



Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Welcome back after, what I hope was, a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. Talking to some families and staff, it would seem that lots of us have been poorly with this rather nasty cold that has been going around. If this was you, I do hope that you are now feeling much better.

Safer Journeys to School

We have partnered with the local authority to run the 'Safer Journeys to Schools' programme which will begin on 10th March. This is a 4 week programme which looks to improve the conditions outside of the school at the beginning and end of the day. I will be sending more information out about this shortly.

My Child at School

As I previously mentioned, we are very excited to be moving to a new application for school communications. This will be a 'one-stop shop' for everything that we need in order to receive information from school, order dinners, make online payments, booking parents' evenings and booking your child onto clubs. What we really like about this new application is that information can be shared with both parents and will come to you through a downloadable APP (MCAS). This means that all the information you need will be found in one place. Equally, this application allows you to update your information (e.g. phone number or address) and get 'real time' information about your child's attendance and assessment.

We have put together a clear roll out programme for the introduction of this application which will start soon. As part of this, we will be gradually moving onto this new application (MCAS) from 'Teachers2Parents' and 'School Money' and will keep you updated about this progress, including key dates.

World Book Day

Excitement is building for World Book Day next Thursday 3rd March. This is always an event in school that is enjoyed by all. Everyone is invited to take part in this day and you will have received a letter from Mrs Low about the arrangements for this and a copy of this letter can be found on our website here: [Letters | LVPS](#). As well as dressing up on the day, families are invited to attend a World Book Day breakfast in the main school hall from 8.30am where you can grab a light bite to eat and enjoy a book together. What a great way to start the day that is! Throughout the day, pupils will be engaging in a toilet roll book character competition for a chance to win a book voucher, as well as other exciting reading related activities going on.

We messaged out yesterday about a small number of costumes that we have in school that can be loaned from school for World Book Day. You will have received a message if we have some in sizes appropriate for the age of your child. Please speak to the office if you would like more information about these.

Don't forget that you can still buy Wonky Bars from the School Shop on School Money as part of our World Book Day celebrations (provided by our wonderful PTFA).

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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

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Congratulations



Harris Cup
James



Reading Cup
Jenu



'H' Cup
Mia

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



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	96.9
Coral	95.6
Seahorses	97.3
Oysters	96.0
Mussels	96.2
Starfish	93.2

Key Stage 2

Turtles	96.6
Sunfish	91.6
Otters	95.0
Dolphins	98.6
Anglerfish	98.1
Orca	93.7
Angel Shark	96.4
Rays	97.0

The **highest class attendance** last week

Seahorses in FS/KS1

Dolphins in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



On Time Octopus
winning class:

Seahorses

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:

Angel Sharks



celebrate

News & Events

Should we be allowed to travel anywhere we like?



Things to talk about at home...

- Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like to reach the summit?
- Can you recall some of the places you have visited as a tourist? These could be close to where you live, or further away. Talk to someone at home - where have you visited?
- What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

EASY ECO TIPS



Thanks to our wonderful Eco Club leaders and Year 1 for your brilliant efforts in keeping our school grounds clean.



Thank you to Lola and Isla for their excellent eco news this week.



THE ECO WARRIORS



As the leaders of The Eco Club this year, we have noticed a drastic change in the amount of litter being dropped on the KS1 playground. Me and the eco team have been trying to clear some of the rubbish with the help of amazing Year 1s. They have been so helpful with clearing it with us. With helping us, the Year 1s have had a lot of fun whilst playing games with it! Please help us with this. Thank you. The Eco Team.



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are musicians

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This week our Year 3 flautists, performed bravely in the music assembly. We were impressed with your rhythm and bravery. A challenge has been set to play again at the end of term with a louder tone. Great performing.



Today in our music assembly we practiced a song all about kindness as that has been a theme for this week. We will be singing in our whole school assembly on Friday. Our assembly was smaller in numbers today, but you all made a great musical sound.

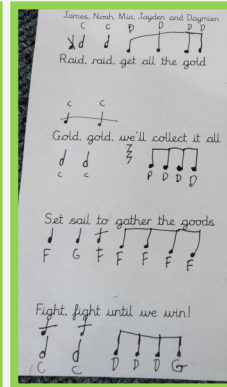
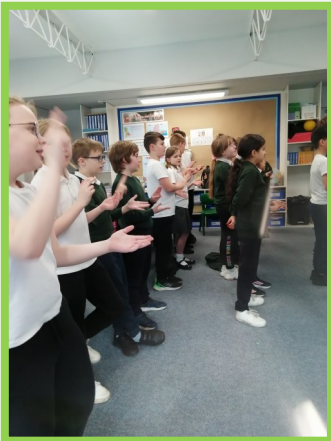
Today was the first lesson of music for Year 3. They were excited to get on board the music bus and have their first rhythm and beat lesson. The children successfully used notation to play through a selection of rhythm patterns. They also had some success in performing a rhythm against a different rhythm.



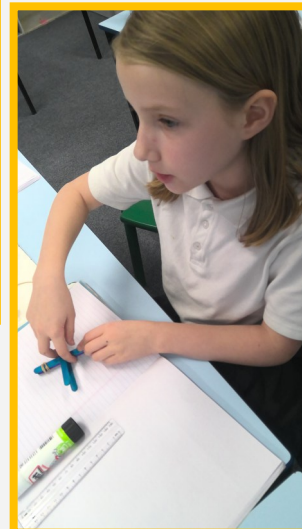
Our orchestra were delighted to meet today today to make music after the half term's break. They played through a range of pieces and enjoyed a improving our newest most challenging piece.

Together we

This week, the children from Year 5 performed their Viking songs which they have been working on in their musical study, 'We are composers'. We were so impressed with their focus, their musical participation and their compositions skills in making up rhythms and melodies. They enjoyed selecting their favourite Viking warm up song to sing for the last time.



This week in science, children in Year 5 have been experimenting with levers and pulleys. In class, they have made their own catapult using levers. The children used their understanding of how levers help us to use a small amount of force can result in a larger force.



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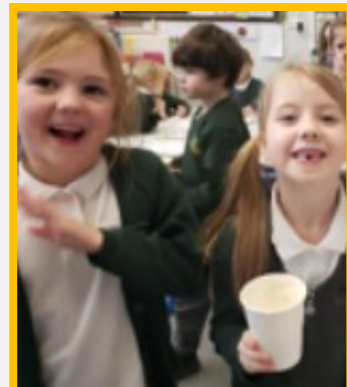
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Year 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons at the Life Centre this week! We are so impressed by the maturity, bravery and resilience they have shown as well as the great progress they have made.



The children in Year 1 had a fabulous time making healthy smoothies. They planned their smoothie from a choice of 2 different recipes. First we chopped the fruit, then added the yoghurt and milk and watched the adult turn on the blender. We then evaluated our work and all felt that the smoothies were delicious! You could make them again with different ingredients, but they were very good as they were and they didn't even need any sugar!



Together we

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to their new art unit! This half term we will be looking at 3D art and by the Easter break we will have created our own dragon eyes!

This week we looked at and practised some techniques we'll be using including, pulling and rolling, pinching and smoothing. The children loved exploring these techniques and had a real buzz around what our final pieces will be.



More from year 1

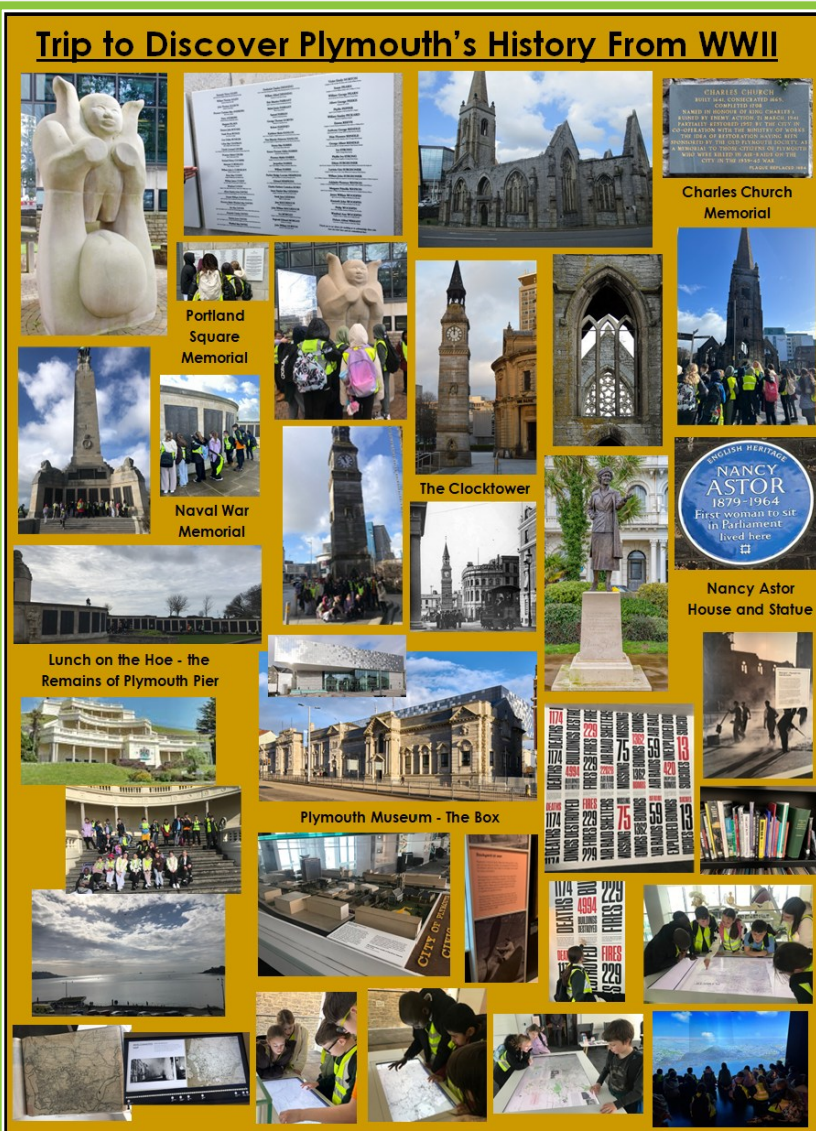


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This week, Year 6 had a great day out and about in Plymouth consolidating their history learning from their World War Two topic this half term. The children spent time in The Box where they looked at the bomb map of Plymouth which showed where and just how many bombs were dropped on the city during the Plymouth Blitz. As well as this, they were able to see the impact the war had on the city as a whole and just how far it has come in being rebuilt over the years. From The Box, we explored different areas of the city which were impacted and left behind during the war including: Charles Cross Church, Portland Square Memorial, the clock tower near the Theatre Royal and the war memorial on Plymouth Hoe. Everyone had a great day, walked many many steps and learnt a lot!



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We are Readers

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next Thursday and would love for you to join us! This year's theme is 'Read Your Way', encouraging children to embrace reading in a way that feels comfortable and fun for them. To celebrate, children are invited to come to school in their cosy 'bedtime stories' attire—pyjamas, dressing gowns, or onesies—or dress as their favourite book character.



Ways to get involved:

Join us for our Whole School World Book Day Breakfast - 8.30am in the hall —a lovely opportunity to share a story together while enjoying breakfast treats. Please bring a book to read with your child or you can borrow one during the mornin

Donate a toilet roll! Please send your child to school with a toilet roll to decorate - we have started to collect these in our classes.

Enjoy a free World Book Day book - every child will be given a free £1 book token which can be exchanged for an exclusive, free £1 World Book Day book OR used to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller, Asda, Sainsburys or Tesco, as well as information about the World Book Day books available at [Participating retailers - World Book Day](#)

Browse our Community Library Exchange in our reception before and/or after school. Feel free to take a book that has been kindly donated or leave one for others to enjoy.

Visit the World Book Day Family Hub for more things to do at home. [Families - World Book Day](#)

BoomReader

Thank you for your continued support in logging your child's reading at home on BoomReader. It's fantastic to celebrate and encourage the reading our pupils enjoy beyond the classroom.

If you need any assistance with BoomReader or would like reading recommendations, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher—we're always happy to help!

Reading around school

It has been wonderful to see the great reading taking place around school. We have included some photos of Year 3 children absorbed in their books, this week. Well done Year 3!

Happy reading.



News & Events



93 New George St, PL1 1RQ
Fridays 10am-1pm
when Uniform Store is open

WHO WE ARE

Plymouth Hygiene Hub is a new joint social action project between: Transforming Plymouth Together, Peninsular Dental Social Enterprise and a number of local churches.

WHAT WE DO

We provide low cost hygiene products and basic dental health advice to families in need.

No referral is required.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Parents and carers can sign up for an annual membership of £1.50. New members get a free dental kit with toothpaste and toothbrushes. After that, members can return every 6-8 weeks, and receive further supplies for a modest contribution.

Looking ahead, we hope to introduce more low cost hygiene products, but for now we are focussing on dental health.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

[PlymHygieneHub](#) [plymhygienehub](#)

or Email: John@transformingplymouthtogether.org.uk

Our Hygiene Hub Steering Group want to thank the board of Transforming Plymouth Together for the generous financial contribution that has enabled us to secure a space for the hub at 93 New George Street.



We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24 March-4 April.

- ✔ Be active and feel **more energised**
- ✔ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✔ Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk



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

This week, Mrs Stephens led Collective Worship on the theme of kindness. She started by linking kindness to the British Value of 'mutual respect' and continued to explore what it means to be kind and how we can be kind to each other.

Collective worship ended with each pupil across the school getting a 'random act of kindness' challenge to complete.

How can you spread kindness through random acts?

Dates for your diaries:

6.3.2025	World Book Day PTFA Wonky Bars
18.3.2025	Cricket Engagement day
19.3.2025	Year 4 Morwelham Quay trip
20.3.2025	Dr Bike in school
Wb 24.3.2025	Big Walk and Wheel
31.3.2025	Tennis/Pickleball Whole School
3.4.2025	Year 5 Viking Day
4.4.2025	PTFA Spring Muffi PTFA Spring Fair
7 - 18.4.2025	Easter Break
22.4.2025	Pupils return after break
22 - 25.4.2025	Year 5 Residential
24.4.2025	Foundation - Adrian Chapman Year 5 Sailing
5.5.2025	Bank Holiday
12.5.2025	KS2 SATs
21.5.2025	KS1 Sports Day
22.5.2025	KS2 Sports Day
Wb 16.6.2025	Year 6 Residential



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