

Spring 2025 - Newsletter 1

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



Welcome Back to the Spring Term!

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you've had a fantastic break and are ready for an exciting Spring term ahead. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for treating us to the *Beauty and the Beast* panto—it was absolutely amazing and such a treat to kick off the term with a bit of theatrical magic!

Upcoming Parent Evenings

We're looking ahead to parent evenings, which will take place straight after the Easter holidays this year. These will provide a great opportunity to discuss the spring term's assessment results and celebrate your child's progress.

Uniform Reminder

As we start the new term, a little reminder about our uniform guidelines:

- Shoes must be plain black—no coloured or white soles, please.
- Trousers, shorts, or dresses should be plain mid-grey and not flared.

Thank you for helping us maintain a smart and consistent look across the school.

Don't Miss: *Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones*

If you haven't already, we strongly encourage you to watch *Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones* on Channel 4. It's a powerful insight into the challenges and dangers of online life for children. You can watch it [here](#).

A Note from the Office

The office team is working under significant pressure at the moment, so we kindly ask for your continued patience and understanding. Arriving on time in the morning really helps streamline the day and is much appreciated.

On a sad note, Mrs Pester remains in a critical condition. Please keep her in your thoughts as we continue to hope for her recovery.

In the Spotlight: Fran's Devon Live Article

A special shoutout to Woody's mum, Fran, who wrote a moving article for Devon Live about raising a child with type one diabetes. It's a must-read—click [here](#) to check it out!

Here's to a fantastic term filled with learning, laughter, and lots of achievement!

Thank you Pat and Chris

Pat and Chris, grandparents of ex-pupils Aiyla and Fynn, have raised £1500 for the school! Pat sells home made books and sketch books at MakerMart on Gandy Street, Exeter. Please pop in and support her!!

Smartphone Update...

Smartphone Free Childhood have put together the resource below with Dr. Rangan Chatterjee. If you don't know him, he's a GP who now does a popular health and wellbeing podcast. You might recognise him from the *Swiped* documentary.

The attached PDF is a pretty succinct, useful resource with practical advice for all families, whether or not they're delaying smartphones for their kids. It covers two things:- 5 tips for parents deciding when to get your child a smartphone and 5 ways to help your kids develop better smartphone habits

Click [here](#) to access the PDF.

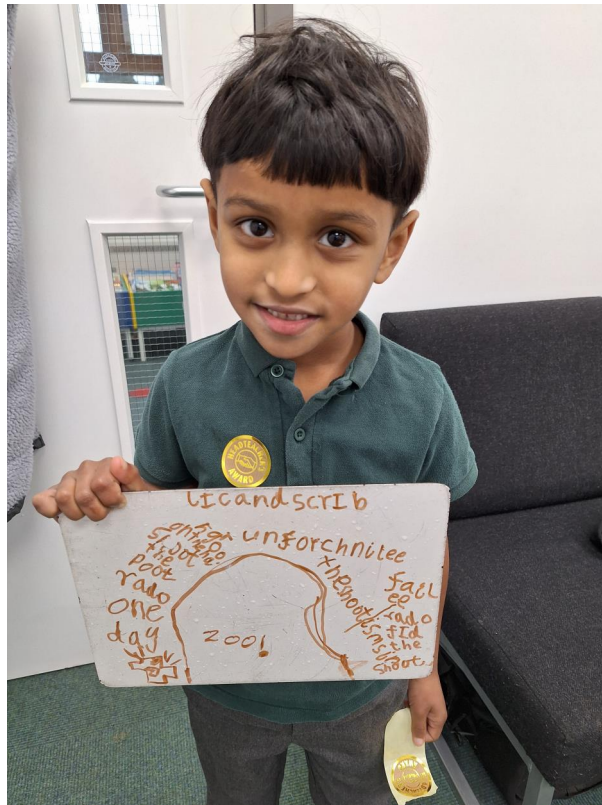
Headteacher Awards...



1 - For lovely writing



2 - For being an amazing helper



3 - For a lovely story



4 - For being so great!



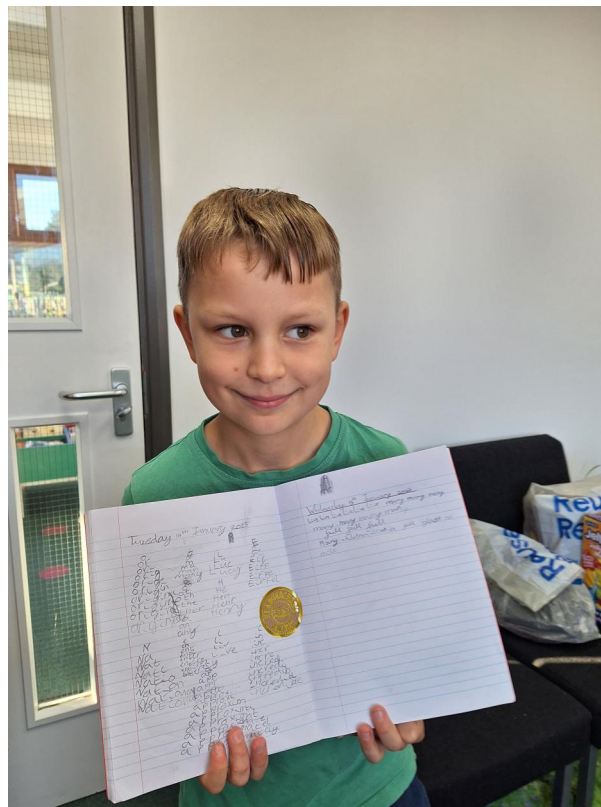
5 - For being thoughtful and kin



6 - For excellent art



7 - For excellent art



8 - For improvements with handwriting

PTA Messages and please join the lottery and support the school!

Welcome back everyone! We are looking forward to another fun filled term of PTA fundraising events and activities.

We held the first PTA meeting of the new year, on Tuesday, 14 January (subsequent meetings will take place every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm) a great turn out generating lots of ideas for the term ahead and wider fundraising activities over the coming year. The first event will be a school disco on 7th February, run by year 4 parents. Please put the date in your diaries and further info will follow. We have booked also booked in a film night and chocolate bingo for this term - so watch this space for more news!

We are holding meetings every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm (timing subject to change).

We have also launched Your School Lottery!

Your School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. All schools supported by the lottery will benefit the UK and its residents.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000! There will be a draw every Saturday night.

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

Please sign up using the link below:

[Support St Peter's Church of England Primary School Budleigh Salterton on Your School Lottery](#)

What's Been Happening In School...

I had a real treat this week when the Reception children made me a sleeping machine!! They then made me sleep in it, but woke me up pretending to be different animals! No rest for me then.....

I was really impressed with their mark-making, writing, team work and thoughtfulness - what a lovely bunch!

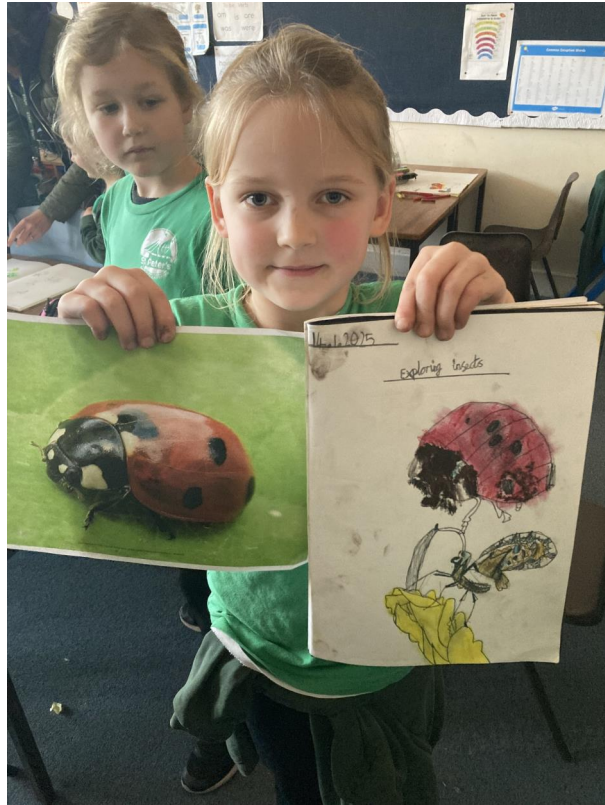


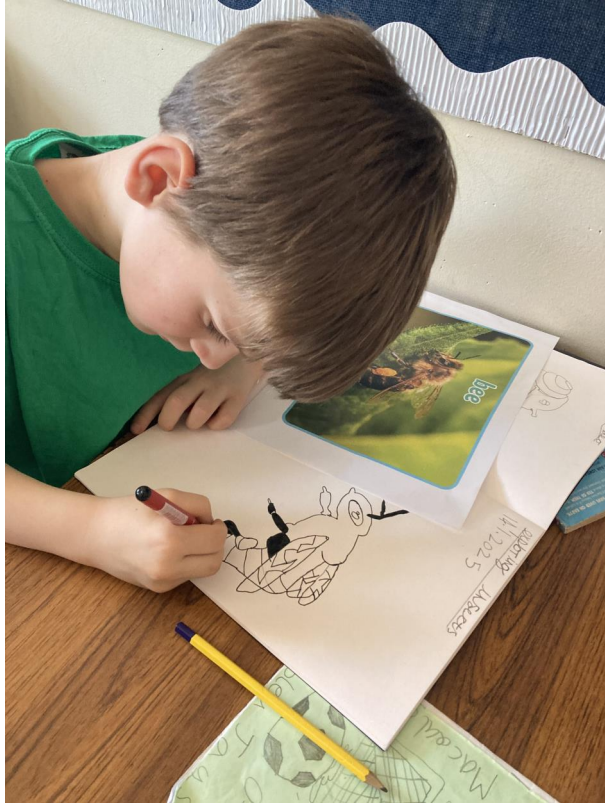


Check out our Year 6's in their awesome new leaver's hoodies!!



We couldn't be prouder of Willow Class and their incredible artwork! Our talented Year 2 and 3 children have been exploring the beauty of flora and fauna, focusing on insects to refine their drawing skills. The results are nothing short of amazing! A huge shoutout to our inspirational Mrs. Evans for her vision in leading this creative journey and to the amazing Mrs. Richards, whose passion for championing the arts shines through in every class she teaches. From breakfast to afterschool clubs, her dedication to weaving creativity into every moment inspires us all! We absolutely love seeing our children engage with art in such meaningful ways. Well done, Willow Class!







Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Sophia



9 - Well done to Sophia and friends who took part in a panto performance recently!

Coming Up In The School & Community...



Cooking Healthy Meals on a budget

Call
01395 446896
to book

6 Week Course only £18.00

We do not want finances to be a barrier so please talk to a member of the team when booking if this is more than you can afford.

Time: 10.30am-1.00pm

Days: Wednesdays 29 Jan - 12 March inc (with a break on 19th Feb)

Place: Seachange, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6HF

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Cost of Living Fair

Wednesday 15th January
Brixington Church, Churchill Road,
Exmouth EX8 4JJ
Doors open 2PM - 4PM



Come and meet our partner organisations.
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GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL, ARTS & CRAFTS, AND MORE!**

Cost
STANDARD: £20.00
EXTENDED: £25.00

Times
STANDARD: 8.45AM-3.30PM
EXTENDED: 8.00AM-5.30PM

Beacon Primary School
1 Beacon Place, Exmouth,
Devon, EX8 2SR

February Half Term
Tuesday 18th of February
Wednesday 19th of February
Thursday 20th of February

Booking Link
<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/02/18/the-beacon-primary-schools-february-holiday-camp-2025>

More Information: marcus@primary-sports.co.uk / 07976979202

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