



Notes from the Vale

Friday 11th July 2025

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Hello to all of our families. Although we do have 1 and half weeks left in school, this will be the last NFTV of the school year: hasn't that time flown by?

Moving into or up

This week, we shared with you a one-page document which gives you some information about the year group your child is moving into. Within this document, we have highlighted key members of staff, reminders about uniform expectations and school start / finish times (including where to drop off and collect), as well as links to the curriculum overviews. Please do look at this so that you familiarise yourself with key members of the team and the learning taking place next year. We will have informal 'Meet the teacher' meetings in September when we will be able to share more detailed information with you.

Transition sessions have now taken place, as well as handover conversations between teachers. Some pupils have had an enhanced transition as well. These sessions have been very positive and the feedback from pupils is that they are excited to be moving on and are now feeling more confident having met their teachers and been in their new classrooms. The 'moving into or up' document can also be shared with your child over the summer to help remind them of their key adults.

Festi-Vale

It was wonderful that so many families could join us and support our PFTA at the summer fair (Festi-Vale). The whole event had a brilliant festival feel and there was so much on offer for families to enjoy (live music, games, stalls, food and ice-cream). The money raised will go towards improving the school environment for our pupils. Thank you.

Reports

I am pleased to share that your child's end of year report will be sent home by the end of next week. Myself and Mrs Stephens have had the privilege of reading all of these and they are real celebration of all of the hard work and dedication shown throughout the year. If your child has taken part in a statutory assessment, these results will also be included with the report. As we have in previous years, we will send home a feedback slip which we would be very grateful if you could complete and return to school.

If you are moving on from Lipson Vale at the end of this academic year, the whole school community wish you the best of luck in your next adventure. It has been a pleasure to have you as part of the Lipson Vale community and I feel sure that all that you have learnt with us has set you up well for the next steps.

I am sure I will see you all before we break for the summer but will take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break. **Pupils return to school on Thursday 4th September.**

REMINDER: On Monday we have a whole school cricket event and all pupils should come to school in their PE kits.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

Resilience, Collaboration, Responsibility, Bravery, Communication, Self-belief

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup

William & Bella-Rose



Reading Cup

Georgie & Hayley



'H' Cup

Matthew & Max

Each of you are excellent role models for your peers and have shown significant determination and effort to your learning.

to our weekly cup winners.

Attendance

We know that regular and punctual attendance to school has a significant impact on a pupils life chances. Pupils that are well enough should be



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

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| Puffins | 90.7% |
| Coral | 96.1% |
| Seahorses | 98.2% |
| Oysters | 94.8% |
| Mussels | 93.1% |
| Starfish | 97.0% |

Key Stage 2

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|-------------|-------|
| Turtles | 94.3% |
| Sunfish | 97.8% |
| Otters | 89.3% |
| Dolphins | 96.0% |
| Anglerfish | 98.5% |
| Orca | 96.1% |
| Angel Shark | 88.9% |
| Rays | 94.9% |

The **highest class attendance** last week goes to...

Seahorses in FS/KS1

Anglerfish in KS2



On Time Octopus

winning class:

Puffins



Punctuality Penguin

winning class:

Orca



celebrate

News & Events

What makes somewhere
a good place to live?



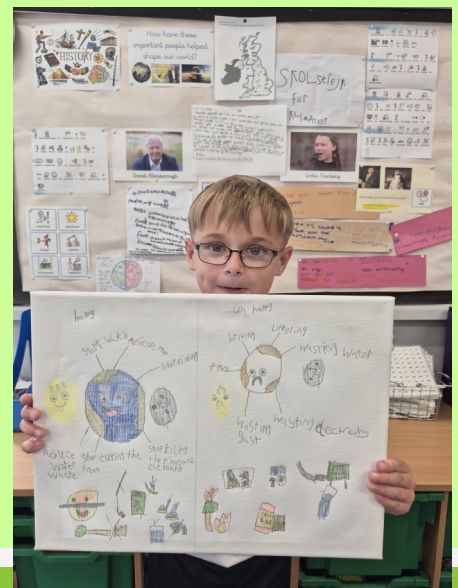
Things to talk about at home...

- Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think its important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed overtime?

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ECO
TIPS



Thank you to Louis for this fabulous piece of artwork. We can clearly see that you are an advocate for looking after the planet and spreading the word to those around you. I know you have loved all the work you have been doing in Year 2 with Mrs Wilkinson; learning about our beautiful planet and how to care for it. Keep up the great work and keep sharing your knowledge about the planet. Thank you





Together we



are musicians



Today, Year 6 practiced their songs which they are sharing as part of the musical content at the Summer celebration on Thursday 17th July.

Mrs Jenkins, the new music lead, was delighted to meet our Orchestra today. We are preparing for our performances next week.



Year 4 made amazing progress yesterday in composing and rehearsing their descriptive pieces of music about weather phenomenon. They were brilliant at using layers of sounds.



Together we

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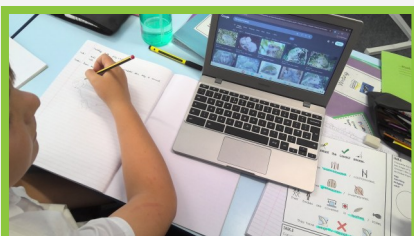
This group of mathematicians from year 5 represented the school at the 'Plymouth Year 5 Maths challenge' and came second! We were so proud of their team work and impressed by their quick thinking! They were only 4 points off gold!



In science year 2 have worked collaboratively to create animal habitats. The children had to think why animals are suited to these habitats, how they have adapted and what food chains exist in each habitat.



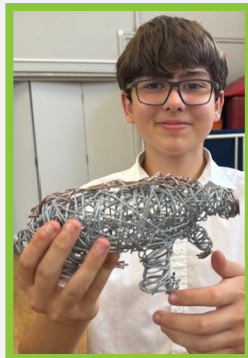
This week, Year 5 have been immersing themselves in our science unit which is focused on living things and their habitats. In class, we have been exploring the life cycles of insects, amphibians and birds. The children have been researching different birds to understand how their life cycles are similar or different to others.



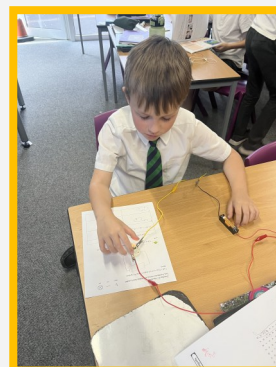
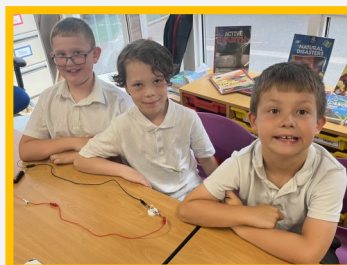
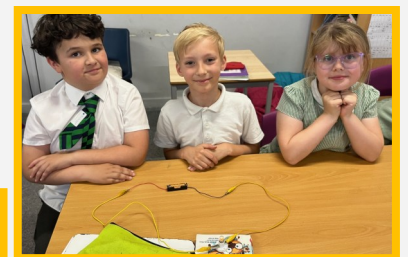
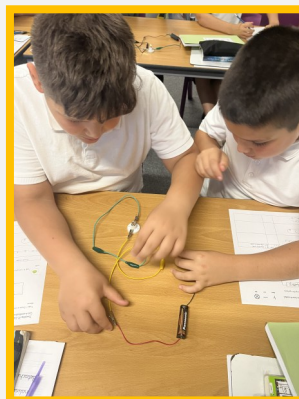
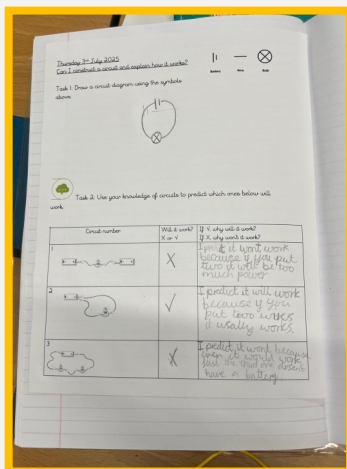
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Recently, as part of their project 'Evolution and Adaptation', Year Six were visited by Adrian Chapman in the role of Charles Darwin. They had a jam-packed day of learning all about his famous exploration trip on HMS Beagle where he discovered many new species. They also took part in a 'Survival of the Fittest' experiment, comparing the numbers of white and black moths that could be collected depending on the background colour of the 'habitat'. Other fun activities included a dinosaur hunt, fossil dig and a game called 'Guess the Mystery Object'. A great day!



Year 4 children had great fun in their science lesson constructing a circuit and explaining how it is made. We used crocodile clips, batteries and bulbs and learned that the parts of a circuit need to be joined up for the bulb to light up.



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Year 3 have been spending lots of time researching, designing and this week creating their prototype bags. We've embodied many of our school values during the 'make it' portion of our unit, in particular resilience and self-belief. Some of us found our designs a little trickier than we had imagined but with a lot of hard work, mess *creativity* and a little team work we achieved some wonderful prototypes. We can't wait to evaluate them next week and bring them home to share with our families.



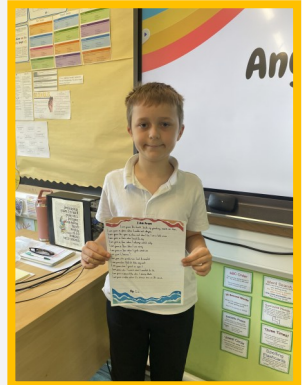
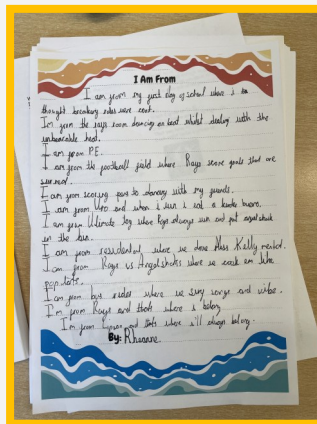
Year 2 have been exploring the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy an English sculptor, photographer and environmentalist. They worked in groups to explore the outside space and plan and produce a piece of art using the materials around them.



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Together we

We are so proud that Frankie Baldry, a past pupil of Lipson Vale, was chosen to be Poet Laureate for Plymouth. As part of her role, Frankie was offered the chance to work in a primary school to inspire the children to enjoy poetry... and Lipson Vale were lucky enough to be chosen. Frankie wrote a poem about her memories whilst she was here and then worked with both Y6 classes to write a poem inspired by their time here at Lipson Vale Primary. The results were amazing and some will be shared in our end of year concert next Thursday evening.



LIPSON VALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Great Lipson Art Exhibition

Please join in sharing your child/children's art journey this year **Tuesday 15th July at 3pm** enter the school via the entrance doors nearest their classrooms.

Together we

This term, the children have been learning all about *People Who Help Us*, exploring the important roles different members of our community play. In literacy, we've been diving into the book *Unfortunately*, using it as inspiration to write our own exciting stories filled with problems and solutions. The children have done a fantastic job using adjectives to bring their writing to life!

In maths, we've been focusing on place value within 100. The children have shown great progress, especially with counting confidently from 50 to 100. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence across all areas of learning.

We've also been learning about plants—what they need to grow and how we care for them. As part of our science work, we planted cress seeds and watched them grow. The highlight was getting to taste the cress we grew ourselves!

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Foundation enjoyed exploring timbre, the different sounds instruments make, this week. They used a range of instruments to create sounds in a rock pool whilst some their friends used ribbons and movement as they listened to the music.



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We are Readers

Word Millionaires

We are thrilled to celebrate four more word millionaires!

A huge congratulations to Madhav from Turtles class, Elijah from Otters class, Darcy from Angel Sharks class and Isabelle from Angel Sharks class who have each read more than a million words since the beginning of September - an incredible achievement.

Well done on this fantastic accomplishment!

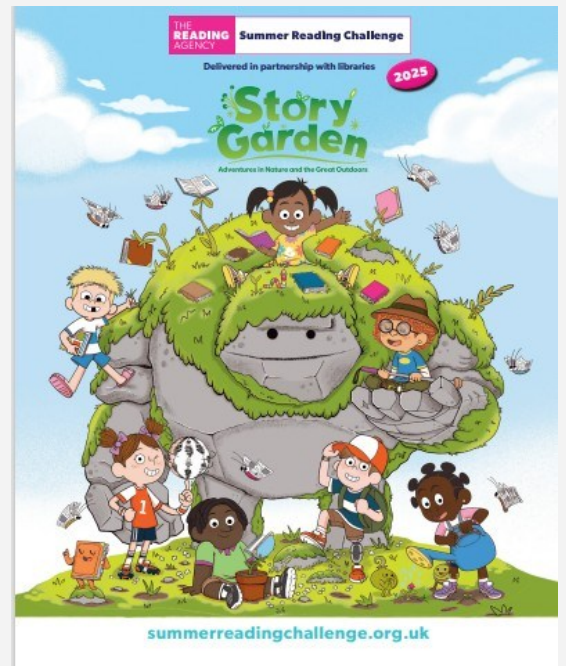
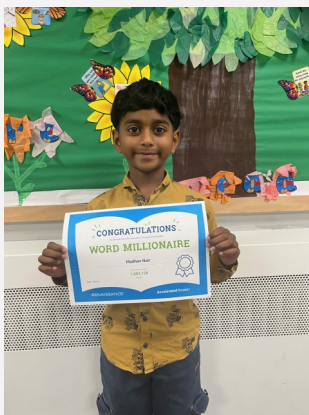
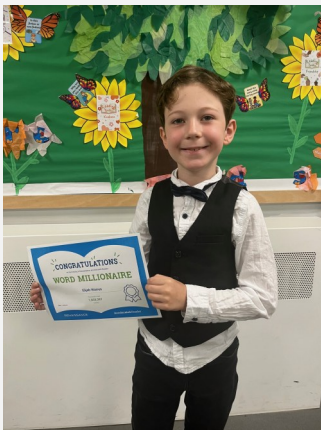
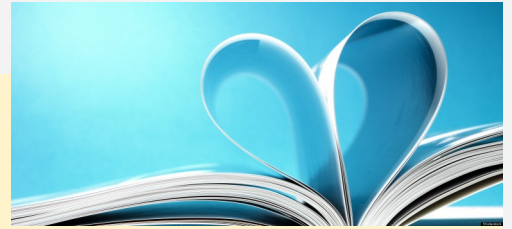
The Summer Reading Challenge 2025

On Friday 18th July, we will welcome a Plymouth Schools' librarian to our celebration assembly to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge is run in partnership with public libraries across the UK, and it's completely free for children to take part. It is a wonderful chance for children to discover new books, take part in fun activities at their local library, and enjoy the link between reading and the great outdoors, where imagination meets nature.

More details will be sent home soon!

Happy reading.



News & Events

PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



Please see the [SEND Newsletter](#) for activities and support over the summer break

SUMMER 2025 THE ART SIDE ART COMPETITION

Competition running from 1st July to 30th Sep

Any medium welcome

Title – Wild Spaces

Category 1: Under 16's

Judged by: The Schoolwear Shop

Category 2: Over 16's

Judged by: Plymouth Central Library

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category. Prizes to be supplied by The Art Side value ca £500

Pop into our shop to collect your entry ticket and submission instructions.



my **child** at **school**.com



Scan the QR code to be taken to our MCAS launch page. Reset your password to activate your account.

A JOINT CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFT ADVENTURE!

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H-Magination
Colourful Horizons

CREATIVE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

£30

Each session will include a range of arts and craft as well as getting out in nature (weather depending), crafting outside and fun and games!

Foundation, KS1 & KS2
9am - 1pm (drop off session)

Rees Centre Plympton
Lunch included

Thur 31st July - Superheroes
Fri 1st Aug - Dinosaur
Thur 7th Aug - Pirate
Fri 8th Aug - Monsters & Aliens

Free PE and free spaces available for eligible Plymouth children

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE GO TO:
www.bookwhen.com/emmagrationscraft
For booking queries contact:
emmagrationscraft@yahoo.co.uk or 0775614293

www.creativehealthsouthwest.com | www.emmagrationscraft.co.uk | www.colourfulhorizons.co.uk

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS



If you have recently changed any contact information (phone number, address etc) please let the school know so that we can update our records. We have added a simple online form to our website which you can complete (in seconds) to notify us of any changes.

THURSDAY 14th August
10.15-11.15am
Rees Centre Plympton

CIRCUS Summer Holiday Family Craft

Craft sessions for all the family from around 2 to 8 years old. Join us to explore 5 creative stations! Perfect to keep siblings of different ages occupied over the holidays. These sessions are child led creative sessions where parents are encouraged to follow their child's lead!

Book Now
www.emmagrationscraft.co.uk
Click on the "book a session" button

CIRCUS THEME

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Our Centres & Other Venues

The Barn Family Hub
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Namory Family Hub
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Rees Well-being & Family Hub
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Savetree Children's Centre
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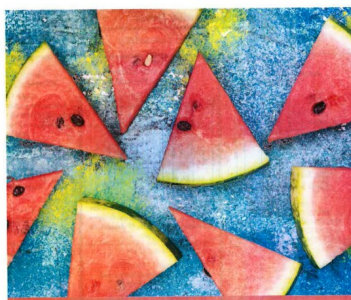
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Tot Hill Community Centre
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Plymouth, Elford Methodist Church
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BARNARDOS
Summer Holiday
Timetable
July-September 2025
FREE fun for the whole family!

Barnardo's Children's Centres (Barnardosplymouth)

Barnardo's Plymouth Family Hubs Summer Holiday Timetable Monday 28th July until Friday 29th August

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <p>Latch on Rees 1-2.30pm</p> <p>Chatterbox with baby weigh Southway Church of the Holy Spirit, 10-11.30am</p> <p>Chatterbox with baby weigh Rees 1-2.30pm</p> <p>Salvage Trail 28th July, 10.30-12.30 BOOKING ESSENTIAL PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ONE OF OUR FAMILY HUBS TO BOOK A PLACE.</p> <p>Little Box Pop Up Outdoor play activities and story times. 5th 12th August, 10-3pm</p> <p>The Box Museum 4th 11th August, 10-3pm</p> <p>SEN Messy Play Session The Barn Family Hub 0-7 yrs 4th 18th August, 10-11.30am</p> <p>SEN Messy Session Highview, 0-7 yrs 11th August, 10-11.30am</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE Monday 25th is a BANK HOLIDAY and therefore no sessions will be running.</p> | <p>Latch on Highview - 10-11.30am Elburton 10-11.30</p> <p>Chatterbox Elburton Methodist Church 9-11am</p> <p>Soft Play with Family Hub Support Central Methodist Church 1.0-2.30pm</p> <p>Little Box Pop Up Outdoor play activities and story times. 5th 12th August, 10-3pm</p> <p>Pop Up Play Imaginative play sessions with various role play areas. 0-8yrs Whitleigh Family Hub, 5th August, 10-12pm PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF FAMILY HUBS TO BOOK A SPACE</p> <p>Healthy Movers Fun ways to keep active and healthy, 0-7yrs Whitleigh 12th August, 10-11.30am</p> <p>Pop up and Play Imaginative play sessions with various role play areas. 0-8yrs Highview, 19th August, 1-3pm PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF FAMILY HUBS TO BOOK A SPACE</p> <p>SEN Messy Session Whitleigh Family Hub 0-7 yrs 19th August, 10-11.30am</p> <p>YIPPEE (Young Independent Proud Parents Encouraging Each Other) For parents aged under 25 with or without the little ones at Mount Edgecombe, 22nd July, 10-3pm BOOKING ESSENTIAL by 16th July</p> | <p>Latch on Nanery - 1-2.30pm St Francis of Assisi - 1-2.30pm</p> <p>Café Connect Join us for a midweek Starbucks coffee and help us tackle food waste by taking away food from M&S, Lidl and Tesco. The Barn 10am-2pm</p> <p>Travis & Chorus 2nd & 4th Wednesday Rees, 10-11.30am</p> <p>Chatterbox St Francis of Assisi, 1-2.30pm Compton Church, 1-2.30pm</p> <p>The Barn Fun Day 20th August, 9-4pm</p> <p>Little Box Pop Up Outdoor play activities and story times. The Box Museum 6th 13th August, 10-3pm</p> <p>Elm Satellite Family Hub Lunch 6th August, 10-12pm</p> <p>Play and Beyond Family Hubs Fun Day Devonport Park 6th August, 10-2pm</p> <p>Play and Beyond Family Hubs Fun Day Hillcrest 10th August, 10-2pm</p> <p>Play and Beyond Family Hubs Fun Day Freedom Fields 20th August, 10-2pm</p> <p>Play and Beyond Family Hubs Fun Day Band Field, Southway 20th August, 10-2pm</p> | <p>Latch on Elm - 10-11.30am</p> <p>Multicultural Group 0-8yrs 0-30 min Baby & Toddler Group Elm Church 10-11.30</p> <p>Chatterbox Highview 9.30-10am The Barn 10-11.30am Dads 10-11.30am 6-7 yrs 1.30-2pm Readable on the YMCA website</p> <p>Little Box Pop Up Activities and story times throughout the day The Box Museum 7th 14th August, 10-3pm</p> <p>SEN Youth Session 31st July, 10-11.30am, £5.99 per child, 12.30-1.30pm 14th August, 9-10am (Schooling welcome) Picnic in the park (with football/rounders). Central park football field (opposite the park cafe). Bring your own picnic, FREE to attend 21st August, Adventure Transpire Park, (5-11yrs, 11-12pm) (11-15yrs, 1-2pm) £10.99 per child</p> <p>28th August 9-10 years (admissions welcome) Summer Celebration Mount Batten Beach Trip, bring your own picnic, Football, sack pooking, games. 12-2pm FREE to attend!</p> <p>Please consider your child's needs to ensure they are able to participate in the activities safely. For example: able to follow instructions and be able to follow the rules of the game. Children do not need to be diagnosed to come along. If you have any queries or if in doubt please call a Family Hub</p> <p>Elm School Disco 15th August, 2-3.30pm</p> <p>Tot Hill School Disco Tat Hill Community Centre 22nd August, 2-3.30pm</p> <p>For more information about any of our events, please scan the QR code</p> | <p>Latch on Fourwoods 10-11.30am</p> <p>Chatterbox Tot Hill Community Centre 10-11.30am Fourgreens, Whitleigh Hub 10-11.30am</p> <p>Little Box Pop Up Outdoor play activities and story times The Box Museum 8th 15th August, 10-3pm</p> <p>Elm School Disco 15th August, 2-3.30pm</p> <p>Tot Hill School Disco Tat Hill Community Centre 22nd August, 2-3.30pm</p> <p>For more information about any of our events, please scan the QR code</p> |

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Changing lives.

SUMMER TRAIL

Pick up your summer trail map from
either Green Ark Family Hub or Manor
Street Family Hub.

Walk around your local area finding the
summer logo's, when your map is
completed you can bring it in and collect
your prize!!

Get active and have fun with your family
and maybe discover new places on your
doorstep



MANOR STREET AND GREEN ARK
FAMILY HUBS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
21st JULY - 30th AUGUST

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GREEN ARK FAMILY HUB AND MANOR STREET FAMILY HUB SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES ARE FREE

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p>Home Education Group at Green Ark Family Hub 9.30am - 10.30am on 21st July and 18th August</p> <p>SGO Peer Support Group 3rd Monday of each month at Manor Street Family Hub 11am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Home Education Group at Manor Street Family Hub 9.30am - 10.30am on 28th July</p> <p>Chatterbox and Latch On 1.00pm - 2.30pm at Manor Street Family Hub on 21st July, 28th July, 4th August, 11th August and 18th August</p> <p>Craft in the Park with The Scrapstore TBC at Adelade Street Park Stonehouse on 4th August, 11th August and 18th August</p> | <p>Family Hub Drop in at Plymouth Methodist Church Hall Soft Play Café 1.15pm - 2.30pm 22nd July, 29th July, 5th August, 12th August, 19th August and 26th August</p> <p>Fit & Fed at Victoria Park Times TBC 5th August</p> <p>Fit & Fed at Central Park Times TBC 26th August</p> <p>Solihull antenatal at Green Ark 10.00am - 12.00pm 5th, 12th, 19th August</p> | <p>Latch on at Green Ark Family Hub 10am - 11am 23rd July, 30th July, 6th August, 13th August, 20th August and 27th August</p> <p>Baby Group with PEEP at Green Ark Family Hub 11am - 12pm 23rd July, 30th July, 6th August, 13th August, 20th August and 27th August</p> <p>Chatterbox at Green Ark Family Hub 1.00pm - 2.30pm 23rd July, 30th July, 6th August, 13th August, 20th August and 27th August</p> <p>Play & Beyond at Devonport Park 10:00 - 14:00 6th August</p> <p>Dads Rockpooling at Devils Point 10:00 - 12:00 20th August</p> | <p>Step by Step at Green Ark Family Hub 10.00am - 11.00am</p> <p>Step by Step at Soft Play at Foulston Park 10.00am - 11.00am 30th July</p> <p>Step by Step at Devonport Park Sensory Garden 10.00am - 11.00am 28th August</p> <p>Summer Party in the Park! Devonport Park Sensory Garden 10:00 - 12:00 21st August</p> <p>SGO Peer Support Group at Green Ark Family Hub 1st Thursday of each month 1pm - 2.30pm</p> <p>Argyle Trust & Green Communities planting session at Foulston Park TBC</p> <p>Devonport Dockyard Open Day (Service families only) 10.00am - 6.00pm 24th July</p> | <p>Devonport Dockyard Open Day 10.00am - 6.00pm 25th July</p> <p>OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY West End Carnival All day event 23rd August</p> <p>Dads Group at Green Ark Family Hub 10.00am - 12.00pm 30th August</p> <p>FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK Green Ark Family Hub & Manor Street</p> |

Collective Worship

We have been focusing in school about 'moving on'. We have explored some of the emotions we might be feeling about this and identified some of the reasons why this might be the case. Together, we unpicked some of our worries and discussed the opportunities that we have to address these worries. Pupils were asked to consider how they are feeling alongside our Window of Tolerance.

How are you feeling about moving on?

Dates for your diaries:

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| 14.07.2025 | Whole School Cricket Event |
| W/C 14.07.2025 | Year 5 Bikeability week |
| 15.07.2025 | Great Lipson Art Exhibition @3pm |
| 17.07.2025 | Summer Concert Yr 3-6 @2 - 3.15pm Yr 6 (Choir & Orchestra) Summer Presentation |
| 23.7.2025 | Last day of academic year |
| 02 & 03.09.2025 | Non pupil days |
| 04.09.2025 | First day of Autumn Term |



School Meals



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FEEDING AMBITIONS



School Money



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Lipson Vale Primary

