

Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final week in school has continued to be busy and productive!

I wanted to celebrate the success of our Boys Football team that we took to the interschool competition at the Tarka Leisure Centre in Barnstaple. There were 20 teams competing and we came a very respectable 13th place! Our team was a mix of Year 4, 5 and 6 boys and we were playing schools with majority Year 6 players. Our team supported each other and played with excellent team work—I was incredibly proud of the effort of each of the boys! Our team captain (you know who you are!) deserves a special mention for leading the team so well and setting an excellent example at all times. Thank you also to Mrs Webber who came with us. Please read through the boys' own accounts of the match later in the newsletter.



It was also lovely to finish the week with our Easter assembly. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to join us and to Reverend Katie and the Open the Book team for sharing the Christian message of Easter for us.

I hope that you all have a very restful Easter holiday and that you manage to find some precious time to spend with family and friends. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the 23rd April for the start of our summer term.



School News

Mrs Sluman's news

Many, many congratulations to Mrs Sluman who is expecting a baby in the summer! We are delighted with this news and look forward to meeting baby Sluman later this year. Mrs Sluman is planning to finish the academic year with her current class.

Science Fayre

A reminder about the school's science fayre. Please remember to complete the form to let us know you are entering. We will then look forward to receiving your projects on the first day back after the Easter break.

School Meals

Please find attached to this newsletter the menu which covers the period April to October 2025.

School News

Ventrus Vacancies

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Poppy Cascade—a message from the Church Council

We have been asked by the Church Council to participate in the Poppy Cascade planned to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe day on Thursday 8th May.

We would be very grateful if children can bring in the bottom section of clear 2 litre plastic bottles that we can paint to create poppies. Please bring these in the first week back after Easter.

We have also been asked to share the schedule for the celebration that the Church Council have organised. Please see below for your information:

Sunday 4 May.

10am. All are welcome to a Holy Communion Service with the Bishop of Exeter the Rt Rev Mike Harrison and Rev Rosie Austin during which the Shirwell Mission Community Choir will sing.

11am. Blessing of the Poppy Cascade by the Bishop. All are welcome and it is not necessary to have been to the earlier service.

The Bishop will pick the nomination of a person to light the Lamp of Peace from a hat and will also be pleased to speak to as many people as possible.

Thursday 8 May.

11am onwards. People are welcome to come and see the Poppy Cascade.

11am - 5pm. Memories Exhibition in the church. Pictures and accounts of World War II as told by those who lived through it or have been told by their relatives.

2pm - 5pm. Thursday Cafe in the Village Hall with special refreshments and a war time song singalong.

Early evening. St Peter's Bellringers will ring out in celebration.

7pm. Concert in the church by The Jubilee Singers. Refreshments served during the interval.

9.30pm. Lighting of the Lamp of Peace in the church. This will be at the same time as bonfires, beacons and other Lamps of Peace are lit around the country.

For further details, please contact Sue Squire on 01598 710526 or email sue@suesquire.com.

If anyone would like to be involved in helping to create the poppy cascade by attaching them to the netting, please get in touch with Sue. This will start in the Wesley Suite at the rear of the church on Monday 7th May when sessions will be held on various days and times over the coming weeks. The church has toilets and baby changing facilities.

All proceeds raised will be split between Help for Heroes and the Royal British Legion

Please remember: **Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone**

Curriculum News

Taw Class



This week in Taw we have been busy crafting some yarn easter eggs. For this activity we had to roll up our sleeves and get stuck in....quite literally as you can see.



Curriculum News



Boys' Inter School Football Competition

Football Fun!

We (Jax, Max, Tyler, Joseph, James, William, Kevin, Elliott, Leo and Ethan) walked from school over the main road to hop on the bus. And away we go! We drove from Bratton to Tarka Tennis – in Barnstaple – and set up at group 4. Our first match was against Newport, unfortunately we lost 4-0. We all then went for a toilet break and a bit of training. We then had our second match and won 4-0, we were so chuffed. Our third and fourth matches we drew 0-0. We didn't make it into the quarterfinals but still played two more games. Our first we won 2-0 and our second we won 1-0. We placed 13th out of 20! We made our way back home onto the bus.

By Max and Jax.



Football Tournament.

Kevin, Max, Jax, Joseph, Leo, William, Tyler, James, Elliott and Ethan. First, we took a trip to the astro at tarka and when we arrived there we got to our pitch, set up warmed up and then played our first team. After that we then went to rest, to get a drink and warm up. We watched the next match. And once we watched that match, we then played our next team after we played them, we then went to do the activity and warmed up there then we went back to play our next team then had another break. The scores of the matches where we lost one drew two won one and we then went to play our next teams before we went back to school, and we won the two last games and after that we waited for our bus and went back to school told a few friends wat happened we then went home.

By Kevin and Joseph

PTA

THANK YOU PTA for our yummy Easter Eggs!



Curriculum News

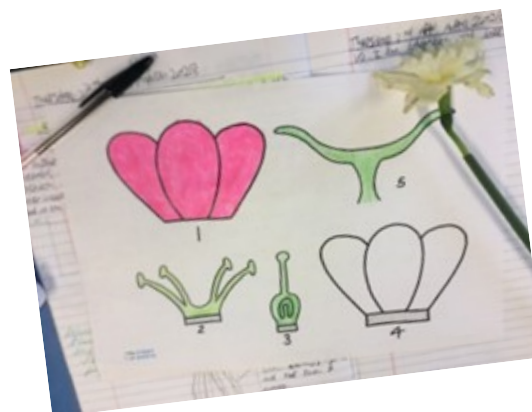
Science

Torridge class concluded their science forces topic by conducting a paper aeroplane investigation. The children made paper aeroplanes, tested them outside and then discussed their findings in the classroom.

We investigated a range of variables including distance flown, approximate height gained, gracefulness, ability to land the correct way up and time in the air.



In Taw class this week, we continued our plants topic. This week we had the opportunity to learn about flowers. We looked at daffodils that had been grown in the school grounds and identified the different parts. A very interesting lesson.



Clubs



Week beginning 21st April, 2025

Here are the clubs that are running this week.

Please remember that all clubs must be booked and paid for in advance using Arbor.

Day	Club	Time
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday	
Tuesday 22nd April	Non Pupil Day	
Wednesday 23rd April	Breakfast Club	8am—8:45am
	After School Club	3:15pm—5:30pm
Thursday 24th April	Breakfast Club	8am—8:45am
	After School Club	3:15pm—5:30pm
Friday 26th April	Breakfast Club	8am—8:45am
	After School Club	3:15pm—5:30pm

Charges After School Club

If you have enrolled your child on a Romar Sport or teacher led club which finishes at 4.15pm, and you need to use the Afterschool Club until you can collect. We have arranged for you to book a session with the Afterschool Club from 4.15pm until 5.30pm. These sessions are available Monday to Wednesday and will cost £4.50 per session per child. Please sign up in Arbor.



Diary Dates

7 th – 21 st April	Easter holidays
22 nd April	Non-Pupil Day
24 th April	Science Fayre in school hall
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs assessments (Year 6)
5 th May	Bank Holiday
21 st May	Wilcombe Wobbler sporting event
26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term
2 nd – 20 th June	Phonics Screening window for assessment (Year 1 pupils)
24 th June	Sports Day weather permitting
30 th June & 1st July	Yr 6 transition Day Pilton Community College
2 nd – 6 th June	Multiplication Screening window for assessment (Year 4 pupils)
9 th – 13 th June	Multiplication Screening window for assessment (Year 4 pupils)
3rd & 4th July	Ilfracombe Academy Transition days
8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
16 th July	KS2 performance for invited community members and grandparents
17 th July	KS2 performance for parents/carers afternoon performance and at 5.30pm
22 nd July	Year 6 leaver's assembly for parents/carers of Yr 6 children only
23 rd July	Last day of term