



## Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire and Achieve

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### March

- 12<sup>th</sup> March Parent consultations
- 12<sup>th</sup> Author visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> March Class 2 climate change workshop
- 27<sup>th</sup> Year 6 trip to London
- 28<sup>th</sup> EYFS/YR6 Height and weight

#### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Easter service at the church 2.45pm with Reverend Brook

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Homework share and book look

- 4<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

- 7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Holiday

- 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Bank Holidays

- 22<sup>nd</sup> - First Day Back

- 29<sup>th</sup> - YR3/4 Bikeability more info to follow.

#### May

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday

- 6-8<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability balance bikes R-YR2

- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 5 and 6

- Bikeability - more information to follow

- 26<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday

- 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Half Term

#### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 and 4 residential

- 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 residential

- 30<sup>th</sup> June -2<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 5 residential

#### July

- 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Inset Days

Dear Families,

We have seen some fantastic learning over the last two weeks at Lydford. It has been great to see. We have seen the introduction of Hockey club after school – Sue from OCRA fed back that children have shown impeccable behaviours and are very much enjoying learning a new skill. There are still spaces available if your child would like to sign up.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day – there were some fantastic costumes. Fostering a love of reading is something we are all passionate about. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite books with each other in our assembly solely dedicated to reading. Something to think about... ‘Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body’.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Brendon

**ATTENDANCE: 93.94%**



Children who have shown the strength of each of our values – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve are:-

	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
<b>Nurture</b>	<b>Emily K</b> for nurturing her independence in her learning.	<b>Misty</b> for nurturing her independence when seeking ways to improve her learning.
<b>Inspire</b>	<b>Sophie</b> for having an inspirational attitude to all of her learning. Fantastic progress.	<b>Emily E</b> for being inspirational in her attention to detail when reading and recalling information.
<b>Achieve</b>	<b>Lottie</b> for working hard to achieve great learning in maths – well done.	<b>Reuben</b> for working hard to achieve success in his Science learning by working independently in his investigation into solid materials.



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# CLASS NEWS

## CLASS 1

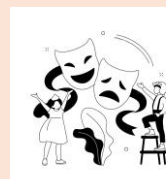


Class 1 have enjoyed exploring our new English text 'We are the water protectors', they have produced some fantastic poetry about water and have had some great thoughts about how we should be protecting our environment. In Geography we have been learning about the UK vs Uganda – we have looked at how children in UK and Uganda although different in many aspects also have a lot of similarities. Finally, we enjoyed an amazing trip with the children and staff from Boasley Cross Primary School this week. We learnt about the history of Morwellham Quay, what a day in the life of a Victorian child would be like – the children were amazed that the writing happened on a slate with slate pens. They enjoyed a trip into the mines to explore how miners lived and how they spent long days mining for copper and tin.



## CLASS 2

The children in Class 2 have continually impressed Mrs Neild and I this week with their ability and willingness to share ideas, respond to the ideas of others and use these to formulate some very mature opinions about a wide varied of concepts. They are thoroughly enjoying the journey with April on Bear Island in English and have shown their acting skills when role playing the characters. In Science they have been learning about energy transfers which linked perfectly with our Geography lesson 'How do we produce energy?' where we explored different types of renewable and non-renewable types of energy. With the arrival of sunshine they began playing rounders in PE so they will be well skilled by the time summer arrives.



## OFFICE NEWS

Please find below schedule of payment plans for Trips. Orange is where the payment is now overdue.

YR6 Bath & London	31.12.24	31.01.25	28.02.25	31.03.25	30.04.25	31.05.25
	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50
YR5 Bristol	31.01.25	28.02.25	31.03.25	30.04.25		
	£50.35	£50	£50	£50		
YR3/4 Camping	05.11.24					
	£30					





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### Severe Weather Procedure

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust  
...everyone in our Trust.

If severe weather conditions impact your child's school, updates will be communicated via email as soon as possible.

In the event of severe weather, you can also check the Devon County Council school closure page for updates.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure>

Should you need to contact the school during a full or partial closure, please email instead of calling as the phones may not be monitored.

[admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk)

or

[iceadminteam@dmatsschools.org.uk](mailto:iceadminteam@dmatsschools.org.uk)



### Pupil Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, please notify us before the start of the school day.

You can report an absence in the following ways...

#### Email

[admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@lydfordprimary.org.uk)

Or

[iceadminteam@dmatsschools.org.uk](mailto:iceadminteam@dmatsschools.org.uk)

#### Phone

**School Office:** 01822 820264

(you may be diverted to the central ICE admin team should the office be away from their desk or on another call)

Or

**Central ICE Admin Team:** 01837 510 414

Always include your child's name, school and reason for absence

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your local charity

Fusion have a free 3 day pass for everyone in the local area. This includes classes, swimming and gym. All residents can take advantage of this great offer.

The link is supplied below.

[fusion-lifestyle.com/offers/special-offers/](https://fusion-lifestyle.com/offers/special-offers/)

### Author Visit

To continue celebrating World Book Day we are delighted to welcome Bethany Finnimore, author of Tank the Tooth Fairy, for a reading of her children's picture book on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. A form was sent out earlier today please complete the form and return it to school with your money enclosed or confirmation of BACS payment before the event.



## CLUBS – you can book clubs on the School Gateway

Spring 2 - After school clubs

<b>SATS CLUB</b> with Mrs Dickinson	Year 6 only	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30
<b>MULTI-SPORTS</b> with Mr Burns	All Year Groups	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30
<b>COOKING</b> with Mrs Green	All Year Groups	Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30
<b>HOCKEY</b> with OCRA	All Year Groups	Thursday 3.30 – 4.30





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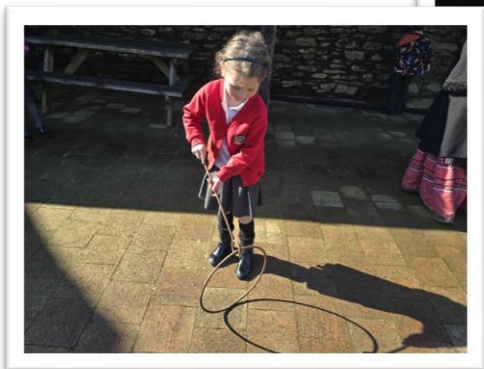






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## MORWELLHAM QUAY TRIP







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Children using their inquisitiveness and oracy skills to share ideas, ask questions and discover information from a selection of maps, facts and photographs in our English lesson.



In RE the children were using a board game to help them explore the idea of 'How and why do people try to make the world a better place?'





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Lydford Sportsfield presents

# Lydford summer fair

**Saturday 5th July**

Stalls, food, art competitions, dog show, tug of war and much more!

What other events would you like to see?  
Have your say now!



BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SUMMER FAIR

Save the date!  
**Saturday 14 June 2025**  
Bridestowe School Grounds

**We need you!**  
We're on the lookout for stall-holders and performers on the day - please contact Steff 07969 949177

More details coming soon!

Libraries Unlimited

WORLD BOOK DAY  
6 MARCH 2025


## Celebrate World Book Day 2025 at Okehampton Library!

Monday 3 – Sat 8 March

Pop in and join the library for free anytime during the week of World Book Day to receive two free books!

Already a library member? No problem - come into the library and borrow or reserve any book during the week of World Book Day to receive a free book!

Plus, everyone that takes part in this offer will also be entered into a free prize draw to win some Roald Dahl themed goodies.



Open to all ages, whilst stocks last, available during library opening hours.

# READ TO RAFA

**TUESDAYS**  
**15:45-16:45**

Does your child struggle with reading or need a confidence boost?

Why not book them into a session to read to Rafa? He loves to hear children read!

For further details contact Okehampton Library:  
01837 52805  
okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Free session, booking is essential.



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