

Our School Newsletter

16th January 2026



The children thoroughly enjoyed making fresh orange juice. They took part in peeling, chopping and squeezing the oranges, and were fascinated as they watched the oranges being blended. The children particularly enjoyed tasting the fresh juice they had made.

This week for P4P we looked at the artist Andy Goldsworthy and then made our own natural art.





Explorers have had such a busy week! On Wednesday we had some really special visitors. Sam and Nikki from Bake me Crazy came to speak to the children about what being a professional baker is like and they gave the children lots of tips and tricks about flavours and types of cakes we might make for The Great St. Dubricius Bake Off!

After that, we conducted market research and sampled some different flavours of cakes - delicious!

In Literacy, we have been enjoying the story The Last Bear by Michael Morpurgo. The children have been inspired by the text and have written thoughtful letters as well as clear, step-by-step instructions on how to survive on Bear Island. This work has helped to develop their imaginative writing, sequencing skills and understanding of different texts!

In DT, we sampled lots of different pies and pastries and made notes to support our design process.



Notices:

Thank you for your patience while we have been moving our communication system over to MCAS. If you have any questions, please pop in to the office and we will help you.



Message from Mrs Walker-Blair



Next week I will be hosting a 'cuppa and cake' session between 9:30-10am on Friday 23rd for parents and carers. This is directly after celebration worship - a chance for you to ask any questions and for me to share our wellbeing charter that we are developing for pupils and parents. I hope to see you there!

Celebrating our achievements!



Our Value for this term

Collaboration

We are all parts of one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. For us there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and we all have the same God and Father who is over us all and in us all, and living through every part of us. However, Christ has given each of us special abilities—whatever he wants us to have out of his rich storehouse of gifts. Ephesians 4: 5-7



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Wellbeing Support

- [Click here for Support for Families](#)



Calendar Dates

Dates for the next few weeks:

Monday 19th January - EYFS trip to Minehead Eye

Friday 23rd January - Cuppa and Cake 9.30 - 10.00am

Tuesday 3rd February - Y4 Parents meeting - Pinkery Residential Trip 4pm

Wednesday 25th February - Pre-school and Discovery Class swimming sessions start again

Events calendar now
live on our website.
[Click here to find out what
is happening in your school!](#)



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Contact Details

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS -

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Walker-Blair.

Our deputy leads are Miss Jennings and Mrs Pravato

Click [here](#) for all Safeguarding details.

GENERAL SCHOOL QUERIES -

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Exmoor Updates

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

December 2025

Police updates

We hope you have had a good Christmas and Happy New Year to youall.

PCSOs Linda and Michelle have been to the lovely Christmas Dunster event that took place, The Winter Festival it was lovely to see so many people out supporting the event with the lead up to Christmas.

We also attended the lovely Dulverton by Starlight and again a lovely effort made by both Dulverton and Dunster. Putting people into the festive spirit.

We are starting the Mini Police in January at Exford School which will be lovely for the Children to get involved.

Meet the Team



Sergeant
Andy Gloyn



PCSO
Supervisor
Katherine
Williams
8460



Beat Manager
PC James
Calloway
1200



PCSO
Linda Moden
8861



PCSO
Michelle
Haimes
8913





WHIRLWINDS
ACADEMY



WE'RE
NOW IN
TAUNTON!

NEW!

BEGINNERS TRAMPOLINING

LEARN THE BASICS. LOVE THE BOUNCE!

LIMITED
SPACES
AVAILABLE!

CLASSES START ON SAT 10TH JAN
9AM - 10AM (5-9 YEAR OLDS)
10AM - 11AM (10-13 YEAR OLDS)
11AM-12PM (14+ YEAR OLDS)

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