

Offwell C of E Primary School

Our Core Values: Honesty, Loyalty, Caring, Sharing and Forgiveness.



Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Highlights of the Week:

Ash: Using water, sand and other objects to practise vocabulary around capacity.

Willow: Drawing our own pirate and planning our own pirate stories.

Beech: Diary entries based on the story of Daedalus and Icarus.

Oak: Peer teaching in maths with the Year 6 children sharing old SATs papers with the Year 5s.

It has been wonderful to start settling into the routines of the Summer Term. Dates have been set for trips and events and we have been able to revisit things we have unable to contemplate for two long years. You will see we are setting up a new Phonics and Reading Scheme – more on this later. We can also get going on our plans for the Residential – further details below.

Next week – as always - will be dedicated to making sure our children feel positive, capable and resilient, especially our Year 6 children, who will be working hard to share all they have been learning next week and our Year 2 children, who will mostly begin their assessment tasks the week after. SATS will be taking place for Year 6 every morning, Monday to Thursday. If you need to come to school during this time, please be aware.

DON'T DECIDE
THAT YOU
CAN'T
BEFORE YOU
DISCOVER
THAT YOU
CAN

Year Six: Your ability to cope is strengthened each time you try something new. Next week will be over in a flash. There is still so much more to look forward to. You have been learning all year, so just keep doing what you do: your best. You can already feel proud of all you have achieved. Now you can look forward to an exciting new stage in your education. We

Stand
TALL
and be
PROUD.
Be
YOURSELF
you are
AMAZING.

can't wait to see what you will do next!

Get a good night's sleep: Last week, I mentioned that parents and carers should ensure their child gets adequate rest, especially leading up to next week's assessments. So, here is a chart to help you to work out what that might mean.

There will be variations: some of us need a bit more or less sleep than others, but deep sleep, which only happens after a certain period asleep, has been found to be essential for our ongoing mental and physical health.

If your child is struggling to sleep well, you are not alone. Please let me know, as the booklet from which this came is very helpful and I'd be happy to send you a copy. There are some simple solutions you can try.

Age	Amount of sleep recommended per 24 hour period
4-12 months	12-16 hours (including naps)
1-2 years	11-14 hours (including naps)
3-5 years	10-13 hours (including naps)
6-12 years	9-12 hours
13-18 years	8-10 hours



Friday, 6th May 2022

Stars of the Week

Ash- Ellsie

Willow – Tilly and Ella

Beech – Charlotte

Oak – Maisie

House Points

Attenborough: 115 Anning: 111

Well done Attenborough!

Jessica and Skye



Well done to Jessica in Willow Class who took part in a dog show last weekend. Jessica and Skye she won best whippet puppy and prettiest girl.



PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Well done to everyone who

took part in the Hunt over Easter. Hopefully you all enjoyed it. The overall winner was Lewis in Willow Class. He was presented with a prize in Celebration Collective Worship today.

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Oak Class Activities the children can all look forward to a Film on Friday (with popcorn, or other suitable snacks), and a Rounders match on the field next Thursday, all being well with the weather. Plus, looking ahead, their **residential**, after half term is approaching at the end of June. A letter will have arrived today and there will be a meeting on **Wednesday May 25th** at 5.30pm which you and your Oak child are welcome to attend (in Oak Class).

Year 2 have also won a reward by getting the most marbles in their jar. They are currently negotiating their reward!

Phonics - While there have been lots of challenges, behind the scenes we have been working towards implementing a new Phonics and Reading scheme this year. Teachers have been undertaking hours of training in Sounds-Write over the past two terms – a very clear, systematic scheme which teaches children to blend and segment effectively – and we are now ready to share the new reading books your child will be bringing home, which will closely match the sounds they are learning.

We are keen to share more about the scheme and answer any questions, so are offering a parent session after school on **Monday May 23rd**. So we can provide this to as many as possible, **please complete the form to please say which time works best**. We will offer the most popular slot via Zoom, so you can join us from home.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=v3P2lmC-JUCYYnQPPrW7ZQ9mcpQNa71FDIGP5YjWBDedUMTNPS0dSR0JPRzY1MkExRjYzSFUyU08wNy4u>

Gates – Now we no longer need to set out a one-way system, there will be two small changes to the way children are sent home:

Ash families, please come into school via the **front gate** and collect your child from class at 3.10pm as usual. Please make sure your child does not run ahead of you, as the gates will be open when they come down. You may use either gate to leave.

Beech families, please collect your child from the **main gates**, which lead onto Fern Lane, rather than from the front gate. Visibility when buses are collecting and other cars are passing has been problematic and it should now be possible for the children to be collected together. However, please remain aware of the small amount of traffic that will still pass and keep your child/children close.

Additional Needs Support: For parents of children on the spectrum, or on the pathway, I have some very clear, visual

One Minute Guides, which could help if you are concerned about any of the subjects, below:

- Anxiety
- Behaviour
- Communication
- Masking
- Neurodiversity
- PDA
- Sensory needs
- Siblings
- Social Stories

Lorna Legg, Be healthy in body and strong in spirit and may all go well with you...'

WHAT MAKES
YOU DIFFERENT
IS WHAT MAKES YOU
BEAUTIFUL 

Torbay and Civic Award

As part of Ben's efforts for the Award and having postponed the original climb due to bad weather, Ben is finally climbing Mount Snowdon this weekend. He is raising money for Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team. Good luck Ben!

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/benjamin-hodder>

Fish and Chips

Saturday May 7th with an added extra. The Chantry Buoys Shanty Singers are coming to sing for us, fish and chips as usual frying in the car park 6.00-7.30pm bar open, eat in, on the veranda or take away. Super night out for all the family.

Ann Richards
Offwell Sports and Social Club.

Calling all parents and carers living or working in Devon. We need your help this summer!

Whether you currently use childcare or not, your voice counts. The answers you give in this short survey will help the early years and childcare team at Devon County Council to plan and make sure that there is enough childcare available in Devon. Even if you have participated in previous surveys, it is important to get your views now, so we can look at changes to childcare demands over time.

Take part at devon.cc/parents-childcare-survey