

Spring 2025 - Newsletter 5

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



A Busy Few Weeks at St Peter's!

It's been a fantastic few weeks with so much happening across the school! Our Year 5 pupils showed great enthusiasm during their Bikeability training, we've enjoyed two wonderful dance festivals, and our Year 6 boys' football team secured a brilliant win in the Exmouth Schools Tournament. We also welcomed our local MP for a visit and have seen some fantastic fundraising efforts from our school community. I'm always so proud of how much St Peter's achieves!

A huge thanks to Dianne (car wash) and Jerusha (cream teas) for raising £800 for the school last Saturday. Thank you to all the parents (and grandparents!) and pupils that helped - it was an amazing effort! Clean cars and delicious scones!

A Fond Farewell to Ms Moore

We are sad to share that Ms Moore, one of our Reception teachers, will be leaving St Peter's at the end of this term. She has been offered an exciting new role as a Community Builder in Exeter—an opportunity that perfectly aligns with her passions. Having been part of St Peter's for many years, she will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and families alike. If you would like to contribute a card, gift, or donation to show your appreciation, please drop these into the school office.

From the summer term, Miss Shepherd will be taking over the class full-time—thank you, Miss Shepherd, for stepping into this role!

Parents and Oracy – Building Confident Speakers

At St Peter's, we continue to focus on developing children's oracy skills, encouraging them to speak in full sentences. Right now, we are working on three key challenges:

1. Waiting their turn to speak (without tapping an adult!)
2. Saying "good morning" to staff and friends
3. Using full sentences and good manners in the dinner hall

You can support this at home by encouraging your child to use full sentences when asking for something. Research shows that children with a strong vocabulary and confident speaking skills perform better academically and socially. Studies highlight that by the age of five, there can be a **30-million-word gap** between children from language-rich and language-poor backgrounds. Strengthening oracy skills helps bridge this gap, boosting comprehension, writing, and overall confidence. Thank you for your support in reinforcing these habits!

Experience Easter at St Peter's Church

Next week, every class will be visiting **Experience Easter** at St Peter's Church. The church will be transformed into six interactive stations, allowing children to engage with the Easter story in a meaningful way. Parents and carers are warmly invited to visit the stations on **Wednesday between 3:00 and 4:00 pm**—we'd love to see you there!

Can You Help?

We're looking for a company (or a parent who knows one!) to help with some re-pointing work on our school buildings. If you or someone you know could assist, please get in touch—we'd really appreciate it!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Hitchcock



1 - Car wash in action



2 - Our year 6 car washers - thank you!

Fundraising challenge - SCOOTER DAY on Monday!

Monday is **Scooter Day**, and all pupils are welcome to bring a scooter to school! To ride, they **must** have a helmet. We know some pupils won't have scooters or helmets, so if you're happy for your child to share theirs, please make sure they know. **Label scooters and helmets**, and park them outside classrooms in the morning. The day is all about raising awareness, so there's no charge. We'd love some fun challenge ideas – if you have a great one for Mr Hitchcock, we'll create a shortlist and vote! Teachers are keen to join in too, so send in your best ideas with your children! 🚀

Chicken helpers needed!

The Chicken Team would like to thank the many families who have come forward to help tuck the girls into bed on school days. As always, we are very grateful to our core team of Chicken helpers.

This Easter our girls need you! What better way to get into the Easter spirit than by visiting the school chickens and seeing if they have laid you an egg?!

Our rota is looking quite bare so we would really appreciate any mornings or evenings that you are available to come and let them out to roam, ensure the food is topped up and do a quick poop scoop.

	Sun 6/4 Full Clean	Mon 7/4	Tues 8/4	Weds 9/4	Thurs 10/4	Fri 11/4	Sat 12/4
Am	Joe	Poppy	Joe			Natalie	Joe
Pm	Joe	Poppy	Joe			Natalie	
On Call	Poppy						
	Sun 13/4	Mon 14/4	Tues 15/4	Weds 16/4	Thurs 17/4	Fri 18/4	Sat 19/4
Am	Joe	Zoe				Zoe	
Pm	Joe	Zoe				Zoe	
On Call							

Male voice choir supports the fundraising challenge

Massive thank you to Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir, with Chippenham Male Voice Choir, who are kindly raising money for us during their upcoming concert! If any parents can help out on the night, selling tickets, programmes and arranging a raffle and/or retiring collection, please let Mr Hitchcock know!




CONCERT

TO RAISE MONEY FOR

ST PETER'S SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT FUND

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON AND CHIPPENHAM MALE VOICE CHOIRS

SATURDAY 7.00pm 12 APRIL 2025

ST PETER'S CHURCH BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

TICKETS £12

AVAILABLE FROM: WWW.BUDLEIGHMVC.CO.UK, CARD SHOP TOO..3 HIGH STREET
OR CASH AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT

What's Coming Up Next...

Don't forget to check the **NEED TO KNOW** page every Sunday, to check for events coming up in school that week

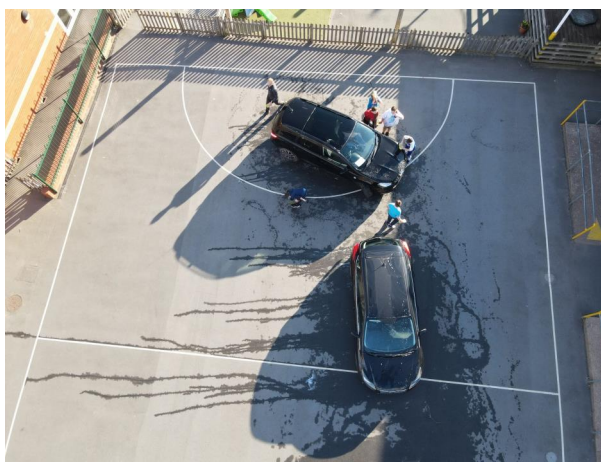
You can access it by clicking the following link <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/class-info/>



Cream Teas & Car Wash - more photos







Vote for St Peter's in Tesco Stores!

Great news! St Peter's has been shortlisted for Tesco's **Stronger Starts** scheme, which could provide funding for our **Breakfast Club**—helping pupils start the day with a nutritious meal in a safe and supportive space.

You can support us by **voting in Tesco stores** from **April to June 2025**. The project with the most votes will receive up to **£1,500!**

How to vote: Simply collect a blue token when shopping and place it in the **St Peter's Breakfast Club** slot at one of these Tesco stores:

 **Tesco Superstore, Exmouth (EX8 2TS)**

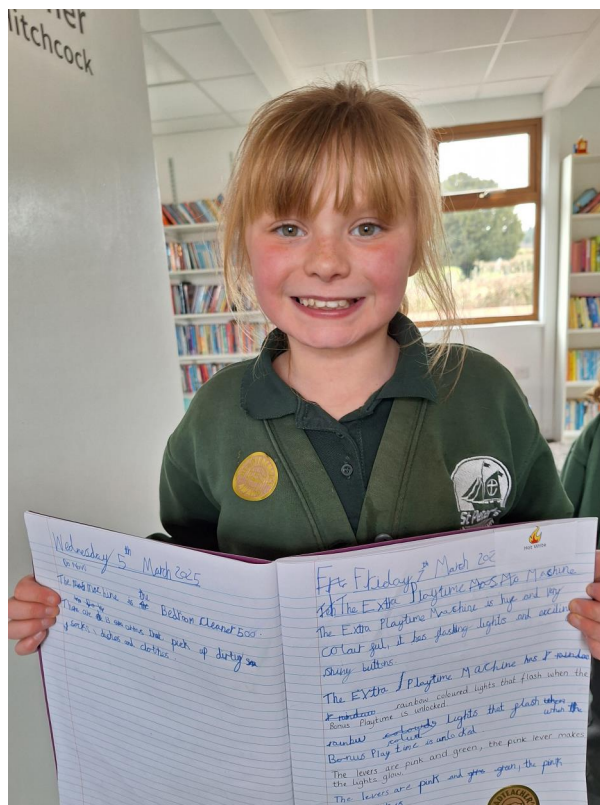
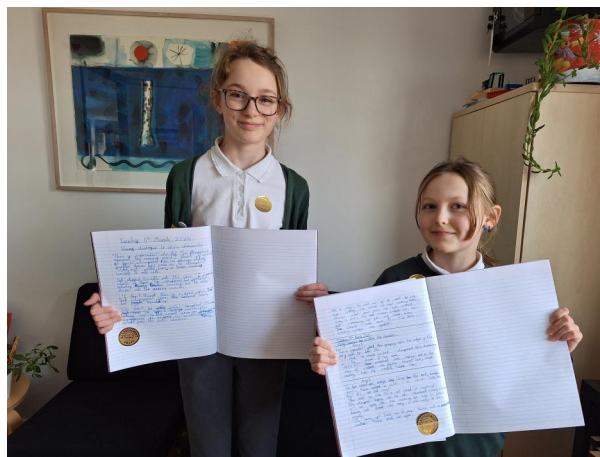
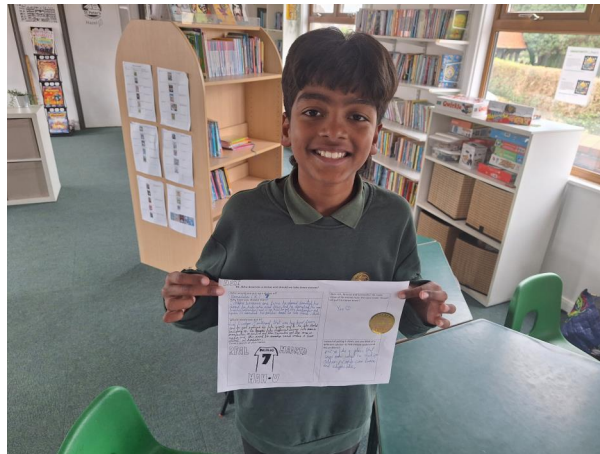
 **Budleigh Salterton Express (EX9 6NG)**

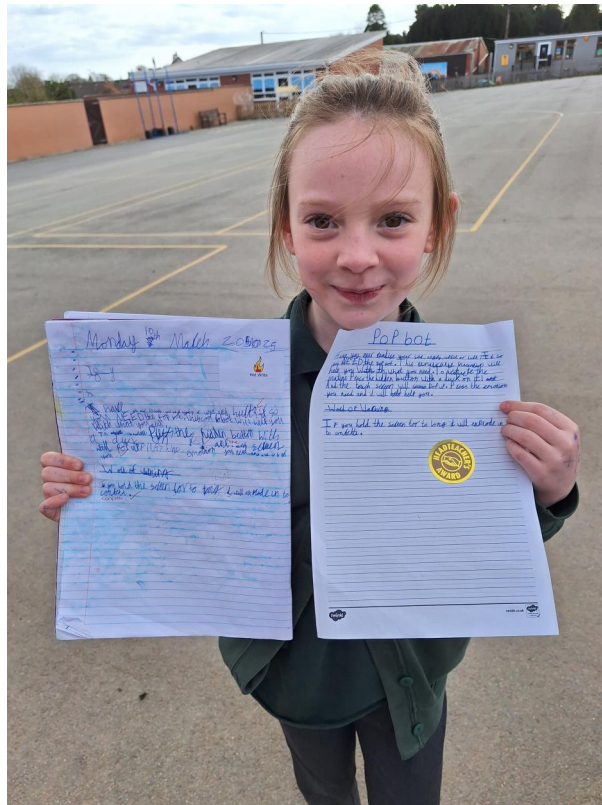
 **Exmouth Churchill Road Express (EX8 4JJ)**

 **Exmouth Rolle Street Express (EX8 1HE)**

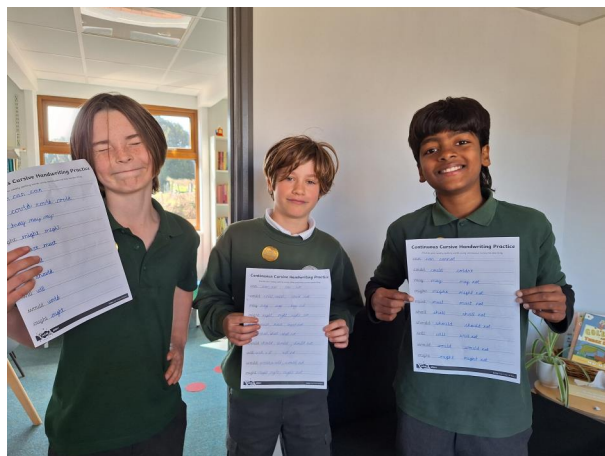
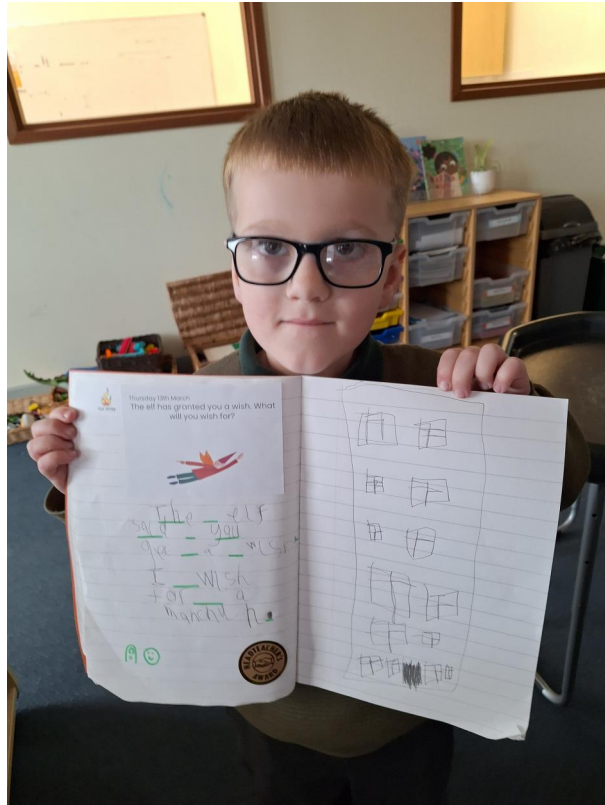
Please spread the word—every vote counts! Thank you for your support. 🍌

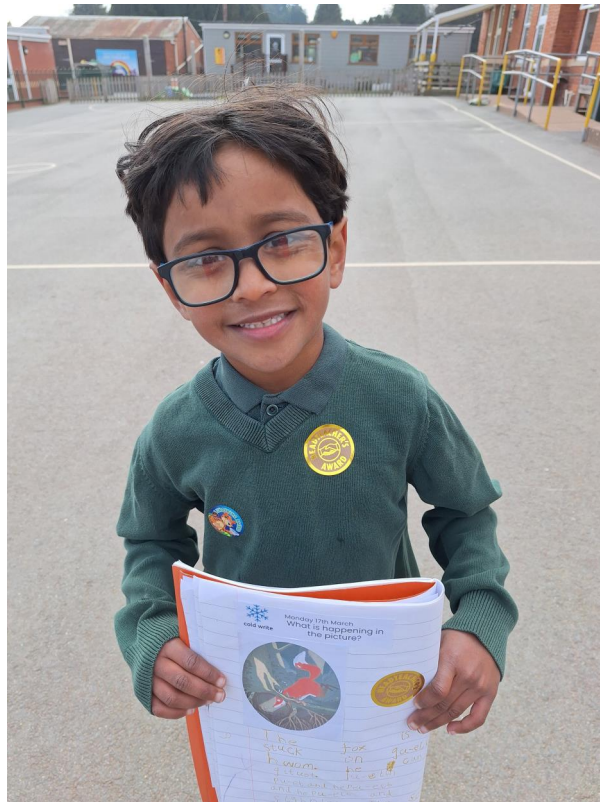
Headteacher Awards...











What's Been Happening In School...

Well done to our St Peter's quiz teams for their amazing literary knowledge that won them 2nd place at the Primary Schools Quiz on World Book Day. All of the schools involved were so close and it was a brilliant event. A huge thank you to Mrs Broad and Mrs James for transport and organising getting the children there, to parents for the early morning drop offs and to Mrs Hatchard and her team at [Exmouth Community College](#) for such a wonderful event.





Apple Class worked really hard on creating their own stories in the style of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Their Year 6 Friends came to listen to them reading their stories. Both classes really enjoyed themselves. What kind, nurturing Year 6 children we have.





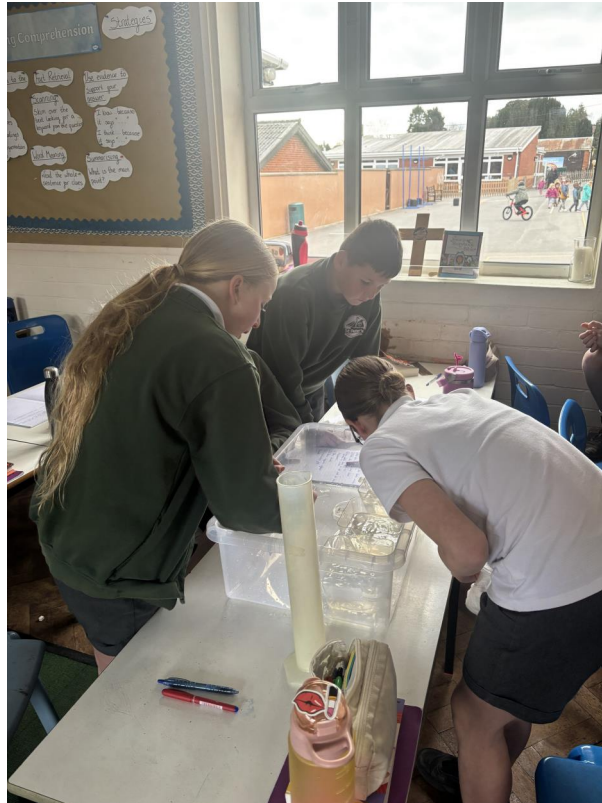
A huge THANK YOU to the amazing Bikeability team for working with our Year 5 pupils to build confidence and safety in cycling this week! It has been wonderful to see so many children arriving at school on their bikes this week. Special thanks to Mr. Murray, Mr. Newing, the Year 5 teaching team, our school office, and of course, our fantastic parents for all the behind-the-scenes organisation that made this happen! With National Big Wheel and Walk Week starting on 24th March, we'd love to see even more pupils pedaling to school—hopefully in some lovely Spring sunshine!





During science, Oak class setup investigations to find out which brand of nappy was the most absorbent. The nappes were from Lidl, Sainsburys and Pampers. Sainsburys won! It was also really interesting seeing the irreversible change that happened inside the nappy, when it became wet. Well done to Oak class for being so enthusiastic and observant.





Our lovely Reception Class had the BEST time heading to the green for a Springtime scavenger hunt! We've loved getting out and about, spotting signs of the new season, and seeing how our local environment changes through the year. We love the big outdoors and being #FreeRangeChildren! A huge thank you to Ms Moore and our wonderful parent helpers for making this adventure possible.





We were delighted to welcome our local MP to school today! While he was here, three of our passionate environmental advocates seized the opportunity to interview him. They shared their innovative ideas on wind energy technologies and sustainability, sparking a great discussion about the future of renewable energy. It's inspiring to see our students leading the way in climate action—who knows, we might have some future policymakers among us!



The children in Apple Class have been immersed in their new story 'How the Tortoise got his Shell'. First they found a broken shell beneath a tree in our field and wrote to Mr Hitchcock and Big Rich to warn them of tortoises falling from trees! Next they had a visit from Rainbow

and Max the tortoises to see where the birds in the story had stuck the tortoise's shell back together.



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What an incredible night at the dance show! We are so proud of our brilliant dancers who gave it their all and shone brightly. Their commitment to the dance, the theme, and each other was inspiring. A huge thank you to our wonderful parents for your support and dedication. Special thanks to Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Broad, Mrs. James, and South Dartmoor College for making the event so special. The kindness, respect, and joy our dancers displayed were noticed by everyone, and we couldn't be prouder.





World Book Day Continued...





Vaccinations Update From Devon Immunisations Team...

Please have a look at the helpful poster from the Devon Immunisation Team, stating which vaccines are due and when for your child(ren) - we hope this is helpful!

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- Flu - reception - year 11
- MMR - catch up
- HPV - year 8 - year 11
- Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11

CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- Home educated children
- Anxious children
- Children who missed the session at school

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team

Call us on **01392 342678**
kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

Children's Wellbeing in a Digital World 2025

As technology continues to play a significant role in our children's lives, it's crucial for parents to stay informed about its effects on their wellbeing. The 'Children's Wellbeing in a Digital World 2025' report offers valuable insights into how digital engagement influences

various aspects of children's development. One key recommendation is to foster open communication: encourage your children to share their online experiences without fear of punishment. This approach ensures they feel supported and can openly discuss any issues they encounter online. For a comprehensive understanding and more practical tips, read the full report here: [Children's Wellbeing in a Digital World 2025 Report](#)

Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Ayda and Sophia, Archie, Max, Reu, Poppy



3 - Well done to Ayda and Sophia who have made up hygiene packs for street homeless - amazing work!



4 - Well done to Archie who, along with his Exeter Harriers U11 team, won 2nd place in the SW Cross Country competition!



5 - Well done to Max who won an award for taking part in EMX Sparks Motorcross, racing on his KTM E5!



6 - Well done to Reu who won an award at Beaver's recently!



7 - Well done to Poppy who performed with Exeter Youth Orchestra and had a solo part, performing Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!

Message From The PTA...

Calling all parents, guardians, relatives, friends - buy a School lottery ticket and support the children at St Peters!

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](#)

Community Challenge

We will be uploading upcoming events and news onto our new website so please visit and save in your bookmarks <http://www.stpetersfundraising.co.uk>

Coming Up In The School & Community...



EXMOUTH
TENNIS & FITNESS

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

Book Now!

Mini's (5 - 10 yrs)
Drop off 08:30 - 09:00
Camp 09:00 - 12:30
Pick up 12:30 - 13:00

Juniors (11 - 17 yrs)
Drop off 12:30 - 13:00
Camp 13:00 - 16:30
Pick up 16:30 - 17:00

April Dates
Mondays
7th, 14th
Wednesdays
9th, 16th
Friday
11th

£25 Non-Members
£20 Tennis Members

Please visit our website or come in and meet the team who would love to show you what we can offer.

TOO BOOK YOUR SPACE PLEASE CONTACT
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World Piano Day

29th March 2025

Win FREE Piano Lessons !

To celebrate 'World Piano Day', parents / guardians are invited to enter their 5-15 year olds into a free prize draw, with the lucky winner receiving **SIX x 30-minute piano lessons** with local piano teacher **Ed Newson**. Ed has been playing piano since the age of 9 and loves to help others with their music-making journey.

To participate: Parents / guardians can enter the draw by emailing the organiser at WorldPianoDay@outlook.com or DM via Facebook page **World Piano Day & Street Piano - Exmouth**, including the following information:-

- Parent / guardian's name and contact phone number.
- Student's name and age.

The entry deadline is **Friday 11th April 2025**.
No purchase is necessary.
T&C's apply.



By entering this draw participants agree to be bound by the following Terms and Conditions:

- Entries must be submitted by a parent / guardian
- Students must be aged between 5-15
- Only one entry per child
- Lessons will be conducted in the Exmouth area during the summer term 2025
- Time and location of lessons will be at the availability of Ed Newson
- The prize is non-transferable and may not be exchanged for cash or other alternative

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AROUND BUDLEIGH SALTERTON EDDC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN INCLUDES MULTIPLE PROPOSED SITES THAT WILL IMPACT BUDLEIGH PUTTING SIGNIFICANT FURTHER STRAIN ON LOCAL SERVICES INCLUDING THE SCHOOL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS THE ROADS, SEWERAGE ETC.

WE HAVE UNTIL 30TH MARCH TO ENSURE OUR OPINIONS ARE HEARD VIA THE EDDC REGULATION 19 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION.

NOTE THAT COMMENTS MUST BE TO THE POLICIES AND HOW THEY CONFLICT OR ALIGN WITH PLANNING POLICY OR THE PROCESS.

Local sites:

Budl_02, Land at Barn Lane - 35 homes.
To comment on this site, quote policy SD08 in chapter 5.

Exmo_17, Land to the South of Littleham
410 homes & 1.6 hectares commercial/industrial
with main access opposite Liverton / Mcdonalds
To comment on this site, quote policy SD01 in chapter 5.

Exmo_20, Land at St John's
700 homes & 2 hectares commercial/industrial
with main access on B3179 opposite the Archery Club
To comment on this site, quote policy SD01 in chapter 5.

Use EDDC'S COMMONPLACE PLATFORM
<https://eastdevonlocalplanreg19.commonplace.is/>

If you have any problems with the platform, you
can email clodway@eastdevon.gov.uk
Clare Rodway (Senior Officer EDDC Planning Policy Team)



Are you looking for Easter Half Term Holiday Clubs? Lewis Davies, who runs the football here with us, is running a camp! Details here: <https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/ld-active-easter-half-term-holiday-camp-exmouth-3019016a-41a4-4409-8718-c25682bce331>

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