

Autumn 2024 - Newsletter 9

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



With just under three weeks to go until Christmas, things are getting exciting at St Peter's!

We are practising hard for our performances and eagerly looking forward to our **Jingle Bell Jog and Christmas Fayre** this Sunday. 🎅🎄

The **Jingle Bell Jog** is a festive event where pupils, staff, and families take part in a fun run around the school grounds, all while spreading Christmas cheer! Children can wear Christmas jumpers, tinsel, or even Santa hats while jogging around the fun course. It's a great way to get active and enjoy the season together.

The event starts at 1:30pm, and the Christmas Fayre will be packed with stalls, games, and goodies for everyone. Please come along to support us and get into the Christmas spirit!

Approx Jingle Bell Jog timings: 2:00 pm: Reception & Year 1; 2:15 pm: Years 2, 3, and 4; 2:45 pm: Years 5 & 6; 3:00 pm: Adults.

Christmas costumes for performances - IMPORTANT!

For the Christmas performance, the children in these classes will need the following (for Wednesday 18th December)

Ash, Oak, Beech and Rowan: Christmas Jumpers and hats/hairpieces

Cherry (Donkeys): Dress in one colour choosing from Black/Brown/White/Grey. We will provide ears!

Willow (Innkeepers): Brown or dark jumpers. Aprons optional

Chestnut : Shepherds or angel costumes

Apple: Angels - white and tinsel. Wings if possible but not essential

Christmas Tree

A big thank you to **Marco's Italian Restaurant** in Budleigh (lovely food – check them out at marcositalianbudleigh.co.uk) and **Greenfingers Garden Centre** in Exmouth for generously donating beautiful Christmas trees for our school hall.

If you're still looking for a Christmas tree, Greenfingers Garden Centre, located on Pound Lane in Exmouth, has a wonderful selection. Why not pop by and support them?

Diabetes Awareness

Did you know St Peter's now has **four children (and five in the last five years)** diagnosed with type one diabetes? Woody in Year 5 is our latest pupil managing this condition.

Type One Diabetes diagnoses are on the rise, especially post-COVID, and we have an unusually high number for one school. Please be aware of the **key signs of diabetes** in children:

- Increased thirst
- Frequent urination (even waking up at night to go to the toilet)
- Extreme tiredness
- Unexplained weight loss
- Blurred vision

If you notice these signs, it's important to speak with your GP. Early diagnosis can make a big difference. Isabelle, our very first diabetic child, shares her story with you all below. Thanks Isabelle!

Morning Drop-Off: Using the Small Green Gate

The small green gate will continue to be used in the morning. Following a safety review, it has been identified as the best entrance as it features a '**rush barrier**' to prevent children from running into the road.

Please say your goodbyes at the gate and pass any messages to the staff stationed there. They will ensure your notes or concerns reach the class teacher.

What If My Child Is Feeling Unwell?

We understand it can be tricky to decide whether to send your child to school if they're feeling under the weather. Here's some guidance:

- **Send them to school** if they have a minor cold, mild cough, or tiredness but are otherwise well enough to participate in lessons.
- **Keep them at home** if they have a fever, vomiting, diarrhoea (must stay off for at least 48 hours after the last bout), or other contagious symptoms.

What to say to your child:

"Let's go to school and let your teacher know how you're feeling. If they think you're too poorly to stay, they'll send you home. Let's give it a try!"

Teachers are experienced in spotting when children are unwell and will always act in their best interests. We hope this helps reassure you and your child!

YAMA

On Wednesday 18th December, the evening session that YAMA run here at St Peter's will be held elsewhere. YAMA will get in touch with those that attend to let you know where to meet.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday for the Jingle Bell Jog and Christmas Fayre. Thank you for your continued support!

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE IN SCHOOL

As part of our commitment to keeping everyone at St Peter's safe, we will soon be practising a lockdown procedure. This is simply a routine drill, similar to a fire drill, and is designed to prepare us for rare situations where staying inside the building is the safest option.

In the past, we've experienced events such as a helicopter landing on the field (which could risk glass breaking) and a swarm of bees. While these are unusual occurrences, it's important that we are ready to respond calmly and safely if needed.

Before the practice, I will speak to the children to explain it in a gentle and reassuring way (using the scenarios above), so they understand it's just part of staying safe at school. There's no need for concern, and we'll make sure the experience is as smooth and calm as possible.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



1 - Thanks to Greenfingers



2 - We now have our defibrillator available for community to use. Thanks to Jay's cabinets for this. It was actually used this week by a member of the community, who is now thankfully ok!



3 - Woody is in hospital at the moment having just been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and look who came to visit the children currently on Bramble Ward...Exeter City FC!! Get well soon Woody.

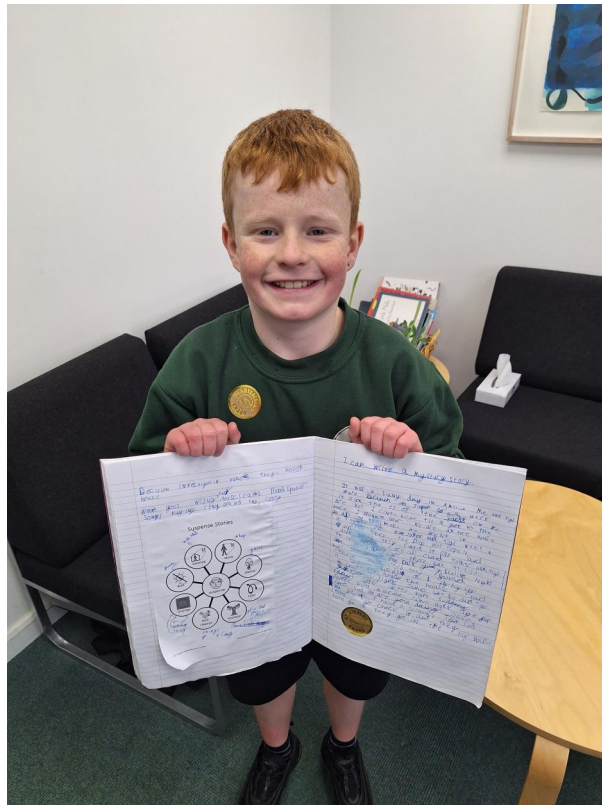
Who's Who? Mrs Bev Page...

Mrs Bev Page loves working in the FSU. The children are a constant inspiration, funny, sincere, she never quite knows where they may lead her next. She played lots of sports at school and she is really keen to share her PE and Sherbourne activities with the children in Nursery. At home she enjoys lots of walking, especially along the beach, with her family and also pottering with wood and plants in the garden, that's when she's not driving up and down the motorway ferrying them around. Mrs Page's favourite children's book is still The

Owl who was afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson. It can be read at many different levels and to all ages. Audiobooks are her go to at the moment, the latest being Capitol Break by David Berens, mostly mystery and suspense titles. Her wish for school would be greater funding to expand covered outdoor areas so to take the inside out and enjoy our amazing environment.



Headteacher Awards...



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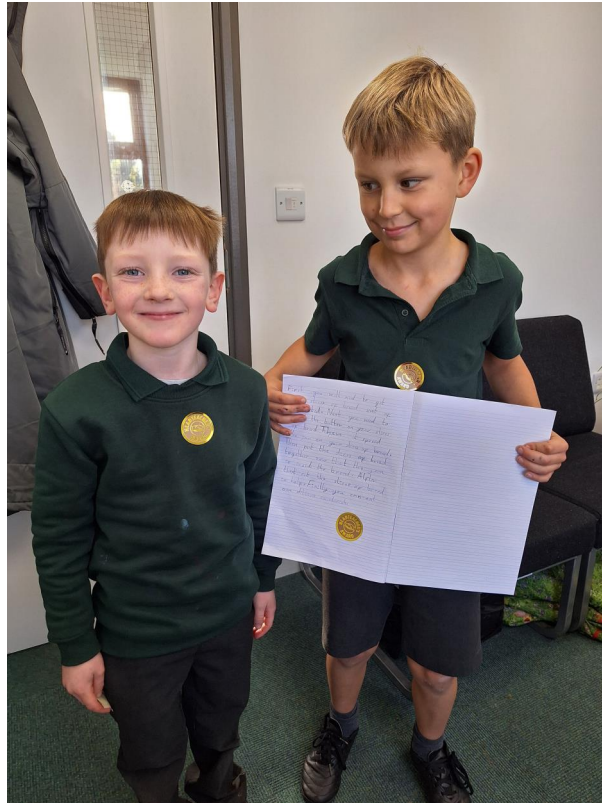
5 - For effort with reading



6 - For storytelling - lava!



7 - For effort with reading



8 - For great effort, and for writing



9 - For excellent work



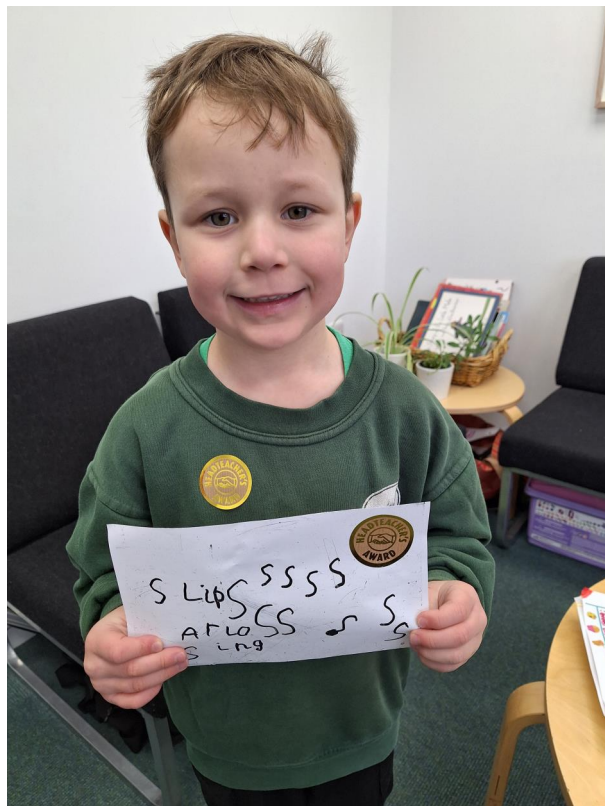
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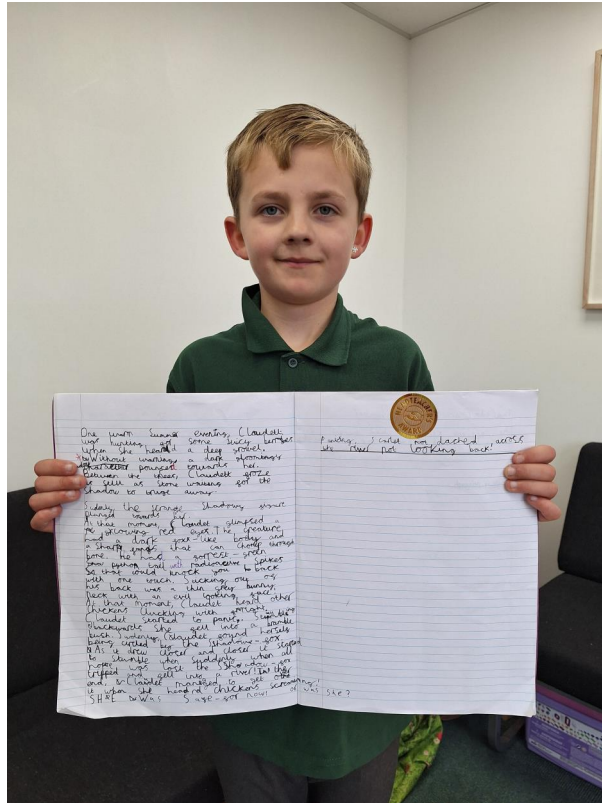
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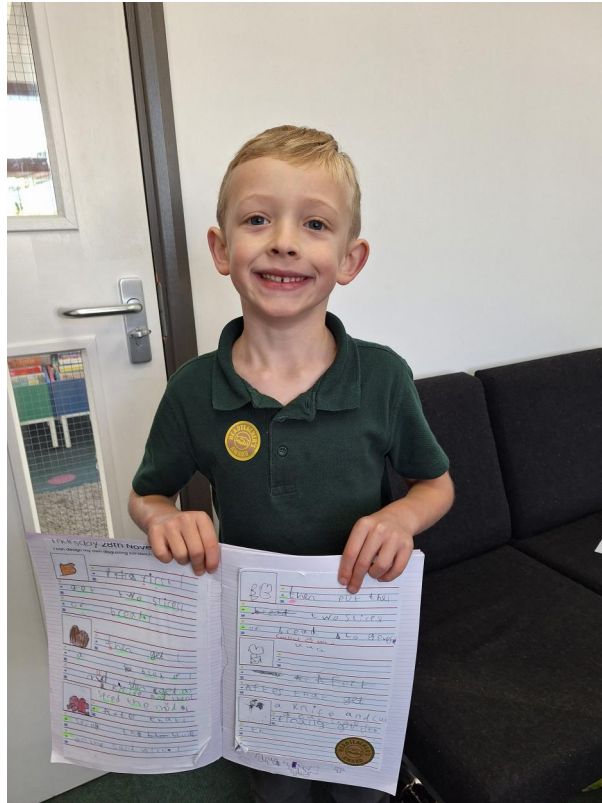
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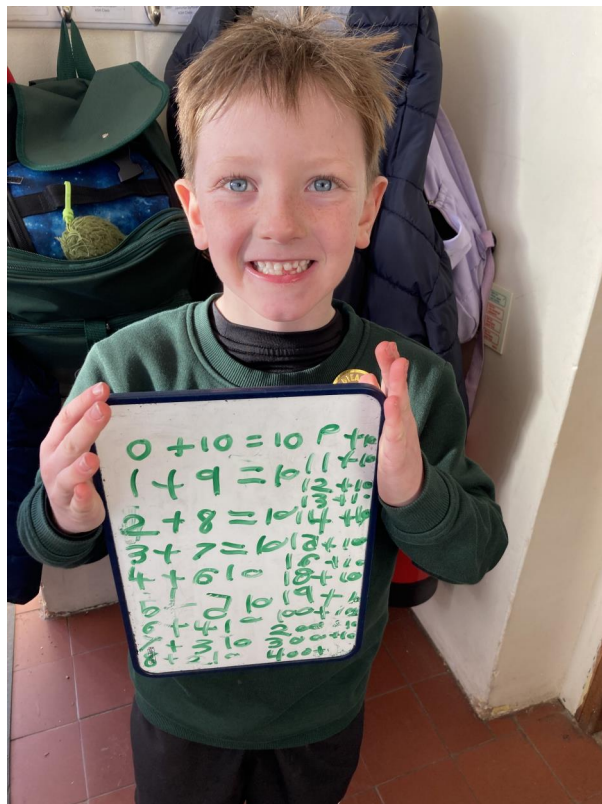
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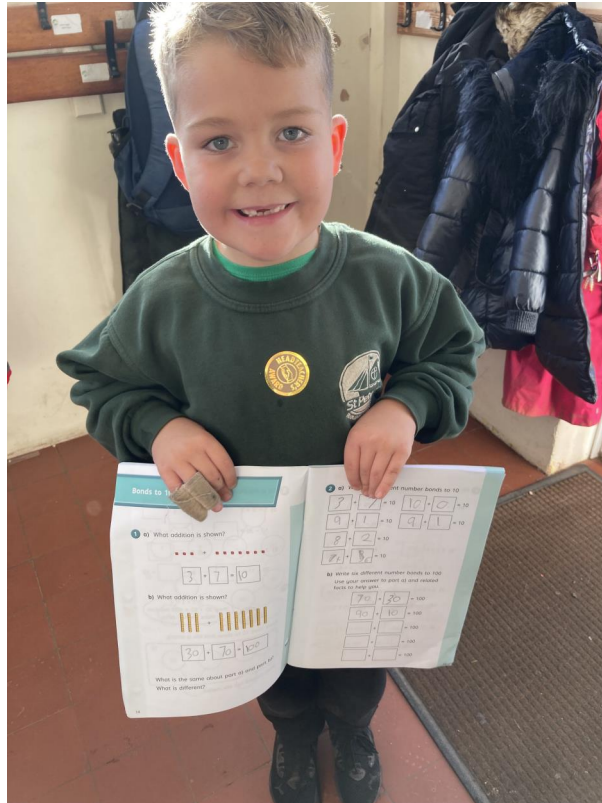
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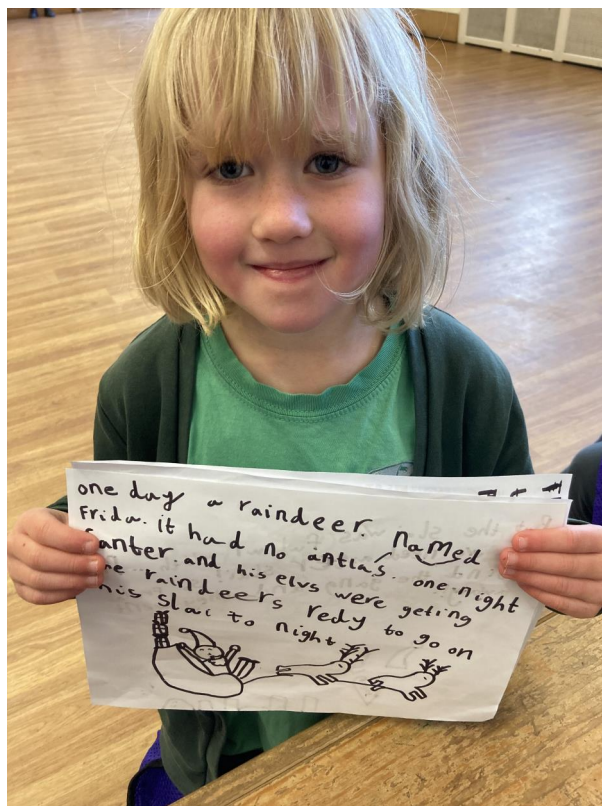
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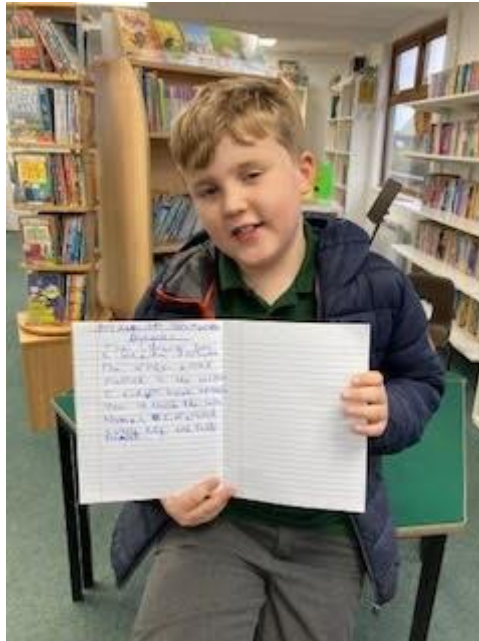
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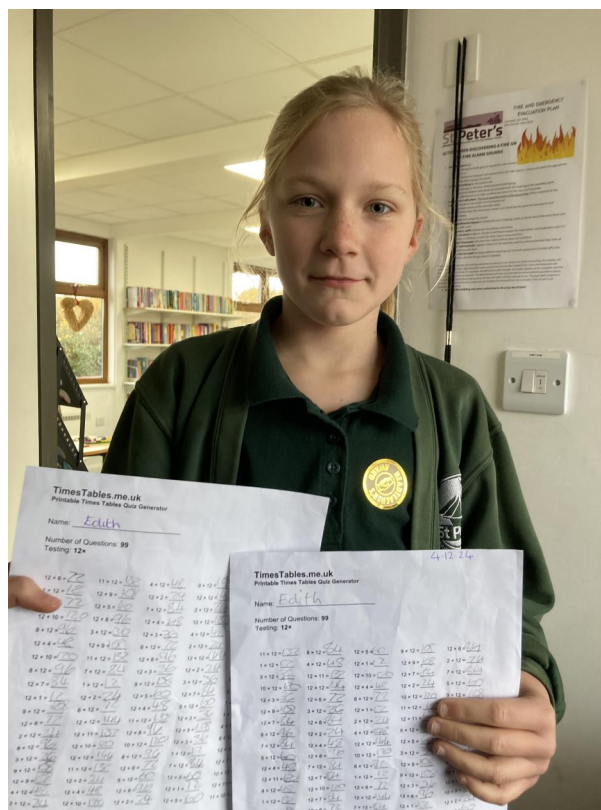
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31 - For excellent work



32 - For Eco work!

Isabelle's Type One Diabetes Diagnosis Story...



Isabelle seemed a bit deflated after her birthday, we thought she was just tired out. She seemed quite anxious, we wondered if something was going on with friends. She seemed to have lost weight, we thought it was a growth spurt, she kept asking for a drink, we thought this was a good thing- as we usually had to remind her! She was getting up to go to the toilet in the night, this made sense as she was drinking more. She was craving sweet and juicy foods, we thought she just needed an energy boost. We took her to the doctors and she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes that day with very high glucose levels. It is important to see

a doctor with the 4 Ts: Tired, thirsty, toilet, thinner, and receive the treatment asap. It isn't preventable but early intervention prevents additional complications.

What's Been Happening In School...



A huge **THANK YOU** to Budleigh Literary Festival, Exmouth Community College, and our amazing Year 6 parents for coming together to create an inspiring experience for our students! We had the incredible privilege of meeting **Onjali Q. Raúf**, who shared powerful and heartfelt stories about the struggles faced by refugees – the very stories that inspired her beautiful book *'The Boy at the Back of the Class'*. It was truly moving and thought-provoking for us all. Congratulations to our students who won **3 books** during the crossword challenge – well done! And what a treat to receive personally signed books from Onjali herself! The day ended on a perfect note with some playtime in the park under the golden glow of the setting sun. A magical finish to a memorable afternoon. Thank you once again to everyone who made this experience possible – teamwork at its finest!





Our talented children in **Oak** and **Ash Class** have been busy sampling culinary delights as part of their **DT project**—designing delicious **festive scones** for the Christmas season. **Chestnut Class** are still buzzing after receiving a letter from **The King** for their chair designs. Who knows? Will their creations impress the likes of Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood? Fingers crossed! A huge **thank you** to the amazing **Mrs. Richards** for her

incredible planning and resourcing and to the ever-creative **Mrs. Walshaw** for bringing our DT projects to life. You're both amazing!





St Peter's Primary School PTA has given a new lease of life to the town's iconic red telephone box, situated opposite Tesco. This creative project, made possible by the hard work and dedication of PTA members Becky, Zoe, and Michaela, has turned the classic British landmark into a community hub celebrating literacy and art. After being purchased by the PTA, the telephone box was lovingly restored with the support of the Otter Valley Association, which helped repaint it to its former glory. The refurbished space now serves as a book exchange, inviting residents to take or leave books, encouraging a love of reading across generations. In addition to its literary function, the telephone box doubles as a mini art gallery, proudly displaying work created by St Peter's pupils. The current exhibition showcases pieces inspired by renowned artist David Hockney, with vibrant interpretations that bring the space to life. For the festive season, the gallery will feature Christmas-themed artwork, adding a seasonal touch to the town centre.



33 - Some glorious pictures of the disgusting sandwiches Cherry made yesterday at forest school to follow up their literacy work!



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37 - A big thanks to everyone who support the Christmas Parade! Lovely stuff!

Thank you to the many families who attended our parade and service at Temple Methodist Church on Friday evening as part of Budleigh's Late Night Shopping Event. We were very proud of the children's wonderful singing. A very festive community event to get us all in the Christmas spirit. A big thanks to Mrs Walshaw, Ms Lewis and Mrs Evans for helping this, and the Budleigh Churches for organising it.





38 - Massive THANK YOU to Greenfingers Garden Centre, Exmouth, for donating this beautiful Christmas tree!

Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Holly & Eva-Rose, Lara, Freya & Wolfe



39 - Well done to Holly & Eva-Rose who were awarded their medals recently for completing their Ruby level assessment in gymnastics!



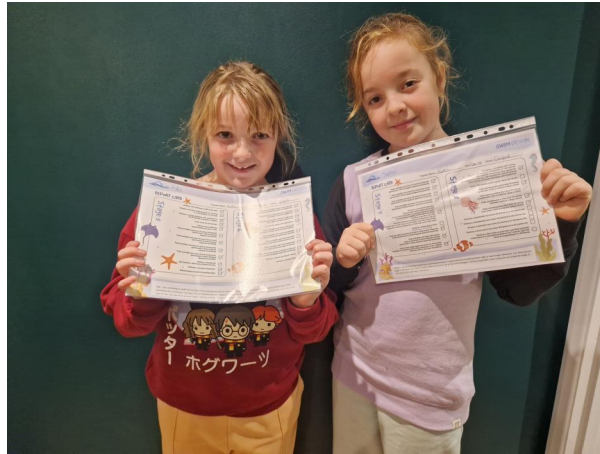
40 - Well done to Lara who scored 3 goals during her football match this week, earning her player of the week!



41 - Well done to Freya who was awarded her 100m swim award recently!



42 - Well done to Wolfe who won the TREADS award during his rugby match recently, scoring 5 tries in one match!



43 - Well done to Sophia and Ayda who were awarded their swimming certificates recently!

Coming Up In The School & Community...

Budleigh Salterton AFC Youth
Christmas Party
 3PM til late Sunday 15th December
 @ Budleigh Salterton Football Club
 Greenway Lane, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6SG
 For all children 14 and under

£7 PER CHILD
ADULTS & Under 3s GO FREE!

Buffet for the Kids Fun Games With Prizes
 Disco Raffle
 Licensed Bar Other Food on Sale

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To Book Tickets Message 07515 261831
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Diabetes Support Group facilitated by Budleigh Lions



Peer support is a practical social & emotional exchange between people with shared experiences



Day: Last Thursday of the month starting 30/01/2025
Time: 4.00 - 5.30
Place: Seachange

Cost: FOC as funded through Budleigh Lions
Donation for refreshments appreciated

This group is ideal for anyone with a diabetes diagnosis inc. pre and newly diagnosed



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