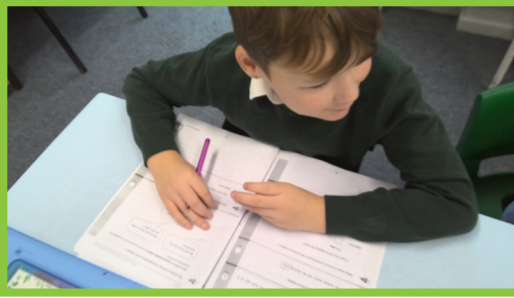
We have continued to be busy in the classroom making good progress with our shape work, reading and writing our disgusting sandwich stories. The children completed their unit of work having learnt the text 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. They then planned their own story based on their own disgusting sandwich ideas: some were quite disgusting! We have also had lots of fun during our continuous provision and enjoyed many Christmas activities. We hope your Christmas cards will be a surprise! Merry Christmas from us all in Year 1.



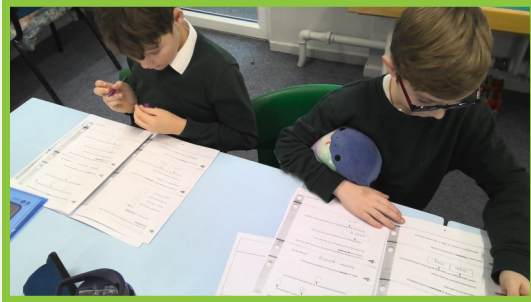
Year 3 have been busy finalising their DT project for this term. Keep an eye in their bags for a special MOVING Christmas card which have been designed and made by them with love, perseverance and team work! Merry Christmas from all of the Year 3 Team, we hope you all have a wonderful break!

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This week, the children in Orca have used their grammar knowledge to mark a paper completed by Miss Cusack. The children worked in groups to effectively collaborate and discuss any answers they were unsure of.



Year 2 have been researching, investigating and then designing and making their own moving vehicles this week.

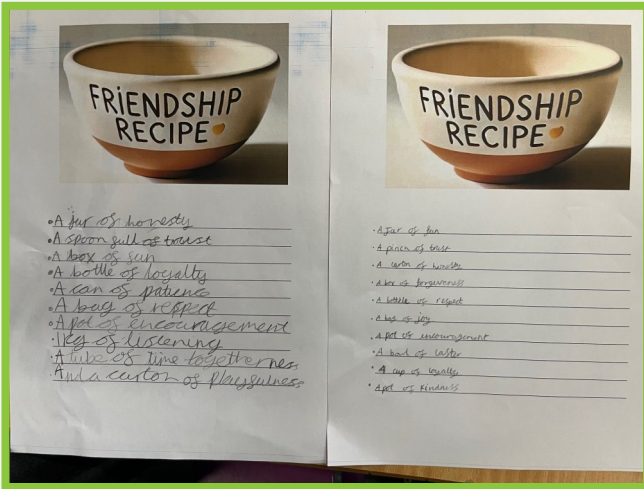
Their design brief was to design a moving vehicle that can carry water. The children thought about the water carts from 1666 and made improvements to these designs to enable the fire to be put out quickly.

The children are really proud of their achievements and can't wait to share them with you at home.

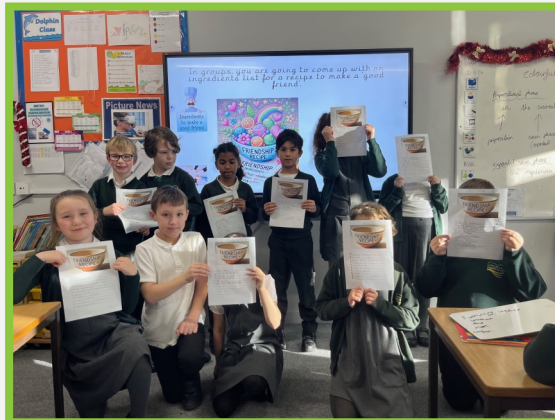
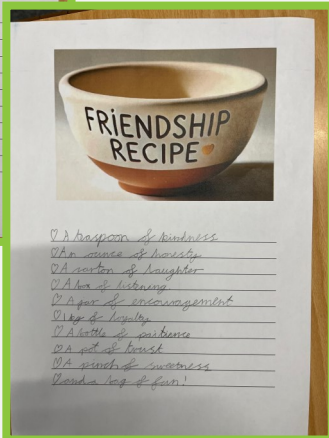
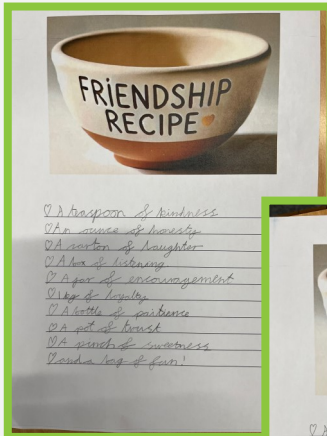
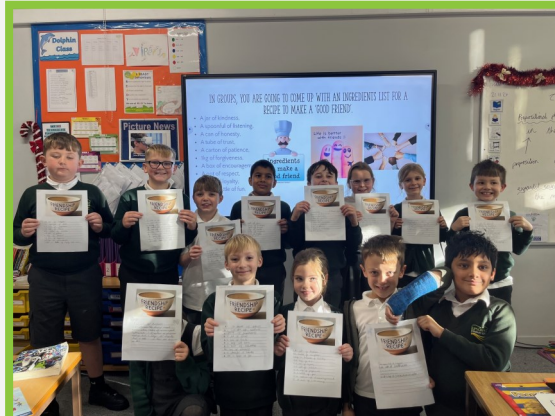


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As part of our RSHE learning sequence on relationships, the Year 4 children have explored what makes a good friend. They thoroughly enjoyed creating a "recipe for friendship," and we were delighted by the thoughtful and creative ingredients they suggested.



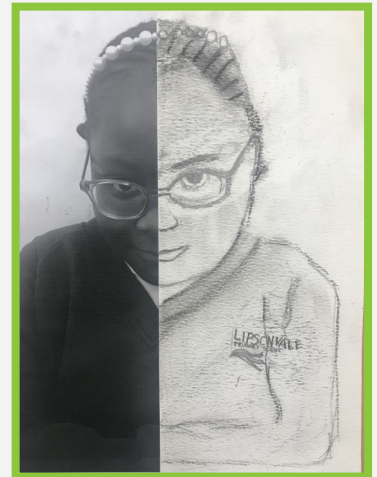
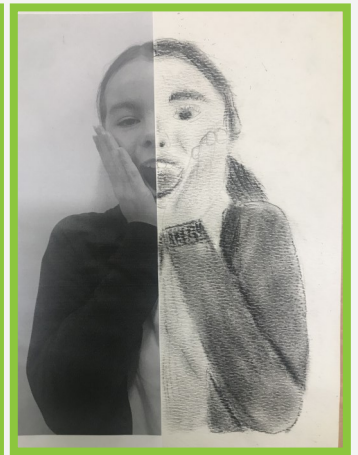
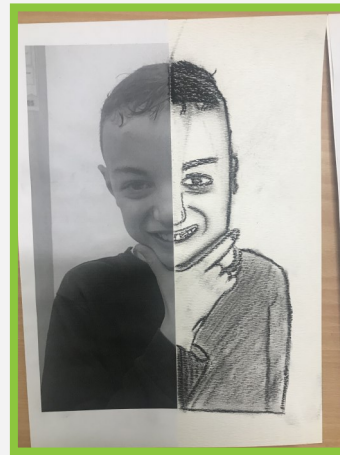
On Wednesday, we had a special visit from Argyle and Pilgrim Pete in our assembly. They were promoting their Mission 35 charity work (who we raised money for). There was a dance off between pupils and Pilgrim Pete and Miss Cusack also had a chance to show off her dancing skills.



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This week, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard to create their final piece inspired by the portrait work of Kathe Kollwitz. The children combined all of the individual elements they have been exploring over the last few weeks (working with charcoal, drawing facial features and creating expression through drawing) to produce some truly wonderful self-portraits. It's safe to say, there are definitely some budding artists within the year group. Well done!



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Readers of the term

This week in celebration assembly, we recognised our 'Readers of the term'. Each pupil awarded received a special certificate which highlight their reading efforts this term and they got to choose a brand new book from our vending machine and book collection. Excellent reading everyone!

Happy reading.



Drop & Shop Day!

HIGH

Saturday, 21 December
10am-4pm
At Plymouth College

Give yourself a whole extra day to go shopping, get the wrapping done, or just chill out, and let us take care of your little ones.

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News & Events



2025

High 5

New Year Camps!

Thursday, 2 January & Friday, 3 January 2025

Widey Court Primary & Plymouth College

First Touch Football Camp also at Plymouth College

Back to work on the 2nd and need high quality childcare? Trust the award-winning High 5 for two action-packed days of activities, games and epic inflatable fun!

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Friends!

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Neurodiversity Fun Day

Reserve your tickets at Eventbrite - Neurodiversity Fun Day- Plymouth

HAMOAZE HOUSE GEORGE STREET MOUNTWISE
PLYMOUTH PL1 4JQ

Friday
3
January 12-3pm

EMAZDAD RAFFLE QUIZ
BASKETBALL PRINCESSES

Sponsored by Livewell Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team



China Fleet Country Club

High 5

£15
CHILDREN
ADULTS FREE

Elves' Christmas Workshop

FROM SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024 ONWARDS
CHINA FLEET • THE CABIN • SALTASH
OPEN SUNDAYS + TWILIGHT SESSIONS
SCAN THE QR CODE OR CHECK ONLINE FOR AVAILABILITY

Elves' Christmas Workshop includes...

- DESIGN & MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS BAUBLE
- MAKE MAGICAL REINDEER FOOD
- PREPARE A NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS HOT CHOCOLATE
- WRITE CHRISTMAS LIST & POST IN OUR SANTA EXPRESS MAILBOX

Approximate event time 60-75 minutes

HOSTED BY OUR HIGH 5 ELVES FOR EVEN MORE FUN!

AGES 4-11

PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED @

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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

Last week, we considered what we mean by the word 'right' and how we all have rights. We looked at some of the rights of a child as part of the UN convention of rights. We thought carefully about what this means in our everyday life.

This week we had a special assembly held by Argyle. They came into school (with a special visitor) to tell us about the work of their charity 'Mission 35' and the work that they do across the city to support children who are in poverty. As a school, we raised money which was donated to the charity.

How will you ensure you ensure your rights and the rights of others everyday?

Dates for your diaries:

20.12.2024	Christmas Lunch
20.12.2024	PTFA Festive Mufti & Parties
23.12.2024	Start of Christmas break
6.1.2025	Non Pupil Day
7.1.2025	First Day of term
16.1.2025	Year 3 The Box trip
29.1.2025	Year 4 Victorian Day
24.2.2025	Year 4 Swimming starts



School Meals



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FEEDING AMBITIONS

A vertical banner for 'School Meals'. It features the text 'School Meals' in a green, stylized font. Below this is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN ME'. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'CATERed' with the tagline 'FEEDING AMBITIONS' and an illustration of a chef and a child.

School Money



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