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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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Another short but busy week in school, with plenty of exciting things happening! Our Year 3 pupils went on their first ever residential to PGL Barton Hall. Please have a look below at some photos and updates from their experience.

I would also like to congratulate our Exmoor Challenge children from last weekend. They navigated and walked an impressive 16 miles, which is an incredible achievement. Thank you so much to the staff who gave up their time to support the children with this.

Next week, our Year 6 children will complete their SATs assessments. I wish you all a restful weekend so that everyone feels well prepared for Monday. Both the children and staff have put in an unbelievable amount of preparation and work to ensure all feel prepared, so a big thank you to those also.

Year 3 Residential

Our Year 3 children had a fantastic time on their residential visit to PGL Barton Hall. They took part in a wide range of enjoyable team-building activities, working together and supporting one another throughout their stay. The children also showed great courage as they tested their bravery on the climbing activities. Everyone had a wonderful time and represented the school superbly, truly doing us proud. For many, this was a significant achievement as it was their first time away from home without parents. The residential also provided valuable opportunities to tick off some of our '100 things' list, as children experienced a range of real-life challenges and adventures.



Our 2 Exmoor Challenge teams did a great job on Saturday in all weathers. Starting in the warm and dry, they finished half drowned in great time and with smiles on their faces. It was so nice to hear how they motivated and encouraged each other to keep going when moods dipped and navigated so well across the moors. It was also great that Adela Tas teamed up with some others from Bish Nym at the last minute on Friday so she too deserves a huge well done on an epic challenge.



Taw Class PE

Taw Class enjoyed a fantastic PE session this week as part of their Net and Wall unit, making the most of the lovely sunny weather outdoors. The children practised their hand-eye coordination skills by using their hands to hit a ball over cones – an important step before progressing to using rackets. The session was full of energy and enthusiasm, with all pupils fully engaged and eager to improve their skills. Working in pairs, the children showed excellent teamwork, encouraging one another and taking turns with great sportsmanship.

It was wonderful to see such positive collaboration and focus, as well as the children building confidence in a fun and active environment. A great session enjoyed by all!



Landacre Class enjoyed a wonderful outdoor learning session this week, making the most of the beautiful sunny weather. The children explored the natural environment and used a variety of found materials such as sticks, leaves, and stones to create their own pieces of "stick art." It was fantastic to see their creativity and imagination come to life. A highlight of the session was when the children worked together to build a noughts and crosses game using natural resources. This activity encouraged problem-solving and cooperation, as they carefully selected materials and collaborated to design and play their game.



Throughout the session, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork skills, supporting one another, sharing ideas, and working collaboratively. It was a lovely opportunity for them to learn outdoors while developing confidence, communication, and creativity.

A brilliant, enjoyable day for all!

Phonics Screening Check – Parent Webinar

We would like to invite parents and carers to an online webinar to find out more about the Phonics Screening Check. The Phonics Screening Check is a statutory check that takes place in Year 1.

The webinar will explain what the check involves, how it is carried out in school, and how it supports children's early reading development. It will also focus on practical ways parents can support their children with phonics in the weeks leading up to the check. This will help you feel confident in supporting your child at home ahead of the Phonics Screening Check, which will take place during the week beginning **8th June**. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the session.

Date: Monday 11th May

Time: 6.00pm

The webinar will take place online, and joining details will be shared closer to the date via parent pay email.

I hope you all have a restful weekend,

Mrs Charles-Jones

Upcoming Events

Year R Rosemoor Trip 21st May
Spring Fling Disco - 15th May KS1 3:30 KS2 5pm
Non Uniform Day 15th May
Fathers Day Shop - 11th and 12th June
KS1 Sports day - Friday 26th June 2026 - 1.30 - 3.00
KS2 Sports Day Friday 3rd July 2026 - 9.30 - 12 and 1.30 - 3.00
Year 2 Beach Trip 2nd July
Year 1 Caffyn's Farm Trip 7th July
Race For Life Event: Friday 10th July - 2pm-3pm
Year 6 London Trip 13th July -15th July
Summer Fair - 17th July
Residential meetings
Yr6- London- Weds 3rd June 3.20 in Pinkery classroom
Full term dates for the year are on our website



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