



After an interesting start to this half term with Storm Ciaran joining us, we are looking forward to a very busy half term leading up to Christmas. We have lots of exciting things planned so watch this space. Our Christmas play has been chosen so scripts will be sent out in the coming week with lines and songs to practice.

I hope you are enjoying the updates on Class Dojo, if you are having any problems getting access to this, then please let me know. We would appreciate any feedback you may have on this form of communication.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and the weather is a little kinder to us all.

Mrs Brendon

### Stars of the week

The children who have shown the strength of each of our values - **Nurture, Inspire, Achieve**, are-

This week our awards went to:

**Nurture - Scarlett for success when joining her handwriting.**

**Inspire - Emily E for writing an inspirational story in the style of the class text.**

**Achieve - Sophie for using her phonics in independent learning.**



Last week's awards:

**Nurture- Olivia - For looking after her friends and encouraging them to join in in their play.**

**Inspire - Eliza - for showing stamina in her writing and encouraging her friends to keep going when it is challenging.**

**Achieve - Edward - for showing stamina in his writing.**

### Stay and Play

Thank you to everyone who came to our stay and play session. We hope you enjoyed it as much as you did. We will let you know the date of our next session shortly.

### Junk Modelling

Class one would be very grateful for any recycling materials suitable for their junk modelling. Cereal boxes, cardboard tubes, small boxes etc all gratefully received.



## Time to Talk

As part of our school focus on getting children talking and improving their Oracy, we have a topical, weekly question and picture for you to discuss as a family:-



A new collectable coin celebrating The Snowman has been launched by the Royal Mint. The design retells Raymond Briggs classic children's book about James, a young boy who builds a snowman that comes to life. It is the first of the Royal Mint's 50p Christmas coins to feature the official coinage portrait of King Charles.

If you could design a stamp, which characters from a famous story would you use and why?

EYFS having fun with autumnal themed learning.



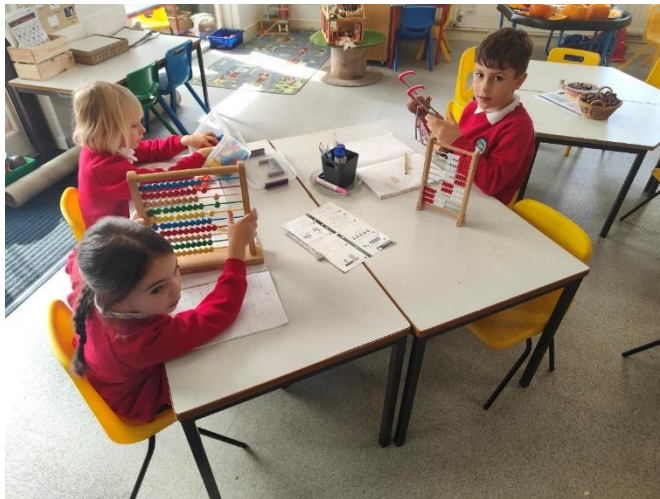


Building with friends at **Lego Club.**

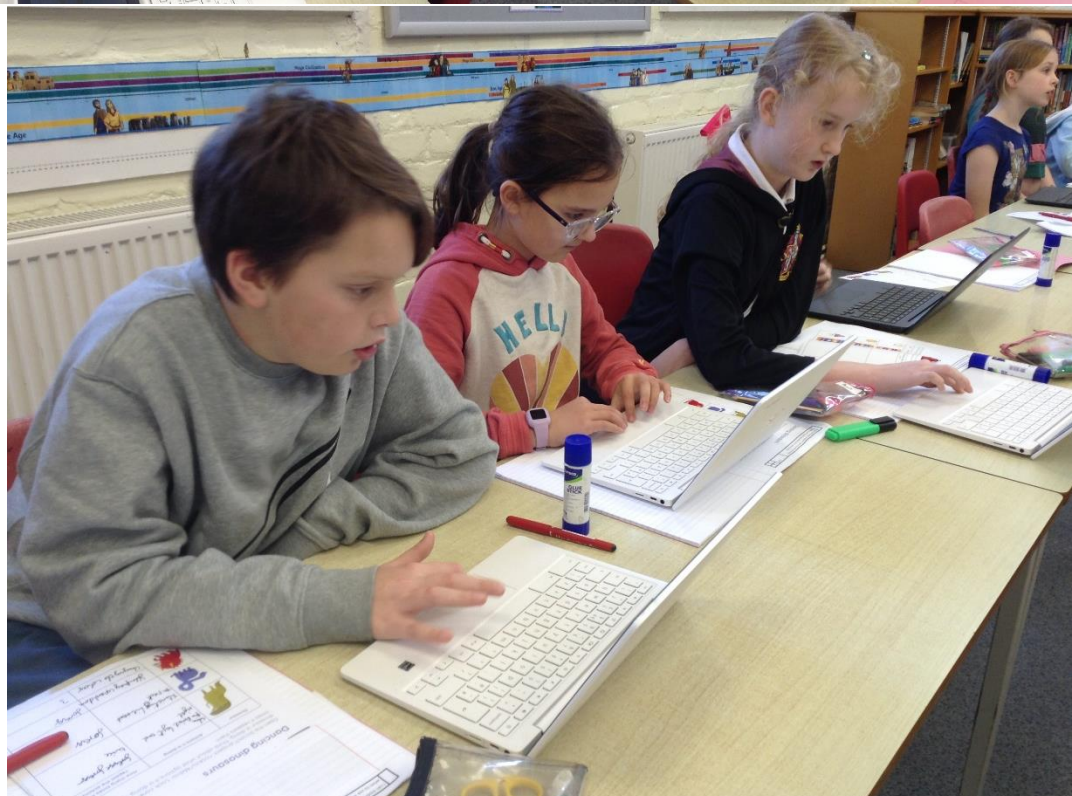




**Year 2** enjoying maths using the learning resources.



**Class 2** enjoying a computing lesson.





Fun at our **Stay and Play** session.



## Diary Dates

### November

Friday 3rd	FoLS Disco
Tuesday 7th	Open Day 1.15 - 5.30pm
Thursday 9th	Cross Country at Castle Drogo (selected children)
Friday 10th	Remembrance Service at St Petrock Church
Thursday 23rd	FoLS Call My Bluff Evening 7pm Nichols Hall
Monday 27th	Flu Vaccinations

### December

Friday 1st	Carols at Castle Drogo (details to follow shortly)
Friday 8th	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th	Christmas Performance at the Nicholls Hall 6pm
Wednesday 13th	Pantomime Trip
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term

### January

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to School
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## FoLS

### Disco.

There will be a school disco in the Nicholls hall at 6pm today - 3<sup>rd</sup> November



## Call My Bluff Evening - 23<sup>rd</sup> November in Lydford Village Hall 19.00 for 19.30

- An evening of laughter, bluffing and double bluff in aid of Friends of Lydford School – FoLS. Call My Bluff evening kindly hosted by Bearn's Hampton & Littlewood Auctioneers and Valuers of Exeter. Come along and see how good you are at valuing antiques or fakes.
- Tickets £7 in advance or £8 on the night – children are free. Entry includes a plate of cheese and biscuits. Alcoholic and soft beverages available to purchase during the evening.
- Tickets from the Toy Shop in the Red Lion Yard Okehampton or call Jade on 07854 206 400.
- Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you for a fun evening of bluffing!

Event kindly hosted by Bearn's Hampton & Littlewood  
Cheese kindly donated by Waitrose, Okehampton

Tickets are also available from the School Office and The Castle Inn





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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

## Community News and Information



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Free Exhibition  
on the 307 Squadron

13–15 November 2023

10:00–16:00

Exeter Guildhall  
High Street

Raising of the Polish Flag  
15<sup>th</sup> November 10:00

RAF Exeter Talk  
by Chris Wiseman  
15<sup>th</sup> November 14:00

[facebook.com/307SquadronProject](https://facebook.com/307SquadronProject)



## Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

### You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

Call 01237 879233, email [fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk) or scan the QR code to request a call back



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## DMAT Careers and Employment Fair

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Are you eager to explore exciting career opportunities?  
Are you a parent looking to support your child's  
pathways? Join us at this years Careers and  
Employment Fair.

 Date: December 6th, 2023  
 Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 Location: Ashbury Hotel,  
Okehampton, EX20 4NL

### What to Expect:

- Explore Diverse Career Paths
- Interactive Skills Workshops
- Meet Local Employers
- College and University Representatives



The Manor  
&  
Ashbury  
Resorts  
Spa | Sport | Craft | Golf

This event is **FREE** and  
open to students, parents  
and all ages of the local  
community!

For more information, please  
contact us at  
[careersfair@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:careersfair@dmatschools.org.uk)



# IMMERSION IN THE COMMUNITY CIC

Free fundamental maths courses using virtual reality!

Come along to our sessions and learn a wide range of different maths skills from multiplying all the way to measurements!

This is a great way to gain skills to get yourself back into the work place, learn different techniques to help children with homework or just to develop your mathematical ability  
Courses for those 19+

## Sessions

Mondays 9:15 - 12:00 @ Immersion Virtual Reality Arcade, Okehampton

Wednesday 9:15 - 12:00 @ Immersion Virtual Reality Arcade, Okehampton

Wednesday 19:00 - 21:30 @ Immersion Virtual Reality Arcade, Okehampton

For more information email us at [immersioninthecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:immersioninthecommunity@gmail.com)

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FOR LIFE**

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# Bingo Night

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF BINGO AS WE RAISE FUNDS FOR BOTH YOUTH & LADIES CRICKET AT BCC. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BAR & RAFFLE RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE EVENING ACCEPTING BOTH CASH & CARD PAYMENTS.

**DEC 8TH, 2023**  
**DOORS OPEN 7PM - EYES DOWN 8PM**  
**BRIDESTOWE VILLAGE HALL**



## CHRISTMAS at DAIRYLAND

Entry 10-6  
(10 - 4 on Christmas Eve)

**Breakfast  
with Santa**  
@ Farmhouse Kitchen 9 - 10  
See our website  
to book

*Book Here*

2nd, 3rd,  
9th, 10th  
16th-24th\*  
**DECEMBER**

*Santas Grotto  
Elves Workshop  
Singing Reindeer  
Christmas Trail  
Festive Lights  
And Much More*

Festive fun on the farm since 1976



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about — SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

## INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

## REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

## MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

## ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

## PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to *always* meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

## IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

### CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you *really* want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

### THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

## Meet Our Expert

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