

Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Hello to all of our wonderful families. Where have the last 2 weeks gone? It has continued to be an extremely busy time in school with the team here thoughtfully creating experiences for your pupils to bring their learning to life. This has included many trips out of school to local places linked to topics, a visit from an author as part of our World Book Day celebrations and visits from faith speakers (to name just a few!).

It felt brilliant to welcome parents back into school yesterday for Year 3's learning assembly. Both classes were incredibly excited to show their families what they have been learning over the course of the term, as well as having the opportunity to speak in front of an audience (we have definitely missed doing that!).

Ofsted News

You will have received an email from school this week letting you know the outcome of our recent inspection. It is with great pride that I inform the Lipson Vale community that we are a '**GOOD**' school. The report captures the hard work and dedication of the whole team over the last few years and has validated all of recent efforts to continually strive for excellent teaching and learning. The full report can be read on our website [here](#).

Changes to guidance regarding testing for Covid-19

From today, 1st April, the availability of free Lateral Flow tests ends and so does the requirement to test if you have symptoms. We are awaiting updated guidance for schools but do have the following information which highlights how we will continue to work together to reduce the spread of the virus.

"children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. They can go back to school, college or childcare after this time if they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend."

We still have many children and staff off with Covid-19 and it remains incredibly important that we, as a school community, work together to prevent the spread of the virus. As we know and have seen over the last 2 years, it is difficult to stop transmission once there are cases within school.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. Have a wonderful weekend and, slightly in advance, a relaxing Easter break when we get there.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

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

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup
Ayan Ahmad



McIver Cup
Lewis Toms



'H' Cup
Isabela Williams

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 we are all having to be a little more cautious at the moment; however, for those pupils well enough, we still have high expectations for daily attendance.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	90.3
Coral	92.7
Seahorses	82.4
Oysters	86.3
Mussels	91.7
Starfish	80.0

Key Stage 2

Turtles	78.2
Sunfish	85.9
Otters	92.4
Dolphins	92.0
Anglerfish	74.1
Orca	88.3
Angel Sharks	91.8
Rays	90.7



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

Coral in FS/KS1

Otters in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



celebrate

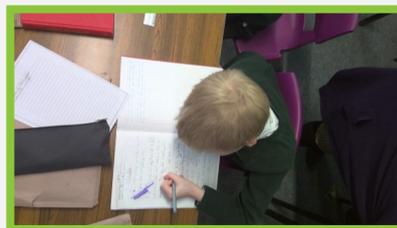
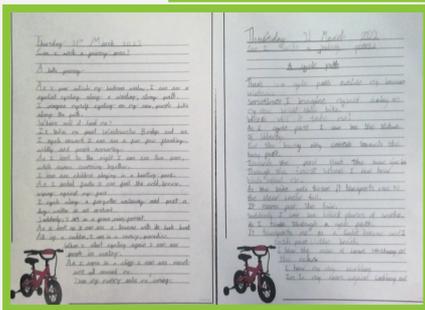
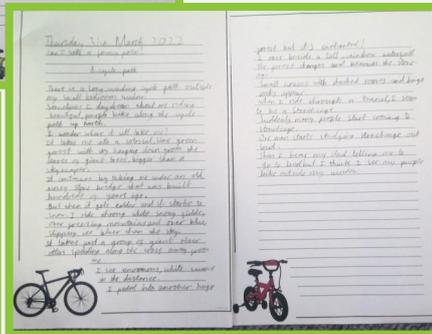
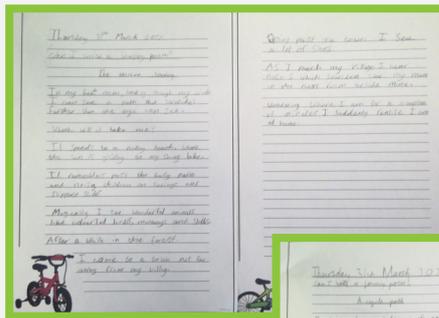
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Together we

This week the Year 3 children have worked incredibly hard to prepare for and perform their learning assembly about The Romans for their families. Despite a few nerves, the children delivered a fantastic performance in front of a live audience in the school hall. They marched and chanted like Roman Soldiers, shared some of their writing and performed their Roman Dance formations. The assembly ended with the children singing the lively 'Eat Like a Roman' song, which everyone enjoyed. Thank you and well done to you all: it was a great opportunity for the children in Year 3 to share their learning with such a supportive audience!



This week, the children in Year 4 have been completing their story poems, inspired by 'The River' by Marc Martin. We are very impressed with the children's use of descriptive language in their imaginary journeys on a bicycle and the care that they have taken to present their writing neatly.



This week, musical items for the Spring Concert were recorded. Despite many absences, the children were a great musical team and their music performance definitely brought some sunshine into the hall. Details about how to view the Spring Concert will be sent out soon.



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Year 1 enjoyed the new music decking space to perform simple melodies to each other.



The children in Year 3 have been learning about Roman mosaics. We have learnt about how these decorated the lavish Roman palaces and how the larger the mosaic, the wealthier the Roman! The children have created their own designs and have loved making their own mosaics. It takes a lot of patience and perseverance to stick down the coloured squares. It must have taken the Romans a long time to make their mosaics!



This week Year 5 enjoyed composing melodies for phrases from their Viking song. The music bus was the perfect space for this.



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Year 1 have had a busy week! We have been out and about on our school trip to the Barbican. In English we have been getting very bossy and learning how to write instructions. We have been using our time words and a range of different verbs. In our maths lessons we are looking at larger numbers! We have been comparing and ordering numbers all the way up to 50! We have shared lots of our learning from the past week on the school Facebook page. Please have a look at more of our fabulous pictures!



The children in Foundation have been having fun making music with their names. They thought about what their names sounded like when they clapped along to its beat, then they recreated this with an instrument. They were making some wonderful sounds in our outdoor play area.



Year 2 Recorders played a sunny piece in the sunshine and were met with applause from their friends. Great work musicians.

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Year 5 and 6 really enjoyed the curling experience provided by PSSP. The children's accuracy improved as the session went on. Hitting out the other teams stones ensured that the final outcome of the matches was very unpredictable.



Year 6 learnt how to jitterbug, as part of a dance focus linked to their topic of World War 2. Listening to the beat, adding in arm movements and sequencing steps were key features. Great enthusiasm Year 6.

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Together we

We are Readers

On Monday, children in Years 1 to Years 5 enjoyed a visit from Devon based author Rob Holmes who spoke to the children about his books, mindfulness techniques and the creative writing process.

In school, we continue to celebrate reading aloud to children and have captured some children enjoying daily story time in classes this week. In Year 2, children have started to listen to some Wonderbooks from the children's charity, Save the Children. Wonderbooks are a series of illustrated books inspired by the stories of children from around the world.

In Year 3, children have been listening to adventure story, Survivor: Escape from Pompeii by Jim Eldridge and extending their learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. Children in Year 5 have been listening to Greta and the Ghost Hunters by Sam Copeland and I Am Not a Label by Cerrie Burnell. In Year 4, the Otters and Dolphins are hooked by the story of Marinka in The House with Chicken Legs and Year 6 are enjoying Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll.



Happy Reading!



News & Events

Is there still a place for letters in today's world?



Things to talk about at home...

- When was the last time you received a letter or card in the post? Who was it from and how did you feel about receiving it?
- Do you often send cards or letters to others? Explain your answer?
- Why do you think fewer people have been sending cards and letters?

EASY
ECO
TIPS



Well done to those of you who are taking part in this challenge already.

Don't forget to send in a photo of you collecting litter to your teachers on google classrooms and win a prize for taking part!

Let's see how much litter we can collect and help our community to become cleaner and safer for the wild animals.

Thank you!

[Keep Britain Tidy](https://www.keepbrain tidy.org)



News & Events

KIDS IN THE WILD

IS YOUR CHILD 9-11 YEARS OLD?

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURE?

ARE YOU FED UP WITH SEEING THEM INSIDE ON SCREENS?

DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS?

Channel 4 and the producers of *Junior Bake Off* are making a brand-new series and are looking for children aged 9-11 to spend two weeks camping in nature this summer.

By encouraging independence outdoors, we will explore the relationships and skills children develop when put to the test.

VISIT WWW.APPLYFORTHEWILD.CO.UK

OR EMAIL KIDSINTHEWILD@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK

<https://loveproductions.co.uk/contributorprivacynotice>

LOVE
productions

Wednesdays
4pm-5:30pm

Fridays
9am - 11am

**SEN
SESSIONS**

Visit drakes-den.co.uk to book!



We will be holding exclusive SEN only sessions outside of our normal opening hours for your child to enjoy the full soft play experience without the hustle and bustle of regular play sessions. During this time, the children will be able to discover the soft play without the distractions of music, disco lighting and sounds. This is also a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other SEN children and families.

**DRAKES
DEN**

School Admission Appeals Code Consultation

The Department for Education is consulting on a revised version of the statutory School Admission Appeals Code:

"We're seeking views on a revised version of the statutory School Admission Appeals Code (the "Appeals Code"). The revised Appeals Code allows appeals to be held remotely (by telephone or video conference) as well as in person and allows appeal hearings to continue with just 2 panel members where the third panel member needs to withdraw. The changes make permanent some of the arrangements that were temporarily put in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

This consultation is open for Clerks, Admissions, Panel Members, Schools and Parents to all complete so we wanted to share the following link with you to make sure you had the chance to have your say. The consultation **closes on 3 April 2022**.

The consultation can be found at [here](#).

PAFC Community Trust

A new session specifically for children with SEND needs is being added to Ivybridge Community College on Fridays 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Spaces are limited therefore this would be offered on a first come, first served basis. To book, click [here](#)



ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST JUNIOR ABILITY COUNTS **IVYBRIDGE**

£2 per session for the first 12 weeks!

Every Friday
Starting 29th April
17:30-18:30

Ivybridge Community College Sports Hall

Ages 5-15

Play and train in a fun and inclusive environment for children aged 5-16 with a disability. Open to all abilities.

Email: stewart.wallbridge@pafc.co.uk
Book: <https://bit.ly/3usmR29>

LEARN. PLAY. SUCCEED

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship over the last 2 weeks we have been thinking about spreading 'goodness'. This started by reading and exploring the story 'The Suitcase' together and considering how characters in the story were showing kindness and good deeds to others. This was followed by watching the video from Kid President about good deeds. We thought carefully about how we might spread 'goodness' and what kind acts we could do.

What could you do to spread goodness?

Dates for your diaries:

08.04.22	Last day of school before Easter break.
25.04.22	Non pupil day.
26.04.22	First day of summer term.
02.05.22	Bank Holiday.
19.05.22	Tempest Photography-class photos and year group photos for Year 6 and Foundation.
27.05.22	School closed
30.05-03.06.22	Half term holiday.



School Meals



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CATERed 
FEEDING AMBITIONS

A vertical banner for 'School Meals'. It features the text 'School Meals' in green, a QR code, and a 'SCAN ME' button. Below the QR code is the 'CATERed' logo, which includes a chef and a child, and the tagline 'FEEDING AMBITIONS'.

School Money



SCAN ME



schoolmoney

A vertical banner for 'School Money'. It features the text 'School Money' in green, a QR code, and a 'SCAN ME' button. Below the QR code is the 'School Money' logo, which is a green circle with a white wave, and the text 'schoolmoney'.

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