

Weekly Newsletter

23/01/26



This Week in school

Dear Parents and carers,

Monday began with sporting success at the Exeter Primary Football League

Mr Fricker commented, "A huge congratulations to the Year 5/6 football team for their fantastic performances last night at St Peters. They played two league fixtures and came away with two strong wins:

- 7-1 vs Cranbrook
- 3-0 vs Stoke Hill

Every player selected put in an excellent effort. Special mention to our goal scorers:

Noah – 5 goals

Tymon – 3 goals

Harrison – 1 goal

Tife – 1 goal



Brilliant teamwork and determination from everyone involved."

On Monday we held an assembly revisiting our school rules Ready, Respectful, Safe. Thanks to some members of the steering group and Year 6 who shared what this looks like in different places in and out of our school at different times.

Thanks to Gracie W, Honour, Scott, Tommie A and Zaim who shared their thoughts.

All this week we have had some intrepid Year 5 and Year 6 children heading out to complete Bikeability- despite the weather! Well done to: Antoni, Olivia, Casey, Joey, Harmony, Cohen, Phoebe Finley, Eylah, Leyton, James, Evie, Primrose, Jacob and Amelia

Thank you to Nick the instructor for providing this invaluable training.

Did you know that Hamlyn Lane park has a free cycle training area perfect for practicing cycle safety when learning to ride a bike? It is about a 10-minute bike ride from school.

On Tuesday we had our governors meeting; recently we have had a number of new governors join the governing body. We will introduce the governors next week.

On Wednesday Mr Westley led another joyful singing assembly.

This is one of the songs we performed: [SI SI DOLADA \(backing and lyrics\)](#)

On Thursday Mrs Tickle led a 'Book Chain assembly.' Teachers got a brand-new book from the library read the blurb and passed it on to a child who will then pass it on to another child starting a chain. There was much excitement about reading.

As Ms Vickery shared on Dojo this week

"Children who read often:

- Develop stronger vocabulary and language skills
- Improve comprehension and writing across all subjects
- Build confidence, independence and a love of learning
- Perform better academically as they move through school and beyond"

Our Whole School Reading Expectation

We ask that all children read at least 5 times a week at home, either with an adult or to an adult. An adult should then record this in the yellow reading diary.

We understand that as children get older, many will read more independently – this is fantastic and encouraged. However, we still ask that parents and carers sign the reading diary to show that reading is happening regularly at home. Your support, encouragement and interest continue to make a real difference, even in the later years.

Please keep up the reading and look out for the Reading Champions celebrated with a photo shout-out on individual Class' Dojo!



Eat with your family!

Next Week, Eat with your family!

We're inviting Year 3 parents/carers to join us for lunch Week commencing 26th January. Lunch will begin around 12:10 pm (some classes may be slightly later).

- Cost: £3.50 per meal (payable via the school office or ParentPay)
- Places: Limited to 10 guests, first come, first served
- Sign-up: [Eat with your Year 3 child- Jan 26 Monday 26th Jan- Friday 30th Jan – Fill in form](#)

Attendance

Some classes have begun the year with outstanding attendance. Kestrels with 99% for the term so far, followed closely by Hedgehogs, Otters and Mulberry. Who will get the attendance award for January?

Unless unwell we need every child at school every single day at 8:25 ready to learn.

Additional Information

Bike shed

We had a case where a child's scooter was taken from the bike shed, probably accidentally. Please can we remind children to check carefully before taking their scooters. Parents may also wish to get a lock for bikes or scooters.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday at 8:25

Best wishes,

Elise Redman