

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:

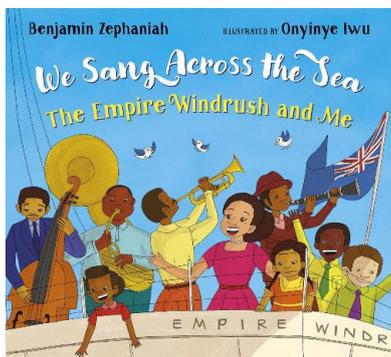
Ash: Having so many friends and relations join us for Story and Rhyme time.

Willow: Learning about seaside habitats.

Beech: The trip to National Marine Aquarium (hopefully as this was written before their return)!

Oak: Eating the potatoes, lettuce, mint and thyme grown by Gardening Club.

Wednesday, June 22nd was **Windrush Day**. This is also **Refugee Week** (20-26th June), where we are asked to try simple acts, like reading a book that teaches us something new.



We are learning from the stories of those who came to Britain in the past - The Windrush generation - who were invited to help rebuild the country after the Second World War. Many, like my Mum, came from Jamaica, because the NHS needed nurses and doctors. Some, as portrayed in 'We Sang Across The Sea' by Benjamin Zephaniah, became musicians; while some of their descendants are famous for sports, science, history and literature.

While many here welcomed their help and offered them a home (like my Dad), some treated them badly. Today, we try to learn the lessons of the past; we celebrate the contributions of people from across the world, who have worked hard to make Britain great, and think what sort of welcome we give to people who have come to make this country their home.

To understand more about the challenges faced when travelling across the world, and why this happens, you could read 'The Journey', a book for 7-9 year olds, or you can look at Amal's journey...



Amal is a 3.5 metre puppet made by the creators of the War Horse. From July to November 2021, representing all children separated from their homes and sometimes their families, Amal has travelled over 8,000km embodying the urgent message "Don't forget about us". Her name means 'Hope'.

This living artwork of a young Syrian refugee child has walked across Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, the UK, the Netherlands, Poland and Ukraine, to focus attention on the urgent needs of young refugees. As part of World Refugee Week, she is visiting ten towns and cities across England, meeting old friends and new. <https://www.walkwithamal.org/>



Friday, 24th June 2022

Stars of the week:

Reception – Nathan

Willow – Poppy

Oak – Hattie, Chloe, Abi M & Isla

Important Diary Dates:

29th June to 1st July – Oak Residential

4th to 8th July – Arts Week

5th July – Whole School Transition

14th July – Story & Rhyme

15th July – Ash visit to Woods

19th July – Sports Day

20th July – Leavers' Service – Yr 6

22nd July – Reserve Sports Day

26th July – Break Up for summer

NO WASP

House Points

Attenborough: 77 Anning: 54

Well done Attenborough!

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The need for us to help the victims of human-made and environmental disasters has been brought home to us again, after the **earthquake in Afghanistan** on Wednesday, June 22nd. Care and Compassion are central to our values, so I hope you will feel able to give, even a little, via the Disasters Emergency Commission <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal>

Parking – Please do not park outside school at the start or end of the day and leave the junction clear. Ample parking is available at the Village Hall. There has recently been more congestion than usual, due to parents' vehicles, which is **both a safety risk to our children and an annoyance to our village neighbours**. As you can imagine, having a school on your doorstep, once your children no longer attend, can be challenging and we want to be the best neighbours possible. Thank you.

Road Closure

Please note that the Parish Council has been advised that the A35 will be closed on the 26th June 2022 to 30th June 2022, **24 hours a day**.

As part of the South West Highways Connect strategy for maintaining the A30/A35, **it is necessary to carry out some ground stabilisation works on the A35 between Springfield Corner and Devils Elbow, Honiton.**

The work will be carried out under a full road closure with effect from 26th June 2022 to 30th June 2022, **24 hours a day**.

During this time, traffic travelling west along the A35 from the Axminster direction **will be diverted at the Taunton Cross junction**, onto the 7 mile straight road running past Dalwood and Stockland on to Stockland Hill, to join the A303/A30 towards Honiton. Traffic travelling east along the A35 from Honiton will be diverted in the opposite direction.

To clarify the matter, Taunton Cross is the junction on the A35 where you turn off for either Dalwood or Shute.

Access to Offwell and Wilmington from the Axminster direction will be granted at all times from Taunton Cross. Any traffic intending to go to Offwell and Wilmington will be allowed to continue on the A35 to their villages.

As regards anyone from Offwell wishing to go to Honiton during the road closure period, please go to Tower Cross, then turn left along Tower Road to the Golf Club and then turn right to go down the hill into Honiton. Return journeys can be made following the reverse route.

South West Highways has set up a dedicated phone line for anyone who may wish to call to enquire about the roadworks. The number 01404

823871. **Please note that this number is for enquiries regarding these works only.**

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

Exhibition on in the Thelma Hulbert Gallery (who we are using for our Arts Week):

FRESH! Devon Artist Network
28 May 2022 to 23 July 2022

FRESH! brings together key works by leading artists and creatives from Devon Artist Network (DAN).

THG supports *Creative Communities* in East Devon, understanding the value of individual and collective creative expression, and fresh ideas and perspectives.

Featuring work selected from an open call including painting, sculpture, pottery, glass work, textile and markmaking.

Also on Saturday 23 July the Gallery will have a fun family workshop with exhibiting artist Anna Fitzgerald.

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Saturday, 16th July 2pm

See attached poster