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Dear Parents and Carers,

We said goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year Six children their future schools are very fortunate to have them and we will miss them.

Years Three and Four "Shakespeare Rocks!"

Well done to the children for their fantastic performance that left the audience filled with joy!

Sports Day

The children enjoyed working in their teams to complete a range of activities.

Musical Performances

Congratulations to the children for their fantastic performances. A video of each child's performance will be sent to their parents and carers in due course.

Parent and Carer Feedback Survey

Staff work incredibly hard to plan, prepare and deliver the Summer performances, topic books and other events throughout the school year and we very much hope you enjoyed the performances this year. We would like to offer parents and carers the opportunity to provide any positive or constructive feedback. Please click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/dVRvoxmxJBoUo2V26>

Term Dates

The children return to school on Monday 7th September, please find attached a copy of our term dates.

Topics

On the first day back your child will bring home a learning overview of their new topic.

Class One (Reception, Years One and Two) - 'Toys, Teddies and Tales'

Classes Two and Three (Years Three, Four, Five and Six) - 'River, Mountain, Sea and Shore'

PE

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day.

Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

Gymnastics

Years Three, Four, Five and Six will have weekly gymnastics sessions with Falcons Gymnastics on Monday afternoons starting on Monday 7th September.

Reception, Years One and Two will have weekly gymnastics with Falcons Gymnastics on Wednesdays commencing on Wednesday 9th September.

Outdoor Learning

Reception, Year One and Year Two will take part in weekly outdoor learning on a Tuesday.

Years Three and Four will take part in weekly outdoor learning on a Friday.

Please can you ensure that your child has clearly labelled clothing/sun block as appropriate and wellington boots in school. Please note that outdoor learning commences on Tuesday 8th September.

Drop-offs and Pick-ups

The Village Hall allows us to use their car park before and after school and we recommend that you primarily park here.

You may drop your child between 8.00 am and 9.00 am at the blue playground gates. Please do not drop off at these gates if you are planning to get out of the car as this causes congestion and danger for children. If you do need to get out of the car please park in the Village Hall or in parking space that does not obstruct other road users. We have noticed that sometimes people leave their car running and this is very dangerous, please do not do this.

At pick-up time please do not abandon your car on the road as this creates congestion hazards. If you are early and you cannot park without blocking the road either drive around again or park in the Village Hall. We have become increasingly concerned as there have been some dangerous situations which we must address for the safety of the children.

We will be monitoring this and will ask drivers to move if they are blocking the road. Thank you for your support with this.

After School Clubs

Please note that after school clubs will commence on Monday 7th September. Club information will follow in September.

Instrumental Tuition

There are places available for the Autumn term, if you wish your child to take part in these lessons please contact the school office for more details.

- Guitar with Ben Sharpe
- Keyboard, Flute and Saxophone with Amy Redfern
- Drums with Martin Bradshaw

Please note that families in receipt of pupil premium receive free tuition.

Free School Meals

From September, Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility is expanding to include all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings. The program is divided into Targeted FSM (under £7,400/year earnings) and Expanded FSM (all other Universal Credit claimants). All families still need to apply online:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/

All children in EYFS, Year One and Year Two are offered a free school meal as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals for infants programme, but if you are in receipt of any Universal Credit please complete the form as the school and your child can access additional benefits.

If you receive a benefit that gives entitlement to free school meals, please apply for this by visiting Devon County Council's citizen portal or alternatively by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

You may be eligible for free school meals if as a parent or carer you are in receipt of one of the following, but please apply anyway:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria for families with no recourse to public funds

*Figures taken from gov.uk but may be subject to change if you are in any doubt please apply.

School Dinner Changes to Payments

We haven't raised the price of school dinners for 19 years, however, due to rising costs of energy and food and the expansion of free school meals, from 7th September a school meal will cost £2.25 per day.

If your child has a school meal we ask that their meal is paid for in advance. We will no longer be able to accept cheque payment for school meals. Please send cash in a sealed, marked envelope. Alternatively, we can offer termly or half-termly invoices that can be paid online or by telephone. Please contact the school office or email admingoodleigh@goodilf.org.uk if you would like to discuss the option of receiving an invoice. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Autumn Term Menu

We will be making changes to the menu during the holidays and we will share these with you on our return. For the first week back we will be using the current menu week two.

Breakfast Club

No booking necessary, breakfast club begins at 8.30 am each day.

We have a variety of foods that adhere to the food standards for schools. Your child will be able to choose what they would like. There will always be a variety of high fibre low sugar cereals, high fibre bread for toast, crumpets, fruit bread, fresh fruit and vegetables, dried fruit, canned fruit (not in syrup), yogurt, fromage frais, semi-skinned milk, soya, rice or oat drinks, hot chocolate, a small portion of fruit juice (150 ml) and condiments for toast and bread. We will cater for different food allergies.

We will not serve all of the above on the same day, but there will be a wide selection.

Great British Summer Savings Scheme

Until 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The attraction finder website allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

We would like to thank all of you for your kindness and support over the year. We hope that you all have an enjoyable Summer and we are looking forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 7 th September	Back to School
Monday 7 th September	Years 3-6, Weekly Gymnastics Lessons commence
Monday 7 th - Friday 11 th September	Whole School Week of Inspirational Maths focusing on mindset, Youcubed
Wednesday 9 th September	Reception, Years 1-2, Weekly Gymnastics Lessons commence
Wednesday 9 th September	Years 5 and 6, Barnstaple Museum, River Taw Fieldwork Please drop your child off at 9.00 am at Barnstaple Museum and pick up your child at 3.30 pm from Barnstaple Museum
Friday 11 th September	Years 3-6, 'Time Odyssey' at Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Apple Store Computing Workshop, Exeter
Wednesday 16 th September	Years 3 and 4, Barnstaple Museum, River Taw Fieldwork Please drop your child off at 9.00 am at Barnstaple Museum and pick up your child at 3.30 pm from Barnstaple Museum
Monday 21 st September	Years 5 and 6, Geography Fieldwork River Torridge day with Skern Lodge, Appledore
Tuesday 22 nd September	Years 3 and 4, Geography Fieldwork River Torridge day with Skern Lodge, Appledore
Thursday 24 th September	Years 2-6, 'Framed', Theatre Alibi Performance, Goodleigh Village Hall
Friday 25 th September	Reception, Years 1-2, RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington
Tuesday 29 th September	Years 5 and 6, Appledore Book Festival Author Visit, Siobhan McDermott
Thursday 1 st October	Years 3 and 4, Appledore Book Festival Author Visit, Joseph Elliott
Thursday 1 st October	Years 5 and 6, Lundy
Friday 2 nd October	Reception, Years 1-2, Appledore Book Festival Author Visit, Gareth P Jones
Tuesday 6 th October	Years 3 and 4, Lundy
Friday 23 rd October	Non-pupil day

SUMMER Savings

Find your family's summer offer

The government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on family days out — from cinema and theatre tickets to attractions, and children's meals out. Less to pay, more summer to enjoy.

25 June – 1 September 2026, right across the UK

<https://summersavings.gov.uk>

NATIONAL ALLOTMENT WEEK at Allotment collective

10TH - 16TH AUGUST
ALLOTMENT COLLECTIVE, VISION CENTER,
SLADE VALLEY ROAD, ILFRACOMBE, EX34 8LE

MONDAY FLOWER PRINTING WORKSHOP 10.30-12PM	TUESDAY TEDDYBEAR PICNIC (BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC) 11-1PM LITTLE BIKE VAN (FREE BIKE REPAIRS AND SAFETY CHECKS) 1-3PM	WEDNESDAY GARDEN TEA PARTY 10.30-12 GRUB 1-3PM (GARDENING FRUIT AND VEG)
THURSDAY HOPE KITCHEN BBQ (PLEASE MAKE BOOKING) 11.30-1.30PM	FRIDAY "SCARECROW'S WEDDING" SCARECROW BUILDING 10-12PM	SATURDAY REST
SUNDAY LABERYNTH/ ORA ET LABORA 11-12PM	NOTE Allotment Collective is a communal garden open to every generation, free of charge. We practice both therapeutic horticulture and rebuilding community through various aspects of a garden: • Forest school • Cafe • Village Shop • Fire Pit • Herbs • Fruit • Veg • Cut flowers • Dried flowers • Salad • Greenhouse • Jam	

 **North Devon**

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stretching your budget?**

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- Create a budget and look at debt solutions
- Find out if you're claiming all the benefits you're entitled to
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DICE Parenting Programme



DICE is a **4 week 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.

DICE provides families with **information, advice and support** to help them provide a **safe and protective environment** for their child or young person.



The programme is running on a **regular basis throughout the year, online and face to face**.
Contact details overleaf for further information or a referral form.

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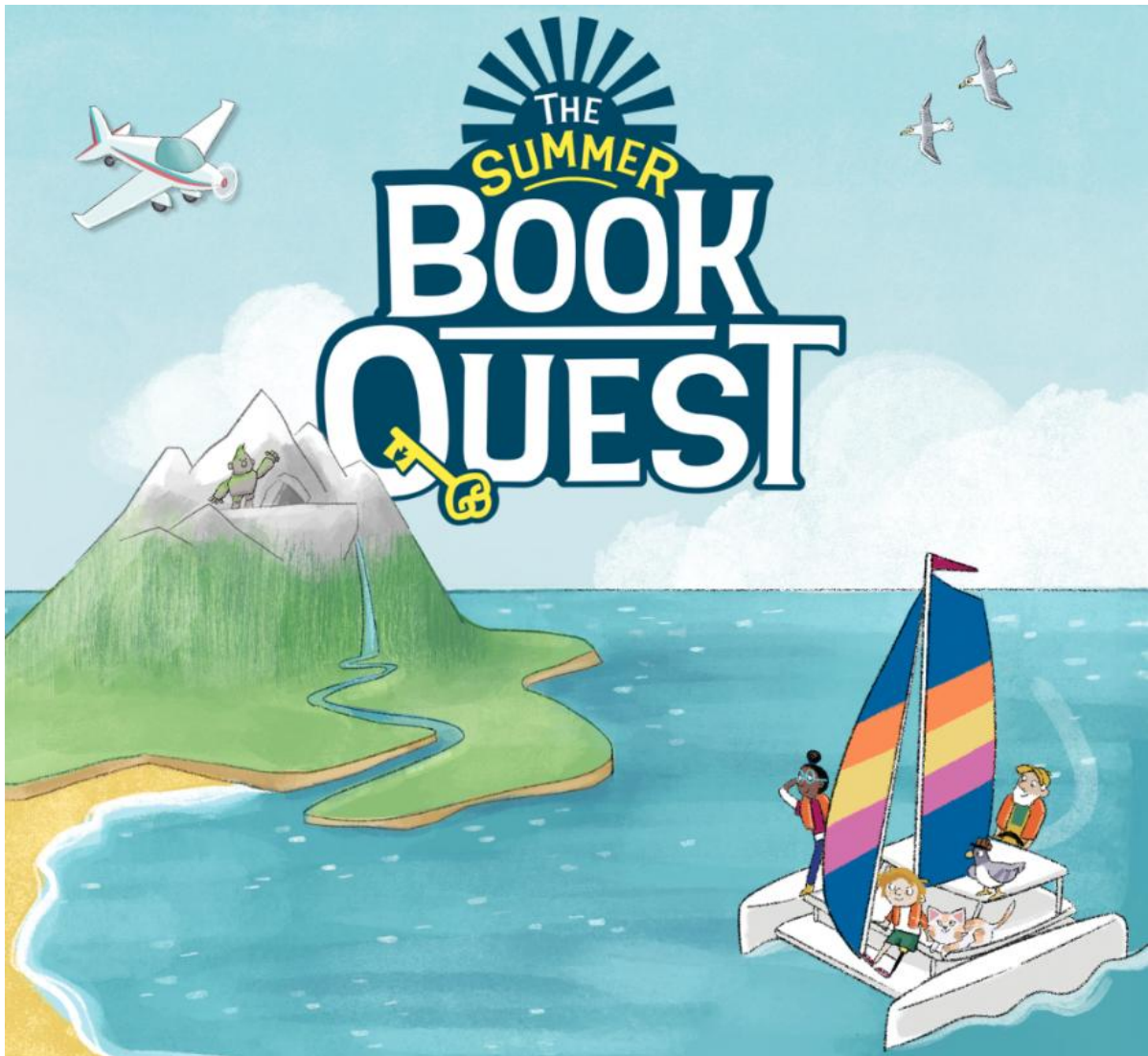
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Libraries Unlimited are inviting children to join The Summer Book Quest over the summer holidays. The Summer Book Quest: Mission to Wayfarer Island follows a group of friends as they set out to help an explorer on an exciting, transport-themed adventure. Children can participate with a mix of activities and reading, and receive a special medal upon completion.

The theme of transport is all about engaging children's imaginations, encouraging them to explore traditional and fantastical modes of transport and discover new ways to get outside this summer. The Summer Book Quest is adapted from Libraries Unlimited's popular year-round reading challenge, The Secret Book Quest.

From Saturday, 11th July, children aged 4 to 11 can join the quest and set a reading goal. To complete the quest, they collect stickers for reading and participating in activities. From riding a bike, drawing a picture or writing a book review. Children have until Saturday, 12th September to complete their quests.

BARNEY TO BEACH 2026



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13
/ 11:00



CHILDREN'S RACE

SCAN TO REGISTER



- One mile race across the dunes at Crow Point
- Suitable for under 16s (under 5s to be accompanied by an adult)
- Families can tackle the full 8-mile route
- Help raise money for Families in Grief supporting local families in need
- Event village with games, music and more

GET INVOLVED

We're always looking for volunteers to help marshal on the day. Please contact info@familiesingrief.org

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