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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

- 10-15th – Y6 Normandy residential
- 10-15th – Y4 and Y5 Bikeability
- 11th – KS2 Cricket competition. Bridestowe Cricket Club
- 12th – Y5 Cricket competition at Shebbear College
- 19th – Barn Owls visit Springfields
- 20th-21st – Y3/4 residential
- 20th – Year 5 Wildlife Champs to Meeth Quarry
- 20th – Y7 Transition parents evening at Okehampton College
- 21st - Y2 and Y6 National Child Measurement Programme
- 25th – Y5/6 to London

TEAM POINTS:

1st Elm with points - 216

2nd Ash with points - 209

3rd Willow with points - 174

4th Oak with points - 126

Dear Families,

This week Mrs Jordan and Mr Hill are in France on the first of 2 Y6 residential to France. You can read more about this amazing opportunity here: [Trust Normandy Residential Archives | Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](#)

We have also attached our curriculum overviews for this half term and homework tasks on page 3.

Kind regards,

The Bridestowe Staff Team

**READING RAFFLE WINNER
 LYLA**

ATTENDANCE: 98.1%

STAR OF THE WEEK

	Last Week	This Week
Barn	Molly – flourish in all subjects but especially English	Molly Eales – excellent participation in whole class discussions.
Snowy	Riley – for flourishing with recall and speed of times table facts.	Grayson – for flourishing in all areas of the curriculum – sharing your ideas and asking fantastic questions.
Tawny	Megan- for her good knowledge of first aid.	Joselyn – great impact in class discussion, showing great ambition.
Owlets	*****	Fletcher – for flourishing in writing independently

Golden Heart Award (Bucket Fillers):

Last Week	This Week
George – for including others in his game. Nominated by Katie and Evie W.	Niamh – for opening the door for people. Nominated by Evelyn C.

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DIARY DATES Cont...

June

- 26th June – Rev Brooks assembly
- 27th June – Okehampton Transition Day
- 28th – Group B Bikeability
- 28th – Inset Day

July

- 1st – Provisional sports day
- 5th – Rainbow Day
- 8th – Reserve Sports Day
- 10th – Snowy Owls to Springfields
- 12th – Open the book at the Methodist Church
- 19th – Leavers assembly/performance in the afternoon – Y6 parents only
- 19th – School Breaks up for Summer

MARGARINE POTS

If you have any empty margarine pots could you bring them in by next Friday for Mrs Baker.



Thank you

Y2 and Y6 National Child Measurement Programme will now take place on the 21st June

SUN SUN SUN!

We are hoping to see the sunshine more frequently from now on. Please can we ask parents to apply sunscreen to their children in the morning before school – especially on PE days.

On particularly sunny days, please send your child in with named sun screen and a hat

Each week, we record the team's scores and add these together to get the total for the half term. The final scores for last half term were as follows:

Willow - 1886

Oak - 1635

Elm - 1603

Ash - 1556

The Willow Team voted to come to school in non-school uniform and to bring a small teddy bear. Congratulations!

ABSENCE

If a child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason, parents/guardians (only those with parental responsibility) must contact the school by telephoning or emailing admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk, before 9am and advise of the reason for their child's absence (ie, cough/cold/ vomiting).

Parents/guardians must advise the school on the first and every day of absence due to illness.

Please click on the class to go to the curriculum overview and homework tasks.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

[Owlets](#)

[Tawny Owls](#)

[Snowy Owls](#)

[Barn Owls](#)

HOMEWORK TASKS

[Owlets](#)

[Tawny Owls](#)

[Snowy Owls](#)

[Barn Owls – YR5](#)

[Barn Owls – YR6](#)

START TIMES

A reminder that the start of school is 8.45am. There are some students turning up late and this is getting more frequent. This disrupts the class and the other children who have turned up on time. Please make sure your child is in school by 8.50am. the latest.

HEALTHY EATING

We have noticed more unsuitable snacks being brought into school. We are a healthy eating school and as such expect snacks to be sent in that are healthy. These can include, fruit, carrot/cucumber sticks. Please visit the NHS better health page [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) for some ideas.

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OFFICE NEWS



- Can all parents ensure they are booking their child’s meals by the Thursday deadline please. Some parents are having issues with ordering, we have been told by Cypad that they have now fixed this issue.
- Can you ensure all outstanding trip payments are up to date there are still a few outstanding and need to be paid before going on the trip.
- If you are not sure if you qualify for Free School Meals even if you currently are in KS1 please apply. You have nothing to loose and your child and the school benefit.

Fun digital therapy for childhood anxiety.



Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage is an engaging child-led, parent/guardian supported therapeutic intervention that can be used on most smartphones or tablets.

It facilitates graded exposures (the active ingredient of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) with psychoeducation to empower 7-12 year olds with mild to moderate needs to learn to self-manage fears, worries and anxiety.

It is practical, age appropriate, non-stigmatising, encourages self management and provides user progress and health outcomes data in real time to authorised professionals.



<https://luminova.app/about>

CLUBS

All available to book on the school Gateway

Please note dates carefully as clubs are not running every week next term

CHEERLEADING	MONDAY	YRS1-6	29 th April, 13 th May – 20 th May, 3 rd June – 15 July
MORRIS DANCING	TUESDAY	YRS 2 - 6	16 th April – 21 st May, 4 th June – 16 th July
ART JOURNALING	WEDNESDAY	YRS 4 - 6	24 th April – 22 nd May, 5 th June – 17 th July
DANCE	THURSDAY	YRS 1 - 6	18 th April – 23 rd May, 6 th June – 27 th June
MULTI SPORTS	FRIDAY	YRS1-6	19 th April – 24 th May, 7 th -21 st June, 5 th July -19 th July



PSHE

As a part of your child's education at Bridestowe Primary School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

As part of PSHE this half term, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE). The RSE curriculum became statutory for all schools in September 2020 and builds through a child's school journey to ensure they have the necessary knowledge, understanding and respect for others to form healthy relationships. 'Relationships' is defined as the way in which two or more people interact.

Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world. PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. All PSHE teaching also takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values. Ground rules are revised before each lesson to remind pupils that respect for others and how they choose to live is essential.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents; if you would like to find out more about the resources we are using or have any questions, please speak to your class teacher.

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Bikeability

We are very lucky that Y4, 5 and 6 will receive their Bikeability training this summer.

If you are worried about your child taking part, please speak to your child's teacher. We can help with loaning bikes and helmets. It is really important for wellbeing and confidence that all children can ride safely. Children in Y4 will be undertaking the initial training on the playground. Y5 and Y6 will be assessed in the playground and will progress to cycling around the village on the roads if appropriate. Children can come to school in PE kits on the days they are taking part in bikeability. If your intention is to leave your child's bike overnight, can you please inform a member of staff so they can be locked away.

KEY DATES:

Y5 10th June 9.30 – 12.15, 11th -13th June Group 1 10 – 12, Group 2 13.15 – 15.15

Y4 will require their bikes on Monday 10th June only.

Y6 – 23rd May – all children

24th May – group 1 children

28th June – group 2 children



Key Stage 2 attended a virtual assembly led by Jade Simmons from the Youth Mental Health Foundation. A charity that promotes positive choices for mental health. Jade is 19 so was able to really relate to the children and share her experiences of growing up. Jade has ADHD and she explained how our differences are what make us special. Jade discussed setting positive goals and targets. She also talked about how visualising ourselves doing something that makes us happy can help in times of difficulty. You can find out more about the charity and how they support parents and young people by following this link:

[Youth Mental Health Foundation](#)



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FUNDRAISER

Iona is organising an art exhibition (by herself!) which takes place in the Ark on Sat June 22nd. School age pupils, their families and the local community can donate artwork to the exhibition on Friday 21st June after school (3:30 onwards).

Iona has made some flyers and posters which she has distributed in school.

Money raised from donations and from coffee and cake sales at the art exhibition will be given to FOB's (in particular, she would like this money to go towards the reading shed).

I hope you will support Iona in her efforts to fundraise using her love of art.



Bristol Residential

This week the Year 5 children have enjoyed a wonderful residential in Bristol where they experienced a wide variety of activities which included a tour of SS Great Britain, a boat trip around the harbour, a visit to the museum and art gallery and M Shed, an industrial heritage museum and creating their own artwork at a graffiti workshop. This is what some of the pupils said about their trip.

Lissy: Day 1 at night in the dorm with Lucy, Niamh and Molly Egford. Lucy was sleep hunting and was making me cry laugh it was so funny.

Lucy and Molly: We really enjoyed the workshop on graffiti because we got to use spray paint and posca pens that we don't use in school.

Iona: My favourite part was when we went to the M Shed and we learnt about how the stuffed gorilla got stolen by university students for a prank. They returned it by the end of the week and kept their identity secret for over 50 years!!!!!!!

Alistair: I like the big SS boat because it was interesting

Izzy: I like the m-shed because it was really interesting because of the skin book.

Lucy: I found it funny when me and Molly made up a game with electric scooters whilst we were walking around.

Niamh: I liked the Bristol boat tour when we waved at people and most of them waved back.

Lara: I loved seeing the huge ss great Britain because it was so big



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Barn Owls joined the online British Council event to mark the 80th anniversary of the D day landings. Barn Owls children asked some very interesting and exciting questions to Ken Hay. Ken fought in Normandy as a Private in the 43rd Essex Regiment for just a few days before being captured by the Nazis. Despite the issues with sound, all the children were very interested in his detailed answers. The Y6's in particular, are even more excited for their trip to Normandy.



D-Day 80: Remembering the Normandy Landings



The Barn Owls put their skills of teamwork into action and showed fantastic communication skills during cricket this week.

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The Snowy Owls proudly showed off their homework at the end of term. It was wonderful to see that they had worked hard on their home learning and enjoyed finding out more about our topics with the help of family members.



The Snowy Owls set up an experiment to investigate how water travels through a plant. They dyed water using food colouring and then put celery in the water. The coloured water will travel up the plant in a part called the xylem. The process of soaking up water through a plant is called transpiration. We learnt that if a plant doesn't get enough water it will wilt - like most of the plants in our classroom!!

The Snowy Owls have been learning about money. Using money in real life situations is key in securing understanding and developing confidence - please support your child to explore with real coins at home (the school coins are plastic replicas and not the quite the same as the real thing!).



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The Tawny Owls having been learning about Ancient Egypt this term. Today, they had a practical lesson where they began the process of mummification. First, they had to wash their tomato. Then make an incision on the left-hand side and scoop out all the insides. Next, they had to clean it inside and out, before finally packing salt into, and around it. The children are excited to see what has happened to their tomatoes when they return after half term.



The Tawny Owls have loved having their new resources in the outdoor classroom. It has been fantastic to observe such great play and interactions happening between the children. Thank you again to everyone that made donations at their winter play which allowed them to get these!



The Tawny Owls have started their new English text, *The Bear and the Piano*. The class received a letter, with clues in - a bow tie, classical music, a concert poster and the front cover of the book. They created questions about these and answered them, by making predictions.

We then read and explored a few pages of the book and manipulated statements from the text to discuss the use of conjunctions to produce coordinating and subordinating clauses.

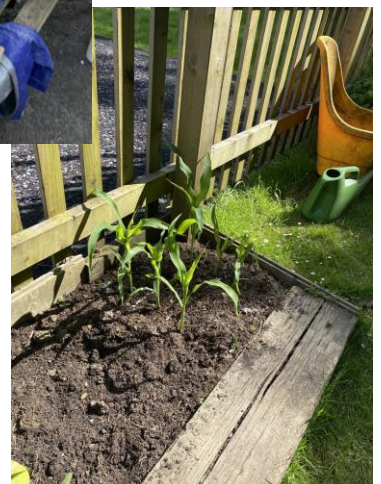


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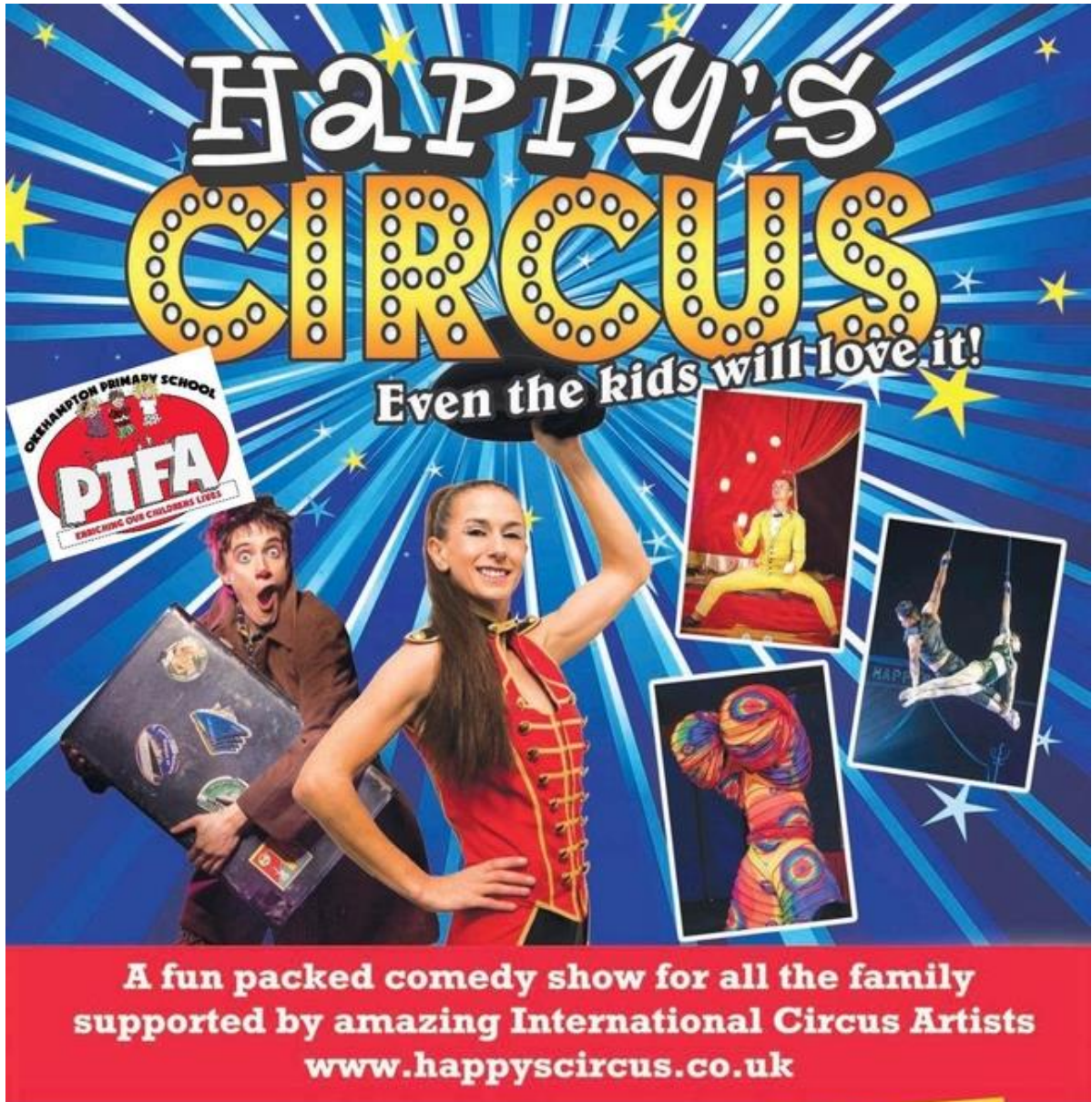
The Owlets have been manipulating and rotating shapes in maths this week, showing excellent knowledge of shape and using fantastic reasoning skills. They have also been playing games and practicing their turn taking this has led to the Owlets creating their own number games.



The school vegetable patch is looking great and the Owlets have been very busy weeding, watering and planting seedlings



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at Simmons Park,
Okehampton

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