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## Friday 24th January 2025

Hello everyone, it's the end of another busy Oakwood week.

As you may have seen from our Facebook posts some of our children have been engaging in athletics and football competitions this week. We also had fun with languages this week as part of International Languages Day, as you can see the children had a great time.

Please check the calendar dates on this newsletter, we have lots of exciting activities and opportunities on the horizon, not least our Careers afternoon, World book day and parents afternoon/evenings coming up soon!

Thank you to all those that have already expressed an interest in speaking to our children about your careers and jobs, we are looking forward to welcoming you into school in March.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team.

### Diary Dates to Remember

**Monday 27th January**  
**BOOK SALE 15.:30-16:00**

**YR5 SWIMMING FOR 3 WEEKS**

**Tuesday 11th February**  
**EYFS WOW SPACE DAY!**

**17th Feb to 21st Feb**  
**HALF TERM**

**MONDAY 3rd March**  
**CAREERS DAY & DRESS UP**

**RECEPTION AND YEAR 6  
PUPILS HEIGHT & WEIGHT  
MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME**

**Week of 3rd March**  
**PARENTS AFTERNOON/EVENING  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**Thursday 6th March**  
**WORLD BOOK DAY**

**7th April to 21st April**  
**EASTER BREAK**

**Monday 5th May**  
**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

**Sunday 11th May**  
**SCHOOLS MARATHON  
CHALLENGE**

**26th May to 30th May**  
**HALF TERM**

**Monday 30th June**  
**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

**Wed 23rd July**  
**SUMMER BREAK**

# Family Support Network



**Mrs J Chubb**  
Assistant Head of  
School

Deputy Designated  
Oakwood Academy  
Lead for Safeguarding

Safeguarding

Education and  
Curriculum

Behaviour

Family Support

Service Families



**Mrs Fliss Lock**  
INCO

SEND Support

SEND and behaviour-  
support for parents

School Nurse  
Referrals

DLA Applications

GP letters



**Mr P Arnold**  
Senior Head of School

Designated  
Oakwood Academy  
Lead for Safeguarding

Family Support



It is with huge pride that we report on our regional winners award from Fonetti. Over the summer holidays, more than 50 children, from Oakwood Primary Academy signed up to take part in a National Read Aloud Challenge.

The UK National Read-Aloud Challenge is a fantastic way to cultivate a love of reading from an early age. This initiative involves using the Award Winning Fonetti app, which offers a range of engaging stories and factual books. By participating in this challenge, children built confidence in reading, developed speech and comprehension skills, and enhanced their vocabulary - all while having fun with the app over summer.

Once again, as reigning champions of the South-West, H and L, travelled to London to accept the award on behalf of everyone who took part. These boys scored extremely highly in both reading time and stars won for their overall fluency. They travelled to the Amazon Headquarters in London, rubbed shoulders with famous writers and collected another trophy to add to our collections.

Well done to all the National Read Aloud Challengers! Between you, you read 2763 books, read for a total 217 hours and accumulated 77 certificates. We did it again!





## Foreign Language Day Fun!

This week, we celebrated our Trust Language Day with lots of exciting activities! Students explored the French language and culture through fun games, songs, and art projects. They learned simple French phrases like "Bonjour" and "Merci," practiced counting in French, and sang "Frère Jacques" together. Creative hands got busy colouring French flags and famous landmarks like the Eiffel Tower. It was a wonderful day full of laughter, learning, and a deeper appreciation for languages around

## A Taste of France on Language Day!

As part of our Trust Language Day celebrations, year 3 students had the chance to explore the delicious world of French food! They learned about traditional French treats like croissants, baguettes, and dark chocolate. Along the way, they discovered fun French food words and phrases, like "bon appétit!" It was a delightful way to learn about French culture through food—tres délicieux!



**This week pupils from Years 5 and 6 represented the school at a mixed football tournament. Despite the results not going their way, determination, teamwork and resilience was all on display - well done Team Oakwood!**



On Wednesday some of the children in KS1 visited the Plymouth Life Centre to take part in athletics events with other schools across the city. The aim was to encourage and celebrate the joy of movement in a fun and collaborative way. The children had the chance to take part in standing jumps, balance beam, foam javelin, chest ball throws as well as running and obstacle races. We were really proud of the children who took part in their selected events, especially those who participated in front of others.

Thank you to the PSSP and students for helping organise and run the day.





Book Sale  
Monday 27th January  
15.30-16.00

All books are 50p.

We hope to raise money to make our library a special place to be.



This will be run by our Super Sixes in or outside the library (weather dependent).

# Space Day!

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**



Brahms class are having a space themed WOW day.

As part of this, the children can come to school dressed as something linked to space.

Throughout the day they will participate in a range of space themed activities including going for a “walk on the moon” and tasting space food!



# **PERMANENT VACANCY**

## **CLEANER X2**

**Grade A Point 2**

**12.5 hours per week**

**Oakwood Primary Academy**

We currently have a cleaner vacancy available based at Oakwood Primary Academy.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete an application form which can be found via the Discovery MAT/Oakwood Primary Academy websites

**Closing Date: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 9am.**

**Interview Date: W/C 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Discovery Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out, references and online checks will be sought for all shortlisted candidates and all shortlisted candidates will be requested to complete a questionnaire about any convictions or adult cautions that are unspent. Guidance will be given to those shortlisted**



**Discovery Multi Academy Trust** – initially to be worked at Beechwood Primary Academy however, under the terms of the contract you may be deployed to work at any of the schools that form the Discovery Multi Academy Trust.

**Permanent Site Supervisor**

**Grade D Point 8 £24,587 FTE salary**

**35 hours per week**

**All Year Round**

We are looking to appoint an experienced and skilled site supervisor to join our friendly and effective premises team.

This includes carrying out daily inspections to identify damage and/or vandalism and to report findings to the Facilities Manager to help maintain the internal and external fabric of the school premises as a safe working and learning environment. The post holder will be required to assist with the maintenance of the premises, machinery and plant equipment.

You will need to:

- Be pleasant, patient and have a helpful personality.
- Have an ability to communicate with a range of people.
- Work on your own initiative and as part of a team.
- Be reliable and trustworthy.
- Have a flexible approach to working arrangements.
- Be willing to undertake training as appropriate.

Previous school experience would be advantageous but not essential.

For an application pack and to apply please visit our website –

[www.discoverymat.co.uk](http://www.discoverymat.co.uk)

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## **Consultation on School Admission Arrangements 2026-27**

I am writing to invite you to review and comment on the proposed school admissions policies for 2026-27 for the schools within the Plymouth area below.

Responses can be submitted either by email to [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or in writing to School Admissions Consultation, Devon County Council, Room L60, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QG

This consultation ends on **31 January 2025**. \*The consultation for All Saints, Lipson, Marine, Mary Dean's, Old Priory, Plympton St Marys, St Budeaux, St Edward's, St George's, St Matthew's, St Peter's CofE, and Tor Bridge closes on **10 January**.

Admission arrangements will be determined by 28 February 2025

Admission arrangements will be published on the schools' websites and at

<http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> by 15 March 2025

Deadline for formal objections to the School Adjudicator 15 May 2025

DfE	School name	proposed changes from 2025 to 2026
879-6905	All Saints Church of England Academy*	
879-3761	Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	reduction in PAN; introduce priority within 2 miles from school
879-3762	Keyham Barton Catholic Primary School	reduction in PAN; introduce priority within 2 miles from school
879-4187	Lipson Co-operative Academy*	
879-4187	Lipson Co-operative Academy Sixth Form*	remove exceptional need priority; add staff priority
879-4007	Marine Academy Plymouth*	
879-4007	Marine Academy Plymouth Sixth Form*	introduce staff priority
879-2021	Marine Academy Primary*	
879-3161	Mary Dean's Church of England Primary School and Nursery*	

879-4605	Notre Dame RC School	
879-4605	Notre Dame RC School Sixth Form	
879-2699	Old Priory Junior Academy*	
879-3760	Plympton St Mary's CofE Infant School*	
879-4002	St Boniface Catholic College	
879-3757	St Budeaux CofE Primary Academy*	
879-3162	St Edward's Church of England Primary School and Nursery*	introduce a catchment area to replace a 1 mile radius priority
879-2001	St George's Church of England Primary Academy*	
879-3765	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Plymouth	introduce priority within 2 miles from school
879-2002	St Matthew's Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy*	introduce a catchment area to replace a 1 mile radius priority
879-2003	St Paul's Roman Catholic Primary School	reduction in PAN; introduce priority within 2 miles from school
879-3759	St Peter's Church of England Primary School *	
879-3766	St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School	reduction in PAN; introduce priority within 2 miles from school
879-3763	The Cathedral School of St Mary	reduction in PAN; introduce priority within 2 miles from school
879-4186	Tor Bridge High*	
879-4186	Tor Bridge High Sixth Form*	

This forms part of the Devon County Council consultation, details of which are at [Admissions, transport and relevant areas consultation – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/consultations/admissions-transport-and-relevant-areas-consultation-education-and-families). This wider consultation ends on 10 January 2025.



**BARNARD'S**

# 'Jump' with Dad

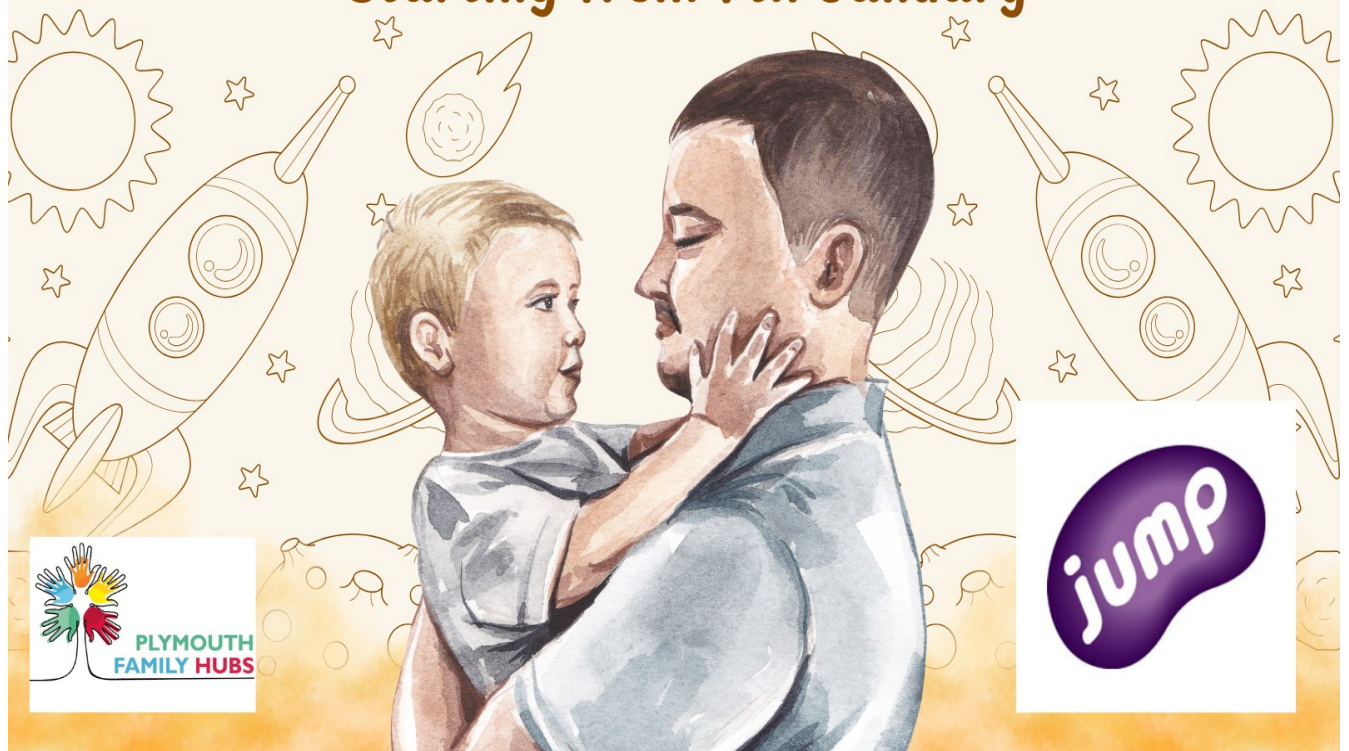
**FREE**

SOFT PLAY SESSION

at

**Jump Plymouth**

The 1st Tuesday of every month, 3.30-6pm  
\*Starting from 7th January\*





# DAZZLE DANCE

DANCE YOUR WAY TO  FAMILY FITNESS!



## Ballet for Kids

**Mondays & Thursdays - 16:00 - 17:00 (age 4 to 6) and 17:00 - 18:00 (age 7 to 12) Dance fitness and every other Monday Belly Dance Mondays -18:00 (Adults) Stretch & Tone & Belly Dance for All Ages Thursdays - 18:00 - 19:00 Stretch & Tone and every other Thursday Belly Dance**

**Woolwell centre**

**Contact Information: Mobile:**

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**Woolwell**  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

**AMERISSA VOGIATZI**  
DANCE INSTRUCTOR

**WOOLWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE**





For  
ages 4  
to 11

Derriford Church



# Kids Club



Come along on:

£1  
per family

Friday 10th January  
Friday 7th February  
Friday 7th March

- Arts & Craft
- Games
- Bible Stories
- Food

3.45 - 5:30pm

@ Derriford Church  
Powisland Drive  
Plymouth, PL6 6AB



Family members are  
welcome to join us!  
Refreshments provided







***Looking for Maths and English activities to enhance your child's learning?***



Our learning boxes are designed by educational experts and provide games and activities linked to key National Curriculum objectives.

All the activities are quick and easy to set up, fun to play and all the resources you need are included in your box.

Visit our website to view our full range of boxes, designed for children in Reception to Year 3.

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# LUNCH MENU

Ham and cheese paninis are on the menu week commencing 4/11/2024 this will run alongside the new menu as a daily choice.

We have colour choices on parent pay ,  
Purple -cheese and tomato  
orange -ham and tomato  
It consists of half a panini with nachos.



# WEEK 1

**WINTER WARMER  
HOT PANINI OR PASTA**

Choose from Ham & Tomato or Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 25TH NOVEMBER, 16TH DECEMBER, 20TH JANUARY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 10TH MARCH, 31ST MARCH

MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W, V</b> Margherita pizza with potato wedges <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (So), (Mi), m/c (E)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W</b> Chicken curry with rice <b>Allergens:</b> (Su)</p>	<p> All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option <b>Meat Option Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) <b>Climate Friendly Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
<p> <b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</b> Katerveg meatballs served with homemade tomato sauce &amp; pasta <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (So)</p>	<p> <b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Chickpea &amp; sweetcorn burger served in a bun with potato wedges <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (So)</p>		<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b> Golden pastry topped vegetable pie, gravy &amp; roast potato <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Ce)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b> Tangy cheese, quinoa &amp; vegetable muffin served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
<b>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW</b>				
<p> <b>DESSERT - V, VE</b> Fruit Salad</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b> Butternut and date cake <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu)(Wh), (E)</p>	<p> <b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Cornish fairing biscuits and fruit slices <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p> <b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Fruit platter or Yoghurt <b>Allergens:</b> (Su), (Mi)</p>	<p> <b>DESSERT - H, W, V, VE</b> Fruity cornflake tart with custard <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (Bar)</p>

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH, V = VEGETARIAN

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# WEEK 2

**WINTER WARMER  
HOT PANINI OR PASTA**

Choose from Ham & Tomato or Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2ND DECEMBER, 6TH JANUARY, 27TH JANUARY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 17TH MARCH

MONDAY	MEAT FREE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b> Baked bean and sausage pasta bake <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p> <b>CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE</b> Katerveg mince chilli and rice <b>Allergens:</b> (So)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Chicken chow mein <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Se), (So)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1</b> Fish fingers served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (F)</p>
<p> <b>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</b> Quorn dippers with seasoned potato wedges <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b> Tasty cheese wheels with herby diced potato <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu)</p>	<p> <b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Vegetable sausage, mash and gravy <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Ce)</p>	<p> <b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Roast Quorn fillet, gravy and roast potatoes <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</b> Homemade cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
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<p> <b>DESSERT - V, VE</b> Fruit Salad</p>	<p> <b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Fruity flapjack <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (O) m/c (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b> Westcountry root cake <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (E) m/c (Mi), (Bar)</p>	<p> <b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Fruit Platter <b>Allergens:</b> (So)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V</b> Zesty cake with custard <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Su), (Mi) m/c (Bar)</p>

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**W/C - MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 9TH DECEMBER, 13TH JANUARY, 3RD FEBRUARY,  
 3RD MARCH, 24TH MARCH**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	MEAT FREE WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b>                      Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), m/c (Mi), (Bar)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b>                      Chicken paella</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE</b>                      Tasty Katerveg bolognaise with garlic bread &amp; pasta                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So) m/c (Se)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b>                      Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy &amp; roast potatoes                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b>                      Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F), (E)</p>
<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b>                      Crispy samosa with rice                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</b>                      Quorn nuggets with diced potato                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, V</b>                      Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) m/c (Se)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b>                      Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy &amp; roast potatoes                      Allergens: m/c (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</b>                      Quorn fingers served with fresh chips                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>
<p><b>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW</b></p>				
<p><b>DESSERT - V VE</b>                      Fruit salad</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V</b>                      Orange honey cake                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b>                      Custard biscuits with fruit slices                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b>                      Fruit Platter                      Allergens: (So)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b>                      Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) m/c (Bar)</p>

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## ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS



### NOVEMBER BONFIRE NIGHT (TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER)

Hotdogs with seasoned wedges, Warming chilli and rice, Jacket potatoes with bonfire beans and cheese, Toffee apple cake and custard



### DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH (SEE YOUR SCHOOL FOR DATE)

See your schools poster for the full Christmas menu and date



### JANUARY SIX NATIONS (FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY)

Fish fillet and chips or pasta, Cheese and leek plait, served with French green beans and carrots, Melting moments



### FEBRUARY TEDDY BEAR DAY (MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY)

Winnie the Pooh honey chicken with seasoned wedges and coleslaw, Kung Fu Panda stir fried noodles with veg, Paddington Bear marmalade cake



### MARCH INTER. SCHOOL MEAL DAY (THURSDAY 13TH MARCH)

Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, Italian Frittata, Lamington tray bake, Salad bar includes Swedish beetroot and apple salad





**At CATERed, we pride ourselves that the majority of the food we serve is cooked from scratch every day, making Ed's lunchtime menu truly awesome! Because we use fresh, local, seasonal and organic ingredients we're also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional economy whilst we keep an eye on our eco-footprint.**

We use:-

- Locally caught and landed Pollock and Mackerel
- Free range eggs (including in our mayonnaise)
- Westcountry milk
- Westcountry yoghurts
- Organic herbs
- No fried food
- Fairtrade sugar
- Wholemeal flour
- Seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit (which may vary due to availability)

Please visit our pages at [www.catered.org.uk](http://www.catered.org.uk)

**UFSM:** All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a **FREE** school meal every day regardless of household circumstances. This is called universal infant free school meals. So you can come in and have a great tasting meal every day and pay Ed nothing!

**We encourage everyone to take up this free offer!**

**FSM:** If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child under aged 7 and for older children, information about free school meals can be found by following the link to **Free** School Meals within the CATERed webpages or by calling the FSM team on 01752 307410. Eligibility for FSM also provides schools with additional income via the Pupil Premium.

**We encourage everyone one who's eligible to take up this free offer!**

If you are buying a meal, one of Ed's Super Fantastic two course meals including a drink currently costs £2.75.

For a full allergen breakdown please contact us at [catering@catered.org.uk](mailto:catering@catered.org.uk), let us know what school your child attends so we can talk through the menu offer currently at that school.

Mandatory Food Standards apply to all school lunches details can be found by following the link from our pages or by visiting <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>



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## Kitchen staff vacancy

10hrs per week

Please visit the Plymouth City Council website for more details



# Plymouth Family Hubs

## MONTHLY UPDATE



December 2024



[Click here for Plymouth Family Hubs Facebook Page](#)



Brainwaves Free mental health resources for secondary schools

[Click here for more information](#)

**FAMILY HELP AND INFORMATION LINE**

Need help or advice about your own family? Are you a practitioner who wants to get some advice about a family you are working with? Get in touch using our new Early Help and SEND advice line. Our Family Support Workers are here to talk about any worries or answer your questions.

We can offer support around:

- Relationship worries
- Education worries
- Parenting guidance
- School attendance
- Emotional wellbeing
- SEND concerns
- Social and emotional difficulties
- The SEND process

Book a conversation now at [www.plymouth.gov.uk/familyhelp](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/familyhelp)

### Plymouth Family Hubs Autumn Timetable



Scan the QR code above or [click here](#) to view our Autumn term timetable



For more information on support for cost of living [click here](#)

### Parenting Courses



For more information on our parenting courses across the city [click here](#)



Lark Children's Centre (North Prospect Emerging Family Hub) are currently working on plans to move into a new centre in North Prospect. Whilst this transition is underway, we continue to offer a service and will be operating temporarily out of St James The Less Church Hall. This is next door to our previous Ham Drive delivery space, to ensure our community can still access us with ease.

Whilst work is underway to prepare our new building, we may have some changes to our programme and group services, however we are still accepting referrals and will continue to deliver our service during this transition period. We are looking forward to launching our new family hub in the new year!

For more information, or for enquiries about Lark please contact 01752 313293.

**DAD'S SPORTS AND SOLIHULL LEARNING SESSIONS**

AT ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
RENDLE STREET, PL1 1TP

This course is for dads and male carers of children aged 0-8 years old.

Combining 45 minutes of active fun led by Argyle Community Trust with 45 minutes of Solihull learning and a cuppa! Pop along to these weekly sessions, where topics and talking points will include:

- UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR
- BENEFITS OF PLAY AND INTERACTIONS
- UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S SHOOTING
- UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
- SOLIHULL APPROACH

WEDNESDAYS FROM 6PM-7:30PM AT ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US

01752 686750

GREEN ARK FAMILY HUB & HAMDRIVE STREET CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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#### COMMUNICATION – CARING DAD’S PROGRAMME

Caring Dads is a 17-week FREE to agency and attendees programme designed for Dad’s who acknowledge they need to change their behaviour towards their partner (or ex-partner) and children who they are having contact with.

##### What are the programme aims?

- Help Dad’s improve their relationship with their children.
- End controlling, abusive and neglectful behaviours with relationships.

##### Criteria for the programme:

- Dad is to be having at least weekly contact with child/ren.
- No previous sexual offences
- Abstaining from using alcohol and other substances

Referrer needs to remain involved with the Dad throughout the programme or take responsibility for constructively passing the case on to another case holder, for at least the remainder of the group.

- We cannot work with men in total denial. Most men are likely to minimise, deny, blame etc. we can consider a man for assessment if he regrets some of his actions and accepts, he needs to change something.

##### What is required of Referrers?

- Talk with the Dad and encourage his interest.
- Ensure you can identify some realistic positive outcomes for the mother and children from the Dad’s participation in the programme.
- Agree that you will retain responsibility for the Dad throughout the programme or ensure that some other person/agency will take on that role.

Attend a pre assessment interview with the Dad and a Caring Dad’s facilitator, a mid-way meeting and one at the end of the programme

- Engage with us over you experience of the programme and inform us of any ways we need to improve.

When: Course starts on Thursday 6th February 2025  
Course Finishes on Thursday 29th May 2025

Where: Manor Street Children’s Centre, Stonehouse, Plymouth, PL1 1TL

Closing Dates for referrals will be the Friday 17th January 2025.  
Any further questions please contact [Francesca.green@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:Francesca.green@actionforchildren.org.uk)

**Barnardo's Exceed Service DICE**  
A 4-week Online Parenting Support Programme

DICE provides families with information, advice and support to help them provide a safe and protective environment for their child or young person. Supports families to understand the risks young people face in modern society. 4 week online free universal support for parents/carers of pre-teens and teens who are worried about parenting in the modern world, with the risks and challenges this presents.

The programme is running on a regular basis throughout the year. Please ensure you contact Exceed to request a referral form and a space or you can use the QR Code below which will take you to our referral via google forms.

[exceed@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:exceed@barnardos.org.uk)

01752 256339

[exceed@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:exceed@barnardos.org.uk)

[www.barnardosexceed.org.uk](http://www.barnardosexceed.org.uk)

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**Barnardo's Exceed Service DICE**

**Session 01 Introduction and talk about the life of a Teenager**  
The teenage brain, why teenagers might take risks and the pressures they face in the modern world.

**Session 02 The exploitation of children and young people**  
Grooming—what it is, how does it happen, where and by whom? How can we spot the signs? Active listening techniques, advice and guidance, managing stress and pull factors.

**Session 03 Digital Dangers**  
Social media, sexting and nude selfies How can we be better digital parents/carers?

**Session 04 A safe place to share ideas about parenting**  
Parenting top tips - Practical advice and information about the support available. Communicating effectively, life parenting a teenager, support networks and working together.

The Barnardo's Exceed service is open 9am - 5pm Mondays to Fridays (not including bank holidays). We aim to get in contact with you within 1 working day after receiving your enquiry.

For all enquiries, further information or a referral form please contact - [exceed@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:exceed@barnardos.org.uk)

**Barnardo's Exceed Service DICE**  
Upcoming Dates

Please note this is a 4-week course. Therefore please ensure you're able to attend all 4 weeks listed. All sessions are one-to-one by phone.

October	February
Evening Course - 5pm to 7pm	Evening Course - 5pm to 7pm
Thursday 10th	Thursday 6th
Thursday 17th	Thursday 13th
Thursday 24th	Thursday 20th
Thursday 31st	Thursday 27th
November	March
Evening Course - 5pm to 7pm	Day Course - 10am to 12pm
Thursday 7th	Monday 24th February
Thursday 14th	Monday 3rd
Thursday 21st	Monday 10th
Thursday 28th	Monday 17th
January	
Evening Course - 5pm to 7pm	
Thursday 9th	
Thursday 16th	
Thursday 23rd	
Thursday 30th	

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Plymouth Methodist Central Hall, Eastlake St, Plymouth, PL1 1BA  
Every Tuesday 11:5-2:30pm

Café available

Family Hub staff from Barnardo's, LARK and Action for Children (and other professionals) will be available for support and advice if needed.

PEEP corner for ideas through play to promote speech and language

**Family Hub Soft Play**  
"FREE"

### COSY CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND STORIES

Monday 16th December: Plymouth Library, 3.30-4.00pm  
Monday 16th December: Crownhill Library, 3.30-4.00pm  
Monday 16th December: Efford Library, 3.30-4.00pm  
Thursday 19th December: Plymstock Library, 3.30-4.00pm  
Thursday 19th December: St Budeaux Library, 3.30-4.00pm  
Friday 20th December: Central Library, 2.30-3.00pm  
Friday 20th December: Southway Library, 3.30-4.00pm

Department for Education

Plymouth City Council has received funding from the Department for Education to coordinate a city-wide holiday activity and food programme during the 2024 Easter, summer and Christmas holidays to primarily support families with children who receive benefit related free school meals.

For more information please click [here](#)



7Stars Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million across the UK to deliver projects and activities that support young people aged 16 years and under across the priority themes of abuse, addiction, child carers, and homelessness.

Apply for funding [here](#)

## Fit and Fed Free Family Activities

Family Swim  
National Marine Aquarium  
Ice Skating  
Tenpin Bowling



Only for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

Enquire now at [www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed) or

Email [getactive@plymouthactive.co.uk](mailto:getactive@plymouthactive.co.uk)





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Clare Young - Community Support Worker, CYP&F Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team  
Please see the link below for our free Family Fun Day in January.

[Book a space here](#)

## My Mind, My Body, My Money – A Family Wellbeing event

# Save the Date

Saturday 8 February  
Plymouth Life Centre 10.30 to 2.30

Find out and experience some of the amazing services available to children, young people and families across Plymouth.

## Workforce Development - Support for Young People Worried about their sexual behaviour - SHORE



Click [here](#) to join the meeting

16th January  
2024  
4-5pm

## Libraries news



### Library Market Days

Plymouth Libraries will be hosting three Library Market Days in December:

St Budeaux Library - Tuesday 3

December, 10am to 4pm

Plymstock Library - Friday 6 December, 10am to 2pm

Plymstock Library - Tuesday 17 December, 10am to 2pm

During these events, you can expect to find a variety of local and small businesses, a library book sale, festive coffee mornings and craft activities for children and families.

To find out more click [here](#)



Christmas activities in libraries  
We have some exciting festive activities happening in libraries over the next few weeks including coffee mornings, carol singing, craft activities and even a sprout themed treasure hunt!

We are also delighted to announce that Santa will be making an appearance at some of our Rhymetimes!

Browse our online calendar to discover free, fun, festive events and activities happening at your local library and to check Santa's timetable!

To find out more click [here](#)



Any parents who missed the consenting process and still wish their child to have the flu vaccine, please ask them to call us on 01392 342 678 and we will complete a consent form over the phone and refer them to book into one of our community clinics to be vaccinated.



# 5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu

- The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- Flu can be really serious, especially for children with medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes
- If your child gets flu you may have to take time off to look after them
- Protecting your child can stop flu spreading to other children and the family, especially babies and grandparents, who may be at higher risk from flu.

**What should I do?**  
This year all 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and children in school years 1, 2 and 3 are being offered the free flu vaccination. You will be contacted to let you know where your child will be vaccinated.\*

\*In some parts of the country, all primary school-aged children will be offered the vaccine.

**For more information visit: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)**



**STAY WELL THIS WINTER**

**Flu Immunisation 2016/17**  
Helping to protect everyone, every winter



## **School Trip payment reminders**

### **Nethercott Farm**

Further instalment payment of £50 due 31/01/2025. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.

### **London Trip**

Further instalment payment of £50 due by 31/01/2025. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.

### **PGL 2025**

Further instalment payment of £30 due by 31/01/2025. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.

## Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to either apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website or contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



## KS2 REN reading word count

The winners of this weeks word count for is:-

Years 1 and 2 – Zimmer Class – 7089 words

Year 3 – Britten Class – 72 909 words

Years 4 and 5 – Dun Class – 628 079 words

Year 6 – Tchaikovsky Class – 270 221 words



## CHILD ABSENCE

If your child is unwell and is due in school, please leave a message on the child absence line by 9.00am each morning.

Thank you.



## Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with you current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

## Parent Pay

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

## Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Oakwood Primary Academy.  
Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

## Email Addresses to Remember

**Year 6 - Elgar Class** - r.sherrell@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class** - s.betts@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class** – j.kelleher@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year 4/5 - Dun Class** – k.loftus@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year 4/5 - Holst Class** – l.crocker@discoverymat.co.uk or k.harvey@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year 3 - Britten Class** - a.moore@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class** – s.wieprecht@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year 2 - Zimmer Class** – m.francis@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class** – t.ocarroll@discoverymat.co.uk or g.chandler@discoverymat.co.uk

**Year R/1 - Price Class** – c.wye@discoverymat.co.uk

**Rec - Brahms Class** – m.kelly@discoverymat.co.uk