

Offwell C of E Primary School

Our Core Values: Honesty, Loyalty, Caring, Sharing and Forgiveness.



Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Highlights of the Week:

Ash: Noticing the changes in our bean seeds, flowers and potato plants and learning about the life cycle of our apple trees.

Willow: Learning about life in a Victorian school and being thankful that we don't get punished like they did back then!

Beech: Having a go at planning and performing for Youth Speak.

Oak: Preparing the artwork for our display board.

Y6: Completing our SATs with great positivity and, of course, the barbecue afterwards!



Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils. They have been calm, confident and considerate to one another, showing our core values of care, compassion and loyalty all week. They also came out of each test still smiling. We are immeasurably proud of their effort and attitude. As a reward, Year 6 parents have generously contributed to a superb spread, laid out up at the field and we have been blessed with sunshine, after such tempestuous rain! **Thank you to all Year 6 parents for their kindness and support.** Well done, also, to **Year 5**, who have temporarily formed part of Beech Class for four mornings this week. Thanks to Miss Kirkland, Mrs Bryant, Mr Bardot and Year 3 and 4 for hosting our future Year 6 students.

500 words writing competition. As promised at the end of last term, here are more details of the exciting competition we are running for KS2 this term. There is an information sheet with instructions and dates to help you enter successfully. You need to submit a piece of writing which is 500 words long (you are allowed 10% less or more- that's give or take 50 words). Your writing can be about anything you feel inspired to write about and can be fiction or non-fiction. You could include current topics, such as The Coronation, or you could set it in the past, or the future...the choice is literally yours! Your family, friends and teachers can give you ideas, but the writing must be your own.

Welcome to our two newest members of staff, Jane Stannard and Laura Marks. Miss Stannard maintains our site in good condition every day, despite all the mess we must make, and Miss Marks is supporting children each morning in Willow Class, some of whom already know her well! We feel very lucky to have them both.



Friday, 12th May 2023

Stars of the week:

Reception – All of them!

Willow – Anuhas

Beech – Oliver T

Oak – All Year 6!

Next week:

Monday; WASP, Oak Residential

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Wednesday; WASP, Oak Residential

Thursday; WASP, Oak & Beech swimming, Story & Rhyme

Friday; Celebration Collective Worship, Yr 5 – Ambassador Day at Littletown

House Points

Attenborough: 57 Anning: 51

Well done Attenborough!

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Climate Action. The world is warming. This means that our climate will become more unpredictable, with drier weather sometimes causing runaway fires, as we have seen in the past few years, while wetter weather in some places – most recently Venn

Ottery and Newton-Poppleford - will cause flooding events and coastal erosion. Acting now will create a fairer, healthier, and more prosperous society in the years to come. In line with our vision for all our children to Live Well in the world, sharing it fairly, and with King Charles's strong mission to preserve the natural world, upon which we all rely, **The Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Climate Adaptation Strategy has opened for consultation.** It's designed to help you understand the risks your community might face and how to respond to climate change. Give your feedback at <https://www.climateresilient-dcios.org.uk/> The consultation closes on Friday 30th June. **You can also attend a free webinar on Tuesday 16th May, 5-6pm to hear a breakdown of the Strategy and ask questions.** Register for free [here](#).

Future Industrial Action

The National Education Union is considering three further days of strike action in the summer term, unless the government negotiates an acceptable settlement of the pay, conditions and school funding dispute. Due to the high numbers of staff who could be involved in this action, and to avoid the difficulty of sorting out childcare at short notice, we will be closed on these future strike days. We do not yet know the specific dates, but we will, of course, inform you as soon as we know them.

Oak Residential

Oak children will be going on their residential trip next week to Wildside. They leave school at 9.30am on Monday and will return before the end of the school day on Wednesday. Don't forget your wellies! We look forward to hearing all about it!

Lorna Legg, Be healthy in body and strong in spirit and may all go well with you...'

Bowls' Big Weekend 26 to 29 May

Please see attached flyer for details about this event in Honiton – open to all ages.

Diary Dates

Please see attached for diary dates until the end of term.

Story & Rhyme

The next Story and Rhyme session in Ash Class is next Thursday, 18th May at 2.40pm. Everyone with younger children is welcome to attend. Please pass this message on to friends and neighbours who may be interested.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTFA is holding a second

hand uniform sale in Oak class next week on Monday and Tuesday after school. Please see the attached spreadsheet for availability so you can have a look at home over the weekend and think about what you might need. Items are used but in a good condition and are available for a donation to school. If you can't make it to the sale, let us know if you would like us to put anything to one side and the PTFA will do that on a first come first served basis. Please email Emily, the Chair, at ptfa@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk before Monday morning.