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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year Two, Outdoor Learning - Apple Picking at Ostler's Orchard with Mr Keast

Fresh off the press! Year Two conquered their mission to make apple juice this week. After a good ascent up the hill, they visited Ostler's Apple Farm where they set to work collecting hundreds of apples from the farm's incredible orchards. Later, Class One went into full production mode to wash, chop and press the apples into juice. It was a brilliant opportunity to learn about seasonal changes, kitchen skills and food production.

Class Three, Science

The children have completed their first half term of science lessons and they have all been working really well. They started off looking at mixtures and solutions. They cleaned dirty water, made density columns with different liquids and investigated how different solids dissolved in water. They have also drawn bar charts and scatter graphs of their results. In this week's lesson, they carried out their first chemical reaction; they reacted PVA glue with an activator to make slime and then they coloured the slime and added some shaving foam - some of the slime was very stretchy!

Attendance

We have shared attendance letters for this half term. Thank you for your support with attendance.

Topics

Reception, Years One and Two - Blast off

Years Three and Four - How have children's lives changed?

Years Five and Six - What can the census tell us about local areas?

Parent/Carer Consultations

Please complete and return the attached form by email to admingoodleigh@goodilf.org.uk to book a ten-minute slot to discuss your child's/children's progress,

Year One and Year Two	Tuesday 10 th November - 3.10 pm until 6.00 pm Thursday 12 th November - 3.40 pm until 6.00 pm
Year Three and Year Four	Tuesday 10 th November - 3.00 pm until 5.30 pm Thursday 12 th November - 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm
Year Five and Year Six	Wednesday 11 th November - 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm Thursday 12 th November - 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm

After School Clubs

Please note that after school clubs will continue on Monday 2nd November. Club information will follow.

Reading at home with your child in Key Stage Two

Your child has a list of example questions in their reading diary that can be used to help discuss texts with them when reading at home. Thank you for supporting your child's reading progress at home.

Times tables practise at home for children in Key Stage Two

Your child has a list in the back of their reading journal of which times tables they are fluent in and which they need to practise. They will know which specific one they are working on. Please help them to learn them daily alongside their reading. Thank you for your support.

Tempest Photography

Forms have been sent home. The free delivery back to school is open until 29th October 2026. Alternatively, home delivery is available to include a postage and packing charge. If you need any assistance in ordering, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Year Six, Secondary School Admissions Deadline

With the deadline fast approaching (31st October), Devon County Council have asked us to remind parents to apply either by using the online system: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting My Devon, the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form. The application form should be returned either to the school office to forward on, or parents can post directly to the Admissions Team before the 31st October.

Dinner Menu

Thank you to our school cook, Angie, who has become expert in hiding nutritious vegetables in the meals. It will be week one when we return on Monday 2nd November. We have made an adjustment to the menu and will be offering chicken korma instead of chicken stir fry alongside Quorn korma and jacket potatoes on Tuesday. On the following week, we have updated the sides and we will serve potato wedges.

If your child has a school meal we ask that their meal is paid for in advance. A school meal is £2.25 per day. Please send cash in a sealed, marked envelope. If you would prefer to receive an invoice please email admingoodleigh@goodilf.org.uk. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Have a great half term and we will see the children on Monday 2nd November.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October	Half term
Monday 2 nd November	Classes Two and Three, Weekly Gymnastics continues at Falcons Gym, Barnstaple
Wednesday 4 th November	Class One, Weekly Gymnastics continues at Falcons Gym, Barnstaple
Friday 6 th November	Years Five and Six, Swimming continues at Tarka Leisure Centre, Barnstaple
Week commencing Monday 9 th November	Years One-Six, Parent and Carer Consultations
Monday 9 th November	Class One, Planetary Lab Workshop
Wednesday 11 th November	Years One-Six, Lego Robotics Workshops
Thursday 12 th November	Class One, Thumbelina Workshop
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 25 th November	Whole School, Music Workshops with Becki Driscoll
Wednesday 2 nd December	Years Five and Six, Online Safety Workshop with PC Adam Peart
Thursday 3 rd December and Friday 4 th December	Whole School, Music Workshops with Lyndon Forster
Thursday 10 th December	Class One, Christmas Performance at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall
Tuesday 15 th December	Class Two, Christmas Performance at 4.00 pm in the Village Hall
Tuesday 15 th December	Class One, Thumbelina Performance, Boutport Street Studios, Barnstaple
Thursday 17 th December	Class Three, Christmas Performance at 4.00 pm in the Village Hall

Cornwall & Devon Flu Clinics 2026

Flu Vaccine Information for Parents and Carers

- **If you had already consented** but your child missed the school visit, you should have received an email with a link to book a clinic appointment.
- **If you missed the consenting process**, please call us on **01392 342678 for Devon & 01872 221105 for Cornwall** . We can complete the consent process with you and guide you on available clinic appointments.

Our clinics are running:

- Through October half term
- From 1st December



Devon Auditions for the National Children's Choir of Great Britain

Auditions for The National Children's Choir of Great Britain (NCCGB) are now open for registration!

Auditions in **Tiverton, Devon** will be held on **Sunday 1 November**. They are free to attend and audition, but must be booked.

<https://www.nccgb.com/joining-us/>



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REMINDER: SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



**DEADLINE:
31 OCTOBER 2026**



Apply for your child's
secondary school place via
the Devon Citizen Portal.



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