



Executive Head Teacher: Melanie Smallwood

Head of School: Karen Lintin

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful half term and a great first week back. Please see the below news and updates for the school.

Home Learning can be found every week on our School website or [here](#).

Important dates:

21st February - After school Science Club starts (spaces still available - speak to office)

26th February - Victorian Day (Barum & Tarka only)

7th March - World book day

29th February - Rock and Rapid Parents Meeting

26th March - Quince Honey Farm Trip for Taw & Codden

28th March - Last day of term

18th April - Rock and Rapid one-day residential (Year 4)

19th June- Pre school and Codden stay and play sports morning

25th June- KS1 sports afternoon

27th June - KS2 sports afternoon

4th July - Transition morning Y1-Y5

11th & 12th July - Y6 transition days to Park

2024/2025 Term Dates are now available on our school website or [here](#).

Y4 Rock and Rapid - Parents Meeting

Please note that the rescheduled meeting will now take place on **Thursday 29th February at 2.45pm** This meeting will outline the details of the trip. This will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you have about the residential. Following the meeting all relevant paperwork that needs to be completed will be emailed to you. **Please can you make sure that you are arriving through the main gate and not the top gate please, the top gate does not have an intercom or release button to let you in. - Thank you.**

P.E Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to see the latest P.E newsletter on our school website.

Victorian Day (Barum & Tarka only)

The past Present team will be holding the Victorian workshops here at school next week, on Monday 26th February. Those parents of the classes involved will have received an email with all the information, plus a reminder email sent yesterday. Please make sure your payment is settled on Eduspot/SchoolMoney by the end of the day - Thank you.

World book day - 7/3/24



The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day. We will also be holding a wooden spoon book character competition for all the children to enter.

Quince Honey Farm Visit - Taw & Codden

On **Tuesday 26th March** we are planning to take the children in **Taw and Codden class** on a trip to **The Quince Honey Farm**. During the visit the children will learn about bees, observe honey being harvested, make a candle, explore the gardens and have a play in the Hive Play Area. The PTFA have kindly offered to subsidise the cost of the trip, so the cost per child will be £10.50, which includes coach travel and entrance to the Honey Farm. **Please pay via Eduspot/SchoolMoney before Friday 22nd March.** Parents of Taw and Codden will have received an email today, please read the letter attached to the email for more information.



Bikeability 2024



We have Bikeability coming into school in March to run their programme. Bikeability is a free 10 hour course designed to teach children, cycling and essential road safety skills. This is open to Year 4 students to take their Level 1 course and also to Year 6 students to take their level 2 course. The lessons will be completed within the school day. Year 4 and Year 6 parents will have had an email with all the information, along with an online form link to fill in to log your interest, so we can get an idea of numbers. Please click [here](#) for the Year 4 form or [here](#) for the Year 6 form.

Outstanding School Payments

We have a growing number of outstanding fees for school dinners, clubs and pre-school. We appreciate that we're all facing an increased cost of living, our School is no exception to that. **Therefore can we please request that you go to your SchoolMoney account and make payment for any outstanding fees, as soon as possible.** *Note, if you usually pay by childcare vouchers, see information below.*

If you are having issues logging into your SchoolMoney account and have tried to resolve by re-setting your password/reinstalling the app, please get in contact via families@bishopstawton-primary.org

If you are facing financial difficulty, please get in contact with the School as a priority to discuss.

Childcare Voucher Payments - Breakfast/After school Clubs and Preschool

If you pay via *Childcare Tax vouchers* or other schemes such as *Bravo* and *Eden Red*, you will be aware that we've been experiencing some delays from Devon County Council Finance Team confirming receipt of the payment in our School account. We're assured this process has been improved. **As a reminder, if you can send us an email confirming payment, child's name, date, amount and which voucher scheme used to families@bishopstawton-primary.org once paid. This helps up reconcile the payment and adjust SchoolMoney account.** Thank you.

A message from Sporty Stars...

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for your children to join us at Sporty Stars Holiday Camp, held at West Buckland School in North Devon.

At Sporty Stars, we provide children with unforgettable experiences filled with laughter, teamwork, and adventure. Our holiday camp is designed to offer a wide range of thrilling activities that will keep your child engaged and entertained throughout the holidays.

Here's what you can expect at Sporty Stars Holiday Camp:

- **Swimming:** Group sessions led by the experienced instructors from Aquarius Swim School.
- **Bubble Football:** Experience the excitement of football like never before.
- **Nerf Wars:** Engage in epic battles of strategy and foam darts.
- **Archery Targets:** Test your aim and enjoy a round of Archery tag.
- **Inflatable Games:** Bounce, slide, and laugh on a variety of inflatable attractions with a sporting emphasis.
- **Dodgeball:** Enjoy an action-packed game of dodgeball.
- **Other Sports:** Football, basketball, tennis, handball, and party games

Our experienced team is committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants while promoting teamwork and sportsmanship.

Camp Details:

- **Dates:** Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April & Monday 8th April - Friday 12th April.
- **Timings:** 8:15 am - 5:15 pm
- **Location:** West Buckland, Barnstaple EX32 0SX
- **Transport:** Return Bus service from Barnstaple (Homebase) & South Molton (Mole Valley).
- **Cost:** £40 per day / 10% off week block booking

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to register early to secure your child's spot at Sporty Stars Camp. You can register and find additional information on our website

<https://www.sportystars.co.uk/west-buckland-school.html> or contact us at hello@sportystars.co.uk.

Thank you for considering Sporty Stars as part of your child's holiday plans. We are excited to create lasting memories and provide an enriching experience for your little ones during this upcoming school break.



MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP

TUESDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL

Our experienced team of activity leaders will be delivering a range of unique experiences for children aged 5 - 12, every school holiday. All children in the local area have the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.

CAMP FEATURES :

- ✓ Six timetabled activities per day
- ✓ A range of inflatable games such as axe throwing, basketball, football darts, castles & zorbing
- ✓ Swimming 3 times a week
- ✓ Traditional sports and unique activities including archery, nerf wars, arts & crafts and glow sports

TIMINGS & COST :

- 🕒 8:15am - 5:15pm
- £ £40 per day / 10% OFF Week
Childcare vouchers accepted
- 🚌 Limited bus service available from
Barnstaple & South Molton (See online)



WWW.SPORTYSTARS.CO.UK



A message from North Devon Regional Talent Centre...

We are holding trials for footballers to join the North Devon Regional Talent Centre. They play in the Junior Premier League and is a fantastic opportunity for footballers to represent North Devon.

We believe this is a positive opportunity for North Devon footballers to develop and increase overall participation in football/sporting activity across all ages, with the focus of enjoyment and keeping more footballers in the game, long term.

