

Dates for your diary:

26–30 May Half Term.

Please note revised dates:

Tuesday 3 June-KS 2 Sports
Day-commencing at 1pm.

Tuesday 17 June-KS 1 Mini
Olympics. Commencing at
10am.

2 June * Year 5 Bikeability
Week.

4 June * Years 3 & 4 trip to
Woodbury Common.

4 June * Year 1 swimming
Lessons commence for next
5 Wednesdays.

9–13 June * Year 5 Resi-
dential trip to Escot.

13 June * Year 6 Cake Sale.

24 June * Year 3 Fossil
Hunting trip to Charmouth.

27 June * Year 5 assembly
to parents. 9.15am.

27 June * Summer Fete.

4 July * Year 2 assembly to
parents. 9.15am.

23 July* Year 6 Leavers
Assembly. 11.00am. St
Luke's Church.

23 July * Break up.
1.30pm

Mr Vaughan's Update

Well the final half-term is here and as usual this promises to be very busy—remember Key Stage 2 sports day is tomorrow (Tuesday), year 5 are off to Escot next week and that's just the start with some exciting musical experiences for the children coming up later in the term. I am sure there will be lots of news of various events in the coming weeks, make sure you look out for the next Poppleford Post.

English Touring Opera visits school



Before half-term, Key Stage one were lucky enough to have a visit from the English Touring Opera, when they performed Borka. Borka is one of the most well-known and loved of all children's books. Written by John Burningham in 1963, this new opera celebrates the book's 50th anniversary. Music, design, acting and puppetry tell the story of the goose with no feathers who tries to learn to fly and to swim, is abandoned by her friends, and is finally rescued and taken by boat to Kew Gardens. The story is about being different, and about how that is not such a bad thing.



The opera which lasted just under an hour, was performed by 8 artists, including players, singers and puppeteers.

Talking to the children afterwards they thoroughly enjoyed this very different experience, and our thanks go to the PTA for funding this fantastic event.



Some year 6 memories.

In Reception we played a class game and ended up falling on top of each other. Alice was laughing loudly. - Tanisha

I remember when Mia did a roly-poly off a bench at Escot. It made us laugh a lot! - Tia
In the Exmoor Challenge (in Year 6), CJ got stuck in a bog, which was really funny! - Ellie

Stars of the week

Class AT: Flynn Bramble, Emily Beglin, Elliot Pearce

Class GH: Sammy Richards

Class HC: Samuel Voigts, Oscar Bond

Class AS: Harrison Moore, Luca Manning, Evie Roberts

Class CW: Madi Trower, Reece Payne, Brandon Voigts

Class RT: Billy Unsworth

Class JM: CJ Abbot, Maddy Murdoch

Team points update — Spring Term

Red: 497

Blue: 499

Green: 486

Yellow: 494



Year 5/6 children took to the field on a very wet Monday afternoon to show off their rounder's skills they have improved and adapted this year.

Transferring their skills from a tennis racket to a rounder's bat it's a hard challenge, considering the size and adaptations of getting used to one hand along with following a set of completely new rules.

Rules that are different in competitive rounder's are things like remembering to always stand inside the base, running with your bat, always having contact with the base and many more. Over the last few weeks children in year 5/6 have been learning these and last night they showed that they can follow the specific rules.

They all represented the school in an inspiring way with some excellent batting and some clever thinking fielding.

In our first game we played the host's Sidbury primary school and managed to score 5 rounder's, to their effort of 2. It wasn't a easy game, they have some really good fielders and they all worked well as a team.

In our second game, we knew we had to step up our fielding against Sidmouth, CJ was selected to bowl, Henry and Samuel to deep field with Will on 4th Base, Ellie on 1st and Tia on 2nd base. As a team we sussed out what to do with our fielding and managed to only let them score 2 rounder's.

In reply to their two rounder's we managed to score a smashing 5 and a half and come group winners. We are now looking forward to the East Devon finals in June.

Congratulations go out to the boy's cricket Kwik cricket team. On Wednesday 21st May 8 talented boys took to the field in Ottery St Mary to take part in a tournament organised by Devon Cricket.

The boys played competitive matches against Clyst St Mary and Stoke Cannon and came out group winners. This put them through to a Semi Final match against Tidcombe Primary.

Tidcombe seemed to be very well organised with a lot of strong cricketers who were good at fielding and bowling. Unfortunately we lost by 36 runs, but the boys still had a good time.

Well Done to Robbie, Noah, Will, CJ, Harry, Elliot, Henry and Samuel.

A Huge thank you goes out to the parents for their support.

REMINDER TO PARENTS-IF/WHEN WE HAVE SUNNY WEATHER PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL WITH SUNCREAM ALREADY APPLIED. IF YOU WISH TO SEND SUN CREAM IN TO BE RE-APPLIED DURING THE DAY PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE THAT IT IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS.

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