



Notes from the Vale

Friday 18th October 2024

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

We are now racing towards half term. What a busy term it has been! It was wonderful to support our PTFA today by taking part in their 'spooktacular muffi' event. School was a little terrifying today! I also hope that you will pick up some sweet treats at the end of the day from the PTFA stall. The final week of this half term promises to be incredibly busy too so please take note of the dates on the final page of this newsletter so that you don't miss out.

Whole School Handball Event

On Monday 21st October, we are hosting a whole school handball event. All pupils will be invited to take part in this so will need to come to school in their PE kits. I have arranged for a text reminder to be sent out to families for this. We always love these whole school sporting events and send thanks to Mr Peacock and Argyle Community Trust for organising them.

Centrepoint Muffi Day

Next Friday (25th October), we will be holding a muffi day in aid of the charity 'Centrepoint'. 2 of our wonderful Year 6 pupils (Lola and Isla) have arranged this event in aid of this charity. I am always keen to support pupils in their charitable acts and thank them for modelling thinking of others to us all. Lola and Isla have asked for pupils to make a donation on this day for wearing their own clothes. All the money raised will be given to Centrepoint so that they can continue their work for young people in preventing homelessness. More information about the charity can be found here: [Centrepoint | Home](#)

Donations will be made via School Money.

Harvest festival

We are celebrating harvest in school on 23rd October. Following my letter last week, we are accepting donations in school to support this celebration. Please send in your donations before 23rd October so that we are able to include these in our celebrations and prepare them for donation to St Paul's Church.

Tempest Individual Photos

On Thursday 24th October we are being visited by Tempest Photography to take individual photos of all pupils. We will open up early on this day so that we can take photos of sibling groups (for families with children who do not attend our school). Siblings who all attend will have their group photo taken during the morning. More information about this will be sent out to families on Monday.

Parents' Evening

On Tuesday and Thursday next week, we will be hosting our first parents' evenings for this academic year. 80% of families have already booked their appointments (which is brilliant!). If you haven't booked yours yet, please do so following the link within your email. If you are having problems, get in contact with the school office and we will be able to help you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Together we

celebrate



Things to talk about at home...

- Do you believe Amazon's decision is fair? Talk to someone at home, do they agree?
- Do you think you might prefer working from home, or from a workplace with others? Why?

Attendance

We know that regular and punctual attendance



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	79.8
Coral	88.2
Seahorses	94.3
Oysters	91.3
Mussels	90.4
Starfish	90.4

Key Stage 2

Turtles	95.7
Sunfish	96.3
Otters	97.0
Dolphins	98.3
Anglerfish	96.7
Orca	98.1
Angel Shark	91.7
Rays	95.7

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:

Otters



are musicians

Together we



Our orchestra had a great last practice before their first performance at our Harvest Festival which is scheduled for Wednesday. We sorted out our performance positions and thought about our balance of sound. This is the largest our school orchestra has been in its 18 years. We had a lot of musicians to fit in.

Year 5 have had a great week making minor and major chords to accompany their new round. Our students had to listen carefully when they needed to change the chord.



Our intermediate recorder group worked on our new piece, the Rumba, ready for orchestra this week. There are some tricky rhythms which they have all enjoyed playing.

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Our Year 3 flautists have made a great start in their instrumental lessons. Both students first learnt the recorder which is a great stepping stone to learn the flute.



The guitar is a popular choice for many of our music students. Many have played in assembly and have joined our orchestra to enable them to apply their skills.



Luna gave a fantastic performance in our music assembly this week. She played with confidence and rhythm.

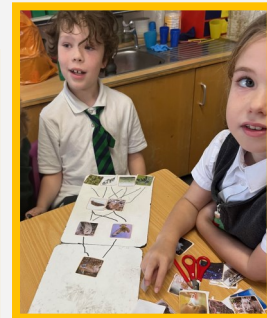
This week, year 5 musicians performed a Halloween piece called 'Witches' Cauldron' in our musical assembly. They had arranged, rehearsed and organised their own performance with a dramatic twist at end.



Together we

love to learn

This week, Year 4 learned about food chains and food webs and considered the impact of a species disappearing from them. We discussed the roles of producers and consumers and whether they were predators or prey and herbivores, omnivores or carnivores. During the lesson, we worked in groups creating our own food chains and food webs.



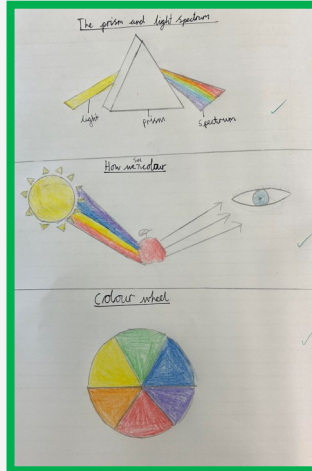
Year One has thoroughly enjoyed their geography unit, "Where We Live Within Our Local Community." As part of this exploration, we've delved into the seasons and weather changes in the United Kingdom. Recently, we embarked on an "Autumn Walk" around the school grounds to witness the transformations happening in our environment. Using our senses, we immersed ourselves in the beauty of the season. We listened to the crunch of leaves, looked at the sycamore trees and observed the seeds falling from their branches as well as smelling the sweet lemon mint in the playground. We are super proud of all the children and how well they have adjusted into Year One life!



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Together we

Over the last two weeks, Year 6 have been investigating how we see colour and the light spectrum. We have had a lot of fun using prisms to recreate Isaac Newton's experiment to prove that light is made up of the seven colours of the rainbow, as well as making and using motors to spin colour wheels at a high speed to show how all of the colours of light merge together to make the white light that we see. As well as this, we have been using our scientific vocabulary to explain our observations and justify our opinions.



Wednesday 16th October 2014
Can I describe how we see different colours using scientific terminology?

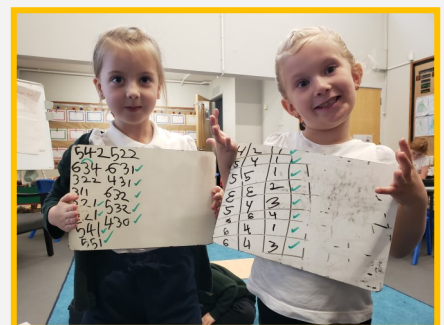
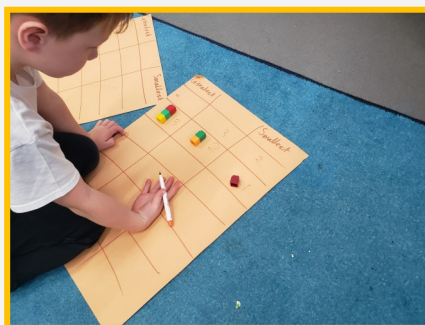
The prism and light spectrum
Isaac Newton (who was a scientist) in 1666 discovered that white light is actually made up of the seven colours of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, indigo, blue and violet). He proved this by shining a light through a prism. When he did this, a spectrum was created. The light was split and created a rainbow. This is called dispersion.

How we see colour
Colour is created when the sun or another light source shines a ray of white light onto an object. The object will then absorb the colours (other than the colour the object is). Then, the colour of the object will reflect light into our eyes. If an object is white, it reflects all the colours, whereas if an object is black, it absorbs all of the colours.

Colour wheel
If you get all seven colours of the spectrum spinning fast enough, you may be able to merge all of them together to create the colour white. This goes some way to proving that white light is made up of the seven colours of the rainbow.



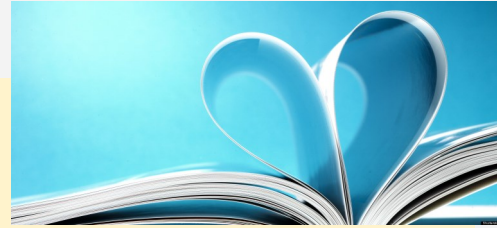
In maths, Year 1 have been ordering numbers and enjoying working independently to record this.



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We are Readers



New School Librarians

This week, we conducted interviews for the position of school librarian and were thrilled by the overwhelming number of applications and the enthusiasm shown by our pupils. Those shortlisted for interviews impressed us with their passion for reading and their desire to inspire a love of books in others.

After a highly competitive selection process, we are pleased to announce that 15 students from Years 4 to 6 have been chosen as our new school librarians. Their training will begin next week with Mrs. Low, Mrs. Forster, and a representative from the School Library Service. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest and demonstrated such enthusiasm for this role!

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

Keep an eye out for more information, which will be shared soon!

[The Findalots Library Challenge: Sparking a love of reading and learning - The Findalots Library Challenge: Sparking a love of reading and learning - Plymouth](#)

Halloween Arts and Crafts Activities at Plymouth Central Library

From Saturday 26th October, there will be a Halloween themed treasure hunt taking place at the Central Library every day during the school holidays plus other fun arts and crafts events. Please see the flyer for additional information.

Happy reading.



News & Events



Lipson Community Larder

Wednesdays Term Time

3.00-4.00pm

Pavilions Building

just inside the entrance on Bernice Terrace

FREE quality nutritious food for ALL

No identification or proof of circumstances required

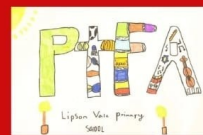


FareShare

South West



FIGHTING HUNGER AND FOOD WASTE BY REDISTRIBUTING GOOD QUALITY IN-DATE SURPLUS
FOOD TO FRONTLINE CHARITIES ACROSS THE UK



Santa is visiting Lipson Vale Primary!

At the Christmas fair

22nd November 3.30pm onwards

GROTTO BOOKING NOW LIVE



- 1x school aged child £5 each
- 2x school aged siblings £8 total
- 3x school aged siblings £10 total
- Children 1-4yrs £3 each
- Under 1s are FREE

**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.



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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Let's Talk Teenagers

What does it mean to be a therapeutic parent

I don't understand my child anymore

Managing my emotions is hard

Noone Understands

I get angry all the time and I don't know why

Join us for 2 sessions to explore top tips and advice to support your child as they venture into the world of becoming a teenager, covering topics such as :

- What does it mean to be a therapeutic parent
- How to manage Emotions
- Anger and Aggression
- Managing Tricky Behaviours
- The Teenage Brian
- Play
- Parental Self Care



Book your place today!



Let's Talk Children

Join us for 2 sessions to explore top tips and advice to support your child as they grow up, covering topics such as:

- What does it mean to be a therapeutic parent
- How to manage Emotions
- Anger and Aggression
- Managing Tricky Behaviours
- Play
- Parental Self Care



Book your place today!



News & Events



October half term climbing taster sessions 26th-31st October.

Join one of our taster sessions.

Day	Age	Start time	Finish time	Price
Saturday	Family session	12.45pm	1.45pm	£9.50
	5+ years	2:00pm	3:00pm	
Sunday	Family session	11:00 am	12:00pm	£9.50
	5+ years	12:15pm	1:15pm	
Monday	Family session	12:15pm	1:15pm	£9.50
	5+ years	1.30pm	2.30pm	
Tuesday	Family session	12:15pm	1:15pm	£9.50
	5+ years	1.30pm	2.30pm	
Wednesday	Family session	10.30 am	11.30am	£9.50
	5+ years	11.45am	12.45pm	
Thursday	Family session	12:15pm	1:15pm	£9.50
	5+ years	1.30pm	2.30pm	



To book:
Pop into the climbing wall
Or
give us a call on
01752 606900 option 3

If you have already tried climbing and want to learn more speak to our climbing team about our Climbing Weekly Classes for kids and our Adult Beginners' Courses.



HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



Central Library

From Saturday 26 October

Halloween themed treasure hunt every day during the school holidays.

Wednesday 30 October, 10am to 2pm

Craft activity - Make miniature witches and wizards on broomsticks!

Thursday 31 October, 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Tall Tales Halloween special including creepy crafts and some wicked guests!



EFFORD FAMILY HUB LAUNCH

Come and have fun whilst finding out about Family Hubs and community initiatives in your area!

Tuesday 29th October
1-3pm

High View Primary School,
Efford, PL3 6JQ

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS WELCOME!

A variety of free activities on offer for the whole family to enjoy!

Collective Worship

Last week we celebrated National Poetry week together. The theme this year was 'counting' and we experienced examples of poetry which included this theme. Pupils were then invited to produce poetry of their own.

This week, we recognised National Recycle Week by reading the story 'Ada's Violin'; an uplifting true story of a recycled orchestra. The theme this year was centered around rescuing recyclable items from landfill.

What could you repurpose instead of throwing away?

Dates for your diaries:

18.10.2024	PTFA Spooky Muffi
21.10.2024	Whole School Sport - Handball
Wb 21.10.2024	Parents Evenings
23.10.2024	Harvest Festival
25.10.2024	Centre Point Muffi
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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School Money



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