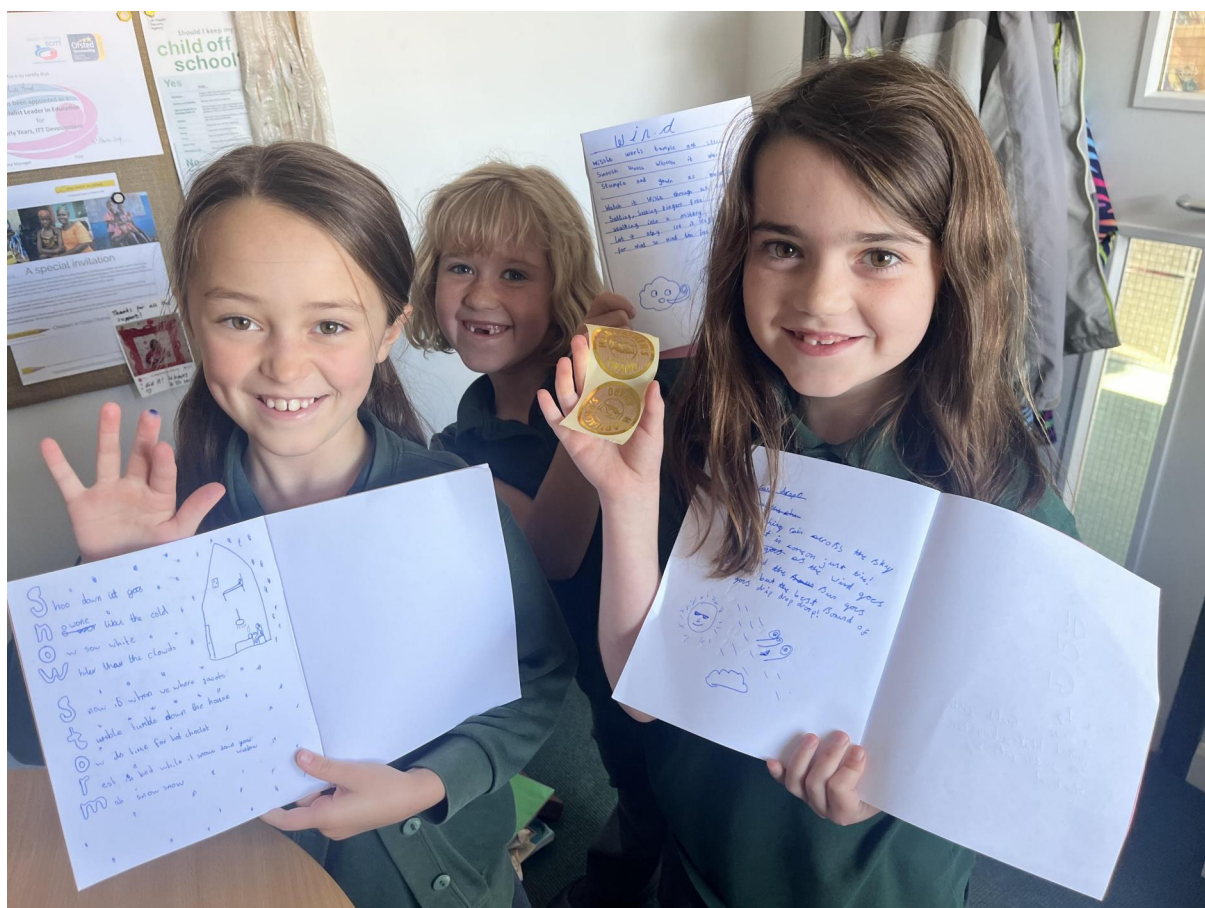




Autumn 2026 - Newsletter 3

Messages From Mr Hitchcock



So that's the first half of the term nearly completed! I'm really pleased with the excellent start to the year everyone has made. I took some fellow headteachers around the school last week, and they commented on what a purposeful, focused and inclusive learning environment we have at St Peter's. What pleased me most, though, was their recognition of the warm, positive relationships we have with our pupils.

I'm also amazed by the number of Headteacher Award winners in this week's newsletter – I don't think we've ever had so many! It's another great sign of the positive start to the year.

A special shout out to our year 6s, who are on track to be our best ever! I am particularly impressed with how well they are carrying out their jobs and responsibilities this year.

See you all at the disco tomorrow night! <https://www.stpetersfundraising.co.uk/product-page/fancy-dress-disco-1>

One important reminder: please make sure your child arrives on time. I know the darker mornings can make things harder, but punctuality really matters. Late arrivals disrupt learning and, more importantly, mean your child misses that settled start to the day. By the time they arrive, the rest of the class may already be well into their learning.

A few other things to support and look forward to:

Please support our school by trying the School Lottery. You could win, and so could we!

[St Peter's School Lottery](#)

Finally, don't forget to complete the consent forms (see below). This is essential to help us keep all our children safe.

Cross Country success!

We are super proud of our pupils who represented St Peter's at the Exmouth Cross Country finals this week! Year 3/4 finished 2nd overall and year 5/6 were 1st!! Special mentions to Edward (1st Year 4); Sofia (3rd Year 4); Nola and Remi (1st and 2nd overall Year 6 - even though they are year 5!); Oliver (3rd overall year 6 - even though he's year 5!); and 1st to Archie - Mr Speedy! Thanks to Mrs Mason and ECC young sports leaders for a great event.



Buddy Film Night by Imogen and Aurora (Yr6)

On Friday night, a buddy film night lit up the St Peter's hall in Budleigh. Reviews from the children say, that the films were awesome. The spectacular films were Bluey and Zog! Many fun foods brightened up the children. Such as: orange juice and Haribo's too. Are Year 5's say that it was very fun and exciting. Lots of other people said that there was fairy lights and popcorn to munch on. So as a result, what we have heard means, that it is a 5 star review for buddy film night!

Mr H said "Thank you to Rob Da Dancefloor, our lovely PTA and teacher helpers for the Reception/Year 5 Buddy film night last week - it was really great!"



Year 6 news from Theo and Osian

In our school, with football we have a new system.

It allows us to find our pitches without any complications.

This is done with with multicoloured balls such as orange, green and blue (orange as big pitch, blue as road pitch, green as hedge pitch)

Theo and Osian

Netball match vs Woodbury



The Netball match against Woodbury was a brilliant success. They played a mini tournament of four matches, moving between positions on the court so they all had a go at attack and defence. Woodbury found it hard to get through the St Peter's wall of defence and some super shooting meant that we won all four matches. We're very proud of their effort, behaviour and sportsmanship!

KS2 FunFest

The Exmouth Learning Community KS2 FunFest was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their teamwork, communication and physical skills, while experiencing a range of new and exciting activities.

Pupils took part in a variety of activity stations, including Fireball Cricket, running and dodging games, Boccia, an Obstacle Skills Relay, the Cross the River Challenge, French Skipping Elastics and Archery. Each activity encouraged pupils to work collaboratively, communicate effectively, develop resilience and learn new games that they could take back and enjoy in their own schools.

A huge thank you to Mrs Griffiths, Miss Forbes, Mrs Millman and Mrs Warren, plus Mrs Mason and ECC for hosting the event!



Final call - consent forms

Please complete your annual consent forms as soon as possible. 📌

<https://forms.gle/BkooLd5U4jxqn5nV7>

Remember that a separate form must be submitted for each of your children—completing this is mandatory.

Parents of Reception pupils and students who joined at the start of term have already completed these forms and do not need to resubmit.

What's Coming Up Next...

Please check the need to know page: <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/class-info/>

- PTA school Disco – Friday 23rd October 2026
- Autumn Half Term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026
- **INSET #2 – Monday 2nd November 2026 (*School closed to pupils*)**
- Year 5 Bikeability – week commencing 2nd November.
- SEND Coffee Morning – Monday 9th November 9.30-10.30 Venture Hall
- Remembrance – Wednesday 11th November 2026 11am
- SEND Coffee Morning – Wednesday 18th November 11.30-12.30 Venture Hall – ‘The Mental Health Support Team will be attending for a Q&A.
- **INSET #3 – Friday 20th November 2026 (*School closed to pupils*)**
- PTA Wreath making evening – Thursday 26th November 2026 – TBC
- Carol Concert in the Community (late night shopping) – Friday 27th November 2026 – TBC
- PTA Christmas Fayre at town hall – Sunday 29th November 2026
- Art exhibition – Thursday 3rd December 2026 – TBC
- Nativities (RECEPTION only) – Tuesday 8th December 2026 – TBC

- Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 15th December 2026
- Christmas Performance DRESS REHEARSAL – Wednesday 16th December 2026 PM
- School Christmas Concert at the Church (Yr 1 – 6) – Thursday 17th December 2026 (2:00 PM & 6:00 PM)
- Autumn Term Ends / Last day of term – Friday 18th December 2026
- Christmas Holidays – Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Smartphone Free Childhood: an update

What's it all about?

A group of St Peter's parents are working together through the Smartphone Free Childhood initiative to help delay the pressure to give children smartphones and to make it easier for families to choose a different path together.

The evidence is encouraging

New research from the Institute for Fiscal Studies found that schools where at least 1 in 5 families had signed the Parent Pact saw around 8% fewer recorded mental-health needs, with stronger effects as more families joined. Read the IFS study

We're already ahead of that benchmark! With 87 St Peter's signatures, we're at around 29%. Let's keep it going! 🤝

💛 Sign the Parent Pact If you haven't already, search for St Peters Church of England School on the Parent Pact, or enter EX9 — St Peter's should come up first.

Already signed last year? No action needed! The pact has moved up a year, so, for example, last year's Year 3 families are now counted in Year 4, etc.

Looking for a first phone?

A child's first phone doesn't have to mean their first smartphone. There are more non-smartphone options than ever, offering independence and connection without the downsides of a smartphone.

The Smartphone Free Childhood Alternatives Finder is a great place to explore the options.
<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org>

Did You Know? What's Really Happening Behind the Screen When Your Child Games

Did you know that **88% of children aged 3–17 play online games** (rising to a staggering **96% of 10–12-year-olds**)? While gaming is a fantastic outlet for creativity and fun, it has quietly transformed into the primary social space for young people. According to recent Ofcom research, **55% of children who game online play with people they have only ever met online**, and **20% do so most or all of the time**. For many kids, gaming isn't just playing a video game—it's hanging out in a virtual room where strangers can freely talk to them.

Without the right controls in place, open voice chats and direct messaging leave children vulnerable to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or contact from total strangers. It's easy to assume games are set to "safe" by default, but privacy settings often leave communication wide open unless manually changed.

Take 10 Minutes Today: The 3-Step "Power Up" Action Plan

Don't wait until something goes wrong—take a proactive step today to secure your child's gaming setup using Ofcom's three simple steps:

- **CHECK:** Grab your child's device and look at their account profiles and friend lists. Who is allowed to message, hear, or play with them? Make sure their birthdate is accurate so age-restricted filters actually work.
- **CHAT:** Open an honest, non-judgmental conversation. Ask them what games they love, who they're playing with, and remind them that if someone or something online ever makes them feel uncomfortable, they can always come to you without losing their gaming privileges.
- **CHANGE:** Review and tighten the parental controls. Turn off open voice/text chat with strangers, restrict in-game purchases, and adjust safety features as your child grows and matures.

Your action for today: Sit down with your child before their next gaming session and run through the **Check, Chat, Change** list together. Spending 10 minutes setting boundaries now gives them a safe space to play and gives you complete peace of mind.

Exeter Cathedral - Be a Chorister for a Day

Does your child love to sing? Sign up for a free taster day at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 28 November where they can learn about the Cathedral and what it's like to sing there. For children age 6-10 (Yrs 2-5). More info here: <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/be-a-chorister-for-a-day/>

Catherine, a Y2 mum, would like to get a group to go together so contact her on 07703 396959 if you'd like more information.

What's Been Happening In School...



Mr Newing and his wife Sam (who is our PTA secretary), completed the Royal London Parks Half Marathon last Sunday and would like to say a big thank you to everyone that sponsored them. Together they have raised over £800 for Success Charity which support children and young people living and recovering from childhood brain tumours. Mr Newing got a new half marathon PB of 1.43 so is hoping to get his hands on one of Mrs Broad's highly sought-after Budleigh Blazers tops!

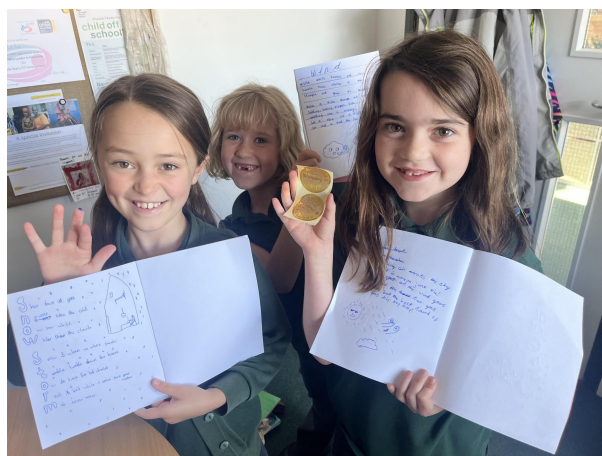


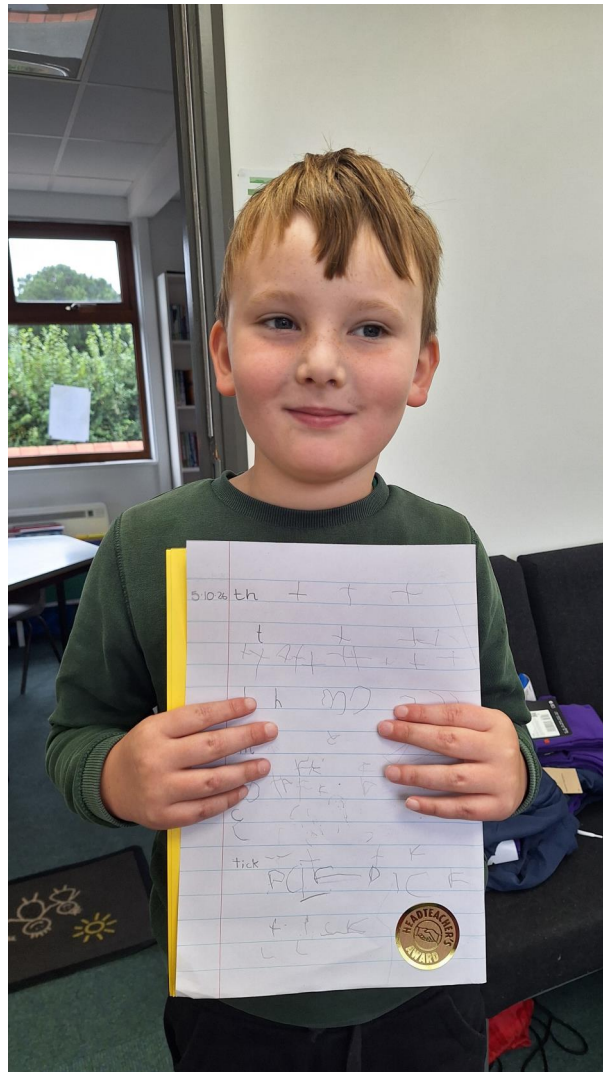


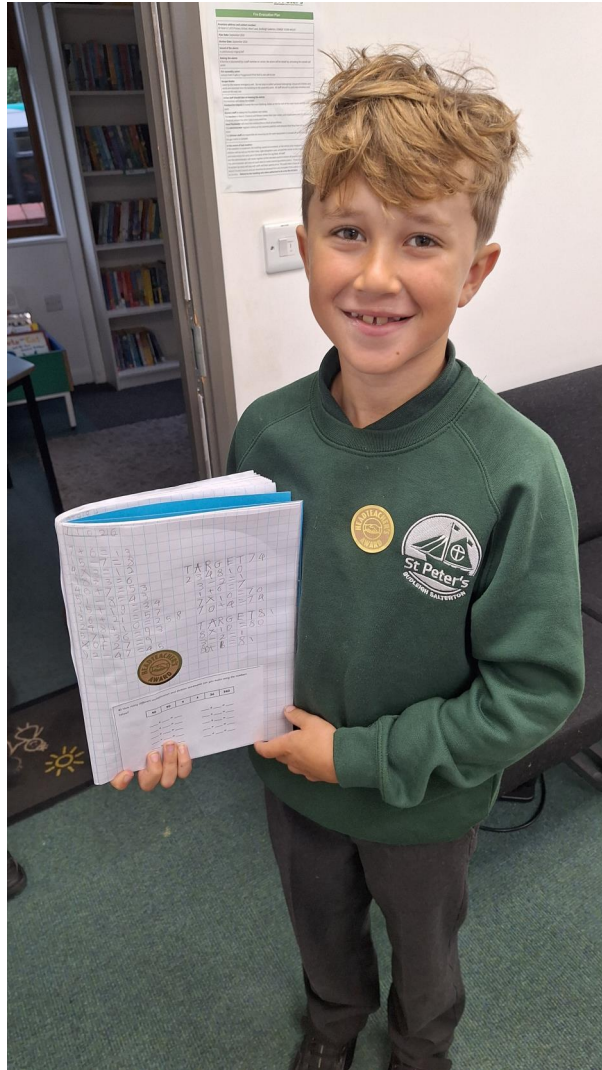
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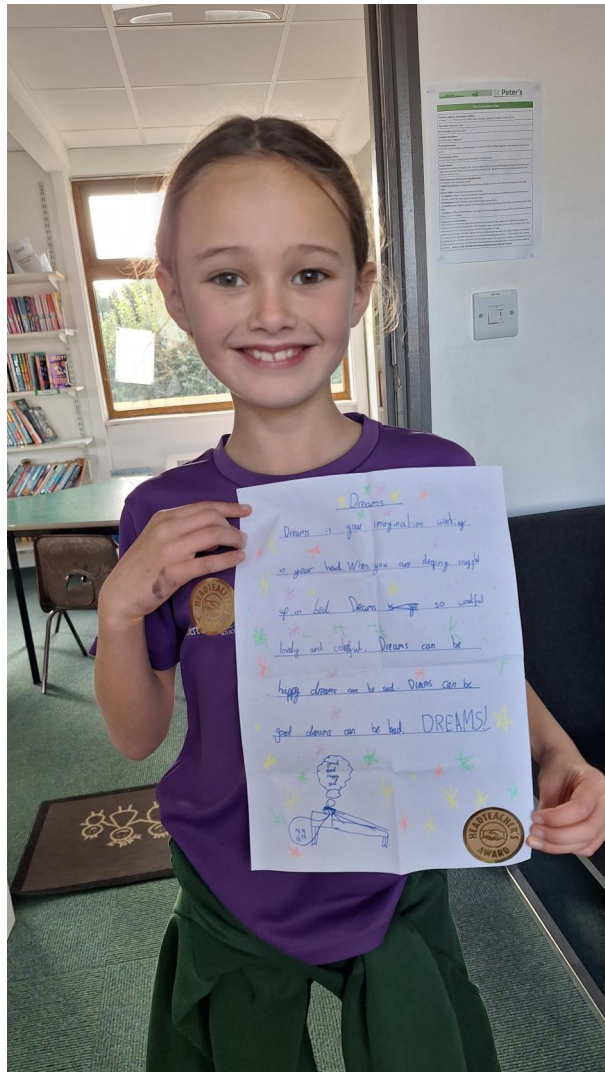










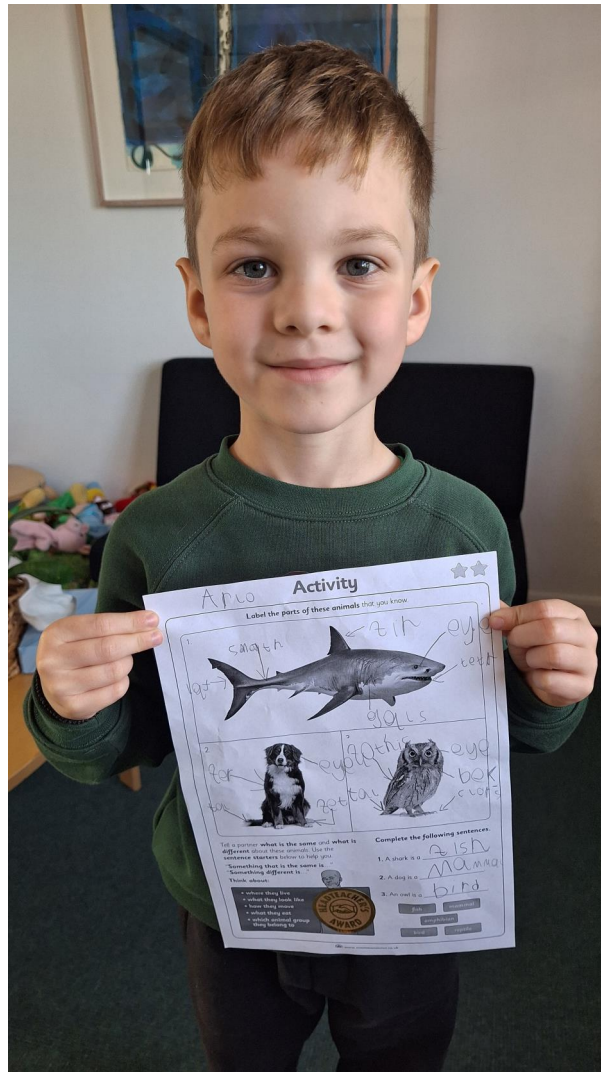


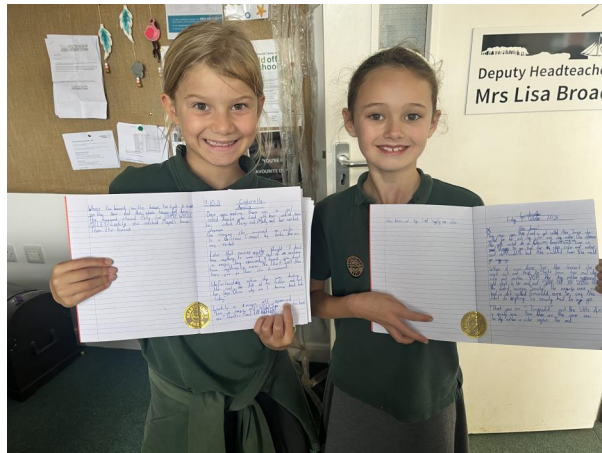
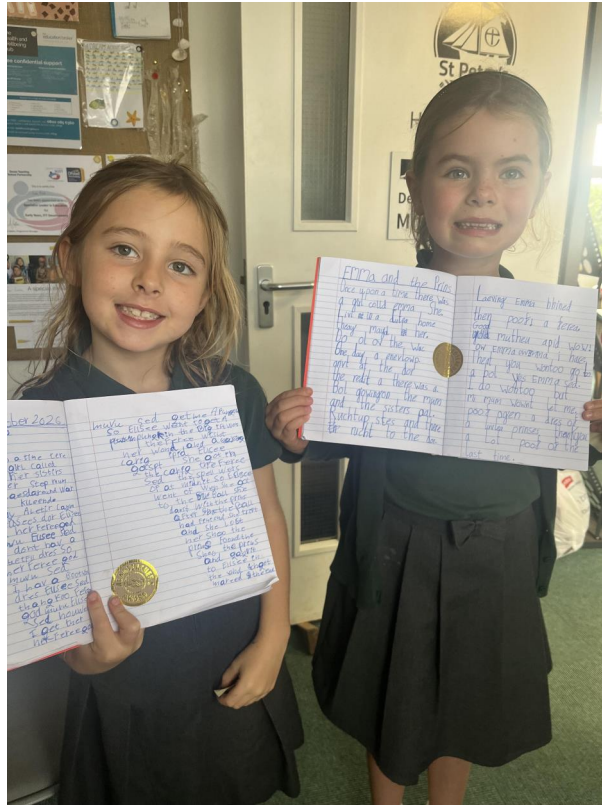


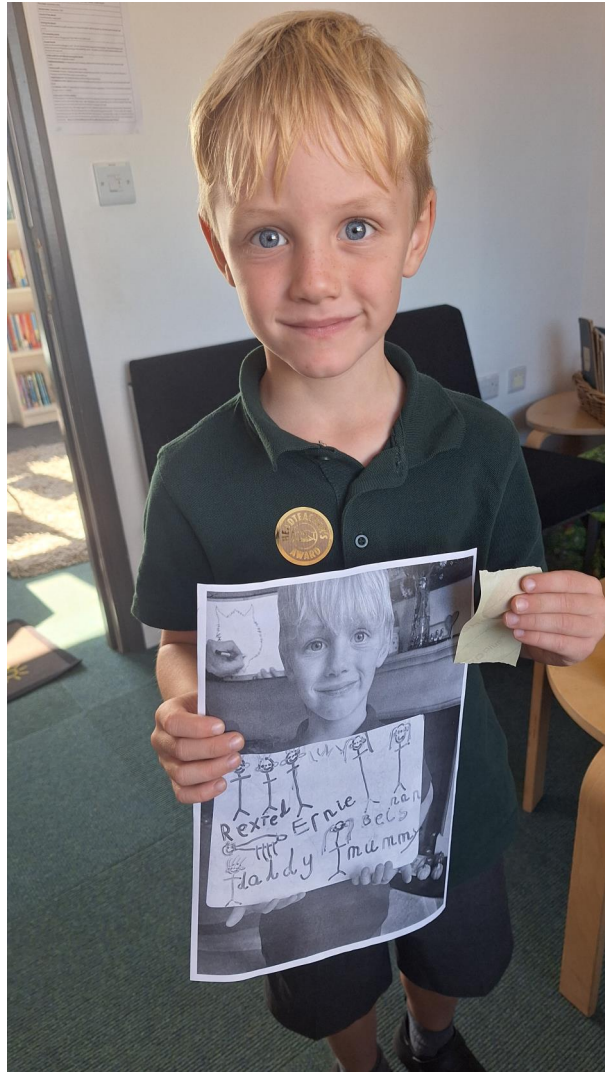


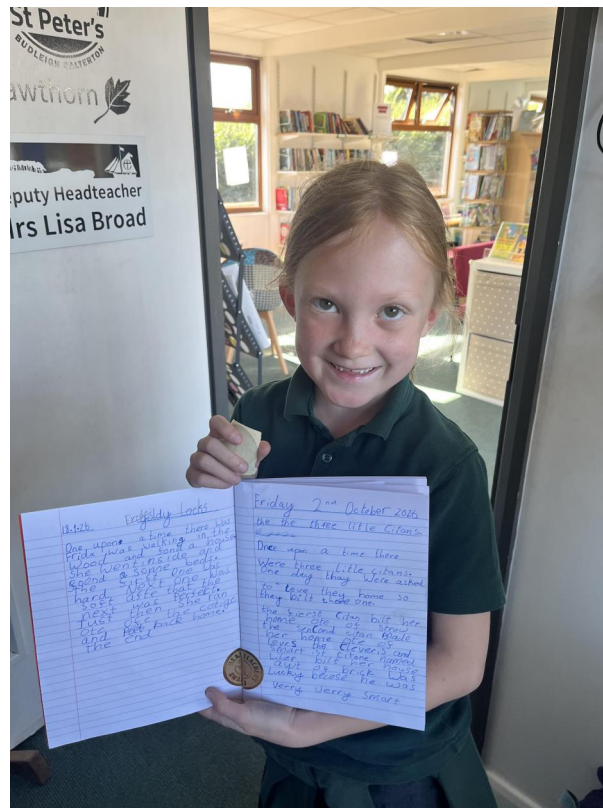






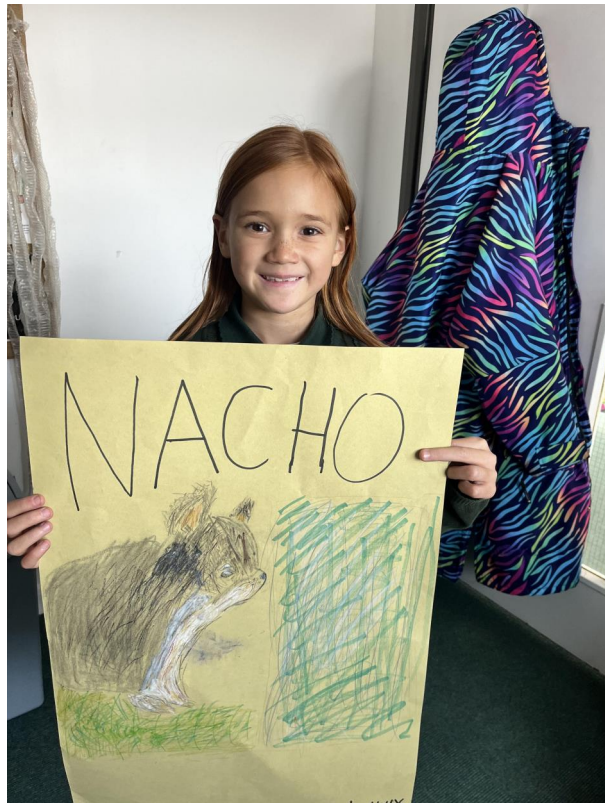


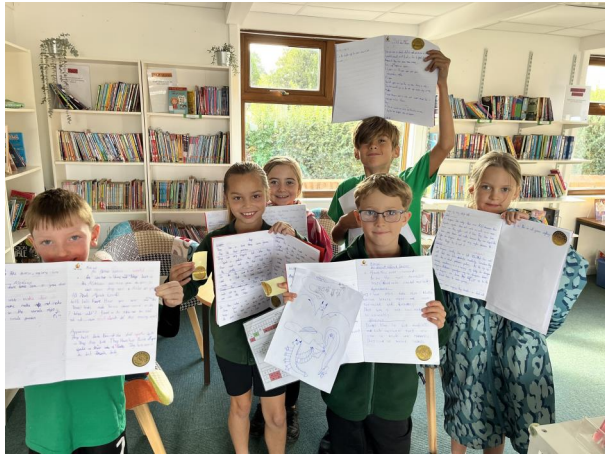


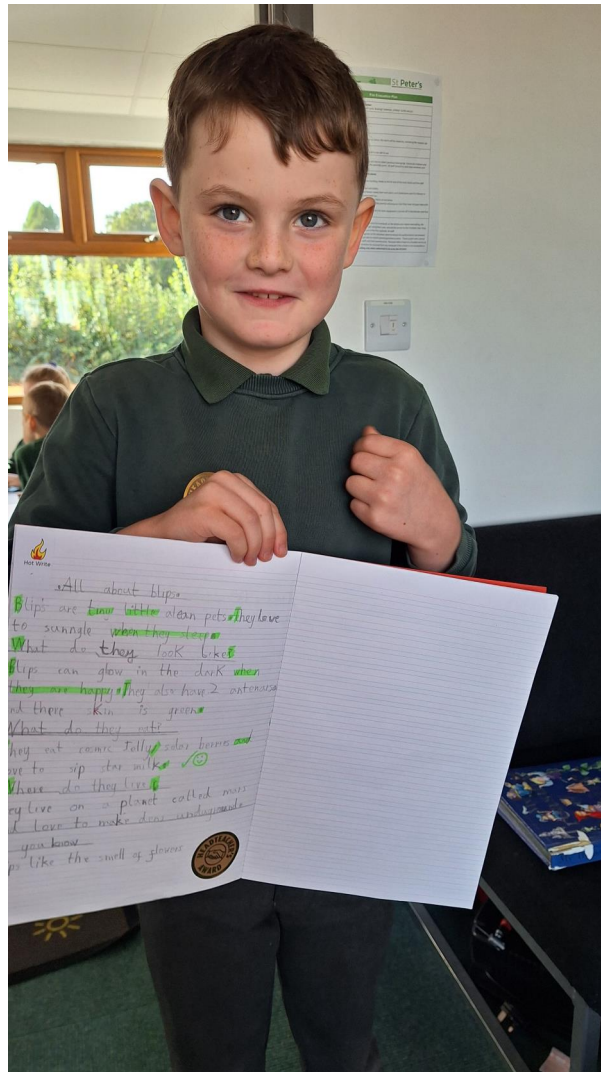












All about blips
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What do they look like?
Blips can glow in the dark ~~when~~
~~they are happy~~ they also have 2 antennae
at there kin is green
What do they eat?
they eat cosmic jelly ~~color~~ ~~home~~ ~~and~~
or to sip star milk ~~✓~~ ~~☺~~
Where do they live?
they live on a planet called mris
it have to make ~~don't~~ ~~underground~~
you know
it like the smell of gloves



Pupil Celebrations...



1 - Madison was awarded a certificate of achievement in Acro dance following her assessment just before the summer holidays!



2 - Grayson has learnt to ride his bike on his own and is feeling proud - well done!



3 - William and Edward both received the Coaches Award for their first season playing for Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club under 10s softball team!



4 - Zoya completed her 50th park run last Sunday!



5 - Karlotta participated in the WAG SW Classic Challenge winning 3rd place in Bars!



6 - William Jones completed first full parkrun this weekend, and he finished very well indeed - around 32 minutes!

Also Sunday was his first match for Exmouth rugby club, where they all played really well!



7 - Niamh competed this weekend for her first competition of the season, she got a bronze medal!



8 - Piper competed in her very first triathlon down in Torbay this weekend. She had a great time and really enjoyed it!



9 - Henry got the medal for best effort and Dougie man of the match for Exmouth b team!



10 - Holly was selected by her gymnastics club to compete for the first time in the Baskervilles Autumn Cup. Holly placed 6th overall in her category. And her overall score total was the highest across all the gymnasts competing for her club across all levels and age groups!



11 - Rio would like to share her recent achievement finishing her martial arts course at school!



12 - Charlotte completed her 25th junior parkrun last Sunday!



13 - Orla Doyle took part in her first triathlon last weekend and put in a superb effort!



14 - Willow visited Cranbrook park run this week and got a PB the previous week at Phear Park!

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