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What another great half term!
We have packed so much into it. We will try to share with you as much as we can!

Beechmount House Care Home visit

Some Year 6 ambassadors went to spread some Christmas magic and cheer at Beechmount House Residential Home this week. We were very warmly welcomed and were treated to some fantastic goodies. The children and residents made and decorated gingerbread men. They also made a huge paperchain to decorate their dining room. The children got a goodie bag each to take home, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the team. We look forward to a return visit, and wish everyone a merry Christmas!



Hooked into Learning

Year 5 had a great day at Torquay Museum learning all about Ancient Egypt. The children had a go at making scarab beetles, writing using hieroglyphs, learning about how embalming took place and much more!



Year 2 went on a virtual trip to London! They acted like a tube train and travelled around the school with their Oyster cards in hand. At each 'station', they scanned a QR code and watched a video showing a special landmark in London. This half term, they'll be learning about why London is such an important place



Reading

Rock Up and Read

We have enjoyed inviting grown-ups in to read a story with our classes. The atmosphere has been lovely and it has been great to see children and adults sharing a book together. Thank you for your support with this.



Children have been remembering to bring their reading records to school. Thank you to the adults at home for recording the reading you are doing at home. It makes a real difference!



OPAL NEWS



Over half term we had some amazing helpers who helped us spread a donation of wood chippings. Thank you to idverde and Mrs Purchase who organised the drop off. This means we can use this area all year round now. If you are able to help us with this area by building a mud kitchen or a pallet car, or if you are able to donate any items below, please contact us or speak to us on the gate.



We are still really enjoying our OPAL play. Can you help with any of the items below? Please let us know if you can help - thank you!





Christmas Courtyard Winter Wonderland



Once again the PTA treated us to a magical Winter Wonderland in the Courtyard. The children enjoyed games, the snow and of course visiting Father Christmas! Thank you for giving your children some change to spend. Thank you to our PTA for giving up their time for this event. The money raised will go towards PTA funds and used within school.





Church Services

Our children made us all feel very Christmassy with their performances in St. Matthew's Church. Thank you to Reverend Samantha for hosting us and Mrs Shorter for organising us!



Christmas Events

Our Performing Arts Club members have performed Christmas songs at the Mecure Hotel in Paignton, the Grand Hotel in Torquay and at Homequay House in Torquay. They were amazing!



Nativities

Our Year 1 and EYFS classes performed their nativities with confidence and made us feel very Christmassy.



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



We have been discussing ways to make our school even better in our meetings.

Recently, we were invited to Mr C's care home to help the residents get into the festive spirit. We decorated some biscuits and sang some Christmas songs with them.



Connect Council

This term, two of our pupils who are our Connect Council members, visited Eden Park Primary School in Brixham who were hosting on this occasion. They met with children from the other Connect schools. The children shared what their schools were like, what they were most proud of and what they have been working on most recently. We told them about the fundraising event with David Hill and the work the School Council have been doing to support playtimes. We also told them about the Eco Award which we have introduced to encourage children to be more environmentally friendly around school. The children were very well behaved and spoke confidently about Cockington Primary School.





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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I just wanted to say how much we have enjoyed working with the children this term and I hope the Year 1 children enjoyed their PE lessons with us.

We are running a couple of full day football roadshows during the Christmas holidays in Paignton with limited spaces available. Please visit the link below to book a place and we hope to see you there!

**South Devon (Paignton) Holiday Programmes -
[https://www.abler.io/shop/pafc/holidaycamps?
region=Devon](https://www.abler.io/shop/pafc/holidaycamps?region=Devon)**

Kind regards

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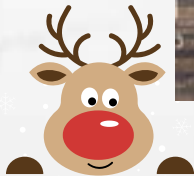


ROWCROFT RUDOLPH RUN



Thank you for your donations to this very worthwhile charity. If you would like to donate, please use the link below:

Cockington Primary School • Rudolph Run 2025



Have a look at our Facebook page to keep up to date with all the events that are happening in school.



Farewell to Mrs Winter



Mrs Winter has decided to leave us here after 19 years of helping and supporting children. She is going to travel and see some of the world. Good luck and best wishes. She will be missed incredibly by both staff and children.

Key Dates

Back to school
Monday 5th January
Break up for half term
Friday 13th February
Back to school
Monday 23rd February
Year 3 Residential
24th - 26th February
PTA Easter competition
Thursday 2nd April
Break up for Easter Holidays
Thursday 2nd April

Have a great
Christmas break.
See you back on
5th January
2026!

