



Pupil of the Week Awards

	Betty Bee	Wilbur Woodpecker	Olive Owl	Samuel Squirrel
Kingfishers	~	Amelie	Florence	Rupert
Jackdaws	Louis	Phia	Obi	Autumn
Ospreys	Jaxon	Harper	Freya	Harvey

Although we have had a short half term, we seem to have squeezed a lot in! Year 6 have completed their SATs tests and did themselves proud. Year 4 have their multiplication check coming up and Year 1 have their phonics screening coming up too.

The next half term is looking even more hectic. We have Ospreys going on their residential straight after half term, sports day and Key Stage 2 will be putting on a performance near the end of term. Please keep an eye on the weekly updates and website for upcoming dates.

I wish you all a wonderful half term - looks like the weather has cleared up in time for some family fun. See you all on Monday 1st June.

School Meal Bookings

If you wish your child/children to have school meals the week after half term, bookings are required by Sunday 31st May.

If you have already booked in advance, we would still recommend checking your bookings in ParentPay to ensure that your required days are booked on your account.

Outdoor Learning - Kingfishers

Kingfishers class have their first sessions on Thursday 11th June, followed by sessions each Thursday afternoon on the 18th & 25th June and 2nd & 9th July.

Clubs

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THE FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER HALF TERM

Monday	Running & Summer Games	8 th , 15 th & 22 nd June
Tuesday	Drawing	9 th , 16 th & 23 rd June
Wednesday	Netball	10 th , 17 th & 24 th June

Diary Dates June & July

June	
1 st =3 rd	Y5 & Y6 Residential – packed lunch Monday only
Thurs 11 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 16 th	Class Photos
Thurs 18 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 18 th	New Reception Pupils – Parent Meeting 3.00pm in Pipits class
Fri 19th	PTFA Cake Sale – Ospreys & Pipits to donate cakes
Tues 23 rd	Y5 STEM day – packed lunch or meal provided at venue
Wed 24 th	Year 6 The Woodroffe School Taster Day – info to parents from Woodroffe
Thurs 25 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 26th	PTFA Whole School Fun Day Non-uniform day
Tues 30th	PTFA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale – after school - £1 per item
July	
Wed 1 st	Year 6 Axe Valley Academy Transition Day – info to parents from AVA
Thurs 2 nd	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 9 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 14 th	Sports Day – parents invited 1.30pm
Tues 14th	PTFA £1 Bucket game for your chance to win half
Thurs 16 th	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 17 th	Y6 Leavers Assembly – Year 6 parents invited 2.30pm
Tues 21 st	Last day of term Whole School Picnic – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 22nd	Non-pupil day - Staff Training
22nd July start of Summer Holidays	

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *News & Events* section.

[Diary Dates website links](#)

[Term Dates website link](#)

CLASS NEWS

PIPITS CLASS

Pipit Class has been learning about where our food comes from. After learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, the children received 'Magic Beans' which they grew in a clear bag on the window. They were thrilled when their beans sprouted and began to grow. They observed the beans daily and noticed that some grew quicker than others. One grew so big it reached the top of the bag! The children learnt the words roots, shoot and sprout. They have created a booklet with pictures and writing explaining what they observed.

The children have also learnt lots about Japan. They celebrated 'Children's day' with Koi Nobori and learnt that Japan has lots of volcanos. After reading the book "The perfect sushi" the class made their own vegetarian sushi following the steps in the book. They ate their sushi with chopsticks and most of them thought it was delicious.

Last week they walked to Kilmington allotments where Judith Simpson and Klaus gave the children a tour showing them lots of the things that they are growing up there including strawberries, leeks, carrots and blueberries. They also explained how they create habitats for wildlife with wild flowers and a small pond. The children were amazed to see a frog swimming in the pond! The children all behaved so well and asked lots of interesting questions. It was brilliant for them to see how food grows.

KINGFISHER CLASS

Kingfisher children have been **writers, illustrators, botanists and programmers** this week - read on to find out more!!!!

Kingfisher class have been learning about space in English as part of our work on non-fiction texts. The children have learnt some amazing facts and shown a real interest in this topic. They have written and illustrated a fact page which they hope to share with adults during our open afternoon.

In computing, the children have been programmers. They have used Scratch Junior to develop programming skills and create algorithms. This week, the children created a short animation called 'Space Race.' They had to design 3 rockets, create an algorithm for each rocket that would ensure a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. They had to use different speeds for each rocket's algorithm to achieve this.



Here is an example of an algorithm ...



Here are the different speeds.



In science, we have been learning about plants and during our visit to Mrs Burleigh's Farm, the children became botanists! They studied and dissected plants from around the farm. They separated the parts of a plant - the petals, stem, leaves and roots. They studied the parts of a plant closely using a magnifying glass and notice things like whether the stem was hollow or not.



JACKDAWS CLASS

Jackdaws have had a very busy half term, despite it being the shortest of the year!

Our English learning was based on a short film called *The Windmill Farmer* and, from it, the children have all created wonderful metaphor poetry about a storm. The language choices were fantastic, and all the children have clearly thought carefully about putting the best words in the best place. Most of them are on display in the Jackdaws notice board in the lane – if your writing is not there, fear not, as there are also a few poems on display in Mrs. White's office! What a great selection of poets we have in Year 3 and 4!

In maths, we have covered 3 topics – Fractions, Time and Decimals. We have worked exceptionally hard here, learning about the link between fractions and their decimal equivalents. We were very good at spotting the links between fractions tenths and hundredths and the decimal tenths and hundredths. Time is, as ever, a bit of a funny one because it can feel very abstract! All children worked well throughout to build their understanding of telling the time, digital and 24 hour clocks.

In geography, we have been exploring Exeter as part of our local area study by using *Digimaps* on the laptops and tablets. We have been looking at how the land is used, and the human and physical features we can spot. We have also been using these digital maps to build our understanding of four-figure grid references (which are tricky to get to grips with, especially for Mrs. Shaw!!) We will continue some of this learning after half term as we move into our history topic about the Romans. Lots of evidence of Romans in Britain still exists in Exeter today, and we are hoping to go and see this first hand.



Jackdaws have also done lots of excellent DT this term – finally finishing our autumn term sewing project before moving on to our very exciting Cooking and Nutrition topic of adapting a recipe.

We started this week by evaluating existing products (eating lots of biscuits – yum!) before thinking about how we could adapt a basic biscuit recipe for our target audience... hungry adults at a staff meeting.

The children worked so hard and with incredible thought this week to create these prototypes **and** the packaging for it: all biscuits were very delicious and very well received.

Well done Jackdaws!

We have been exploring musical notation and pitch in music - and have amazed ourselves with how many different combinations of tunes we can make with the notes C, D and E, and different note length. To help us, we thought of the notes as "walk", "jog-ging", and "run-ning-fast-er", with "shh!" for a pause. Despite the loud nature of twenty-eight glockenspiel players, Jackdaws came up with some lovely tunes to play to the rest of the class.

We have enjoyed our Outdoor Learning this half term and have enjoyed exploring the woodland area, making bug hotels as well as doing some artwork. We have also used the opportunity to link Outdoor Learning to our Science topic 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We conducted a nature survey as well as thinking about the types of creatures which live in a woodland habitat.

The children have also enjoyed learning about Pentecost in RE. Did you know that Pentecost is during the May half term? The children created some lovely artwork about the apostles receiving the gift of languages from the Holy Spirit and enjoyed retelling the story in comic strip form.

OSPREYS CLASS

First of all, we are extremely proud of our year 6 children as they navigated themselves successfully through SATs week. They absolutely gave 100% to all the tests showing perseverance, resilience, determination and commitment – all life-long skills that will help them in the future. The tests were not easy but fair in content and the cakes certainly helped. Thank you for supporting the children and school with a constant supply of deliciousness! Results will be out when the children receive their reports towards the end of term.

Our history topic this half term has been a focus on sustainability, looking at plastic waste. On Wednesday, we had a lengthy brainstorm of ideas based on reducing plastic waste in school. We decided to focus on glue sticks and together drew up an action plan which involves looking at alternatives to glue sticks, how we recycle and reuse them with the long-term goal that we, as a school, will do something to address this issue.

In English, we are focusing on the book *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. The book is set in Victorian times and the life of a young lad called Jim Jarvis. As we gain knowledge of the book genre and time period, the children will be writing a chapter based on events from the story.

Science has continued with more in-depth learning about materials and their properties with a particular focus on reversible and irreversible changes which has been fascinating.

This last week has been buzzing with excitement and anticipation over our upcoming trip to Adventure Okehampton. We have had a lengthy discussion where children have had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their trip.

Moving into next term, we will be starting our KS2 production; a lovely part of the year which brings the children together to showcase their talents. The best part of this time is watching how some children, who would not normally put themselves forward in this way, show natural aptitude for showcasing their acting, singing, dancing (to name a few) talents.