

Newsletter

Friday 2nd May, 2025



Message from the Headteacher

Good Afternoon,

The school has had an incredible donation of a new piece of play equipment and a beautiful circular bench, installed over the Easter weekend. The equipment has been donated as both a tribute and a memorial for Mark Hartford, who very sadly passed away at Christmas. Mark's brother Jay designed and installed the play equipment with John, Mark's father.



The bench has been situated at the top of our field, with a weeping willow planted in the middle, where children can sit, be still and look at the spectacular views. Many of you will have known Mark and know that he loved the outdoors and being in nature, so this gift of play for children at our school is a fitting tribute to a beloved son, brother and dad.

Our very sincere thanks to the Hartford family for their generous and thoughtful donations.

On Tuesday after school, we had a very special event for the opening of our new play equipment with Torridge Class. The beautiful weather meant the children could play on the new equipment together for the first time and it was a lovely afternoon.

School News

VE day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

We have invited all children to come in school in 1940's clothing on Thursday 8th May as part of our day to remember the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

We will have our 'Street Party' in the afternoon and the children spend the morning exploring this historic event through classroom activities.

Please remember to bring in £1 per child by Tuesday 6th May to fund the food for the party. The PTA are very kindly providing cakes for all the children.



School News

Ventrus Vacancies

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Poppy Cascade—a message from the Church Council

We have been asked by the Church Council to participate in the Poppy Cascade planned to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe day on Thursday 8th May.

We have been asked to share the schedule for the celebration that the Church Council have organised. Please see below for your information:

Sunday 4 May.

10am. All are welcome to a Holy Communion Service with the Bishop of Exeter the Rt Rev Mike Harrison and Rev Rosie Austin during which the Shirwell Mission Community Choir will sing.

11am. Blessing of the Poppy Cascade by the Bishop. All are welcome and it is not necessary to have been to the earlier service.

The Bishop will pick the nomination of a person to light the Lamp of Peace from a hat and will also be pleased to speak to as many people as possible.

Thursday 8 May.

11am onwards. People are welcome to come and see the Poppy Cascade.

11am - 5pm. Memories Exhibition in the church. Pictures and accounts of World War II as told by those who lived through it or have been told by their relatives.

2pm - 5pm. Thursday Cafe in the Village Hall with special refreshments and a war time song singalong.

Early evening. St Peter's Bellringers will ring out in celebration.

7pm. Concert in the church by The Jubilee Singers. Refreshments served during the interval.

9.30pm. Lighting of the Lamp of Peace in the church. This will be at the same time as bonfires, beacons and other Lamps of Peace are lit around the country.

For further details, please contact Sue Squire on 01598 710526 or email sue@suesquire.com.

If anyone would like to be involved in helping to create the poppy cascade by attaching them to the netting, please get in touch with Sue. This will start in the Wesley Suite at the rear of the church on Monday 7th May when sessions will be held on various days and times over the coming weeks. The church has toilets and baby changing facilities.

All proceeds raised will be split between Help for Heroes and the Royal British Legion

Please remember: **Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone**

Clubs



Week beginning 6th May 2025

All teacher led clubs finish at 4:15, if your child attends Lego club please pick up from Bray Class, if attending Kwik Cricket and football club your child will be brought to the bottom playground to meet you. For Afterschool club please collect as usual from the classroom.

Here are the clubs that are running this week.

Day	Club	Time
Tuesday 6 th May	Breakfast Club	8am—8:45am
	Lego Club	3:15—4:15
	Kwik Cricket	3:15—4:15
	After School Club	3:15pm—5:30pm
Wednesday 7 th May	Breakfast Club	8am—8:45am
	Romar Sports Football Club	3:15—4:15
	After School Club	3:15pm—5:30pm
Thursday 8 th May	Breakfast Club	8am—8:45am
	After School Club	3:15pm—5:30pm
Friday 3 rd May	Breakfast Club	8am—8:45am
	After School Club	3:15pm—5:30pm

Charges: After School Club

If you have enrolled your child on a Romar Sport or teacher led club which finishes at 4.15pm, and you need to use the Afterschool Club until you can collect. We have arranged for you to book a session with the Afterschool Club from 4.15pm until 5.30pm. These sessions are available Monday to Wednesday and will cost £4.50 per session per child. Please sign up in Arbor.



Diary Dates

5 th May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Tea party to celebrate 80th Anniversary of VE day
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs assessments (Year 6)
21 st May	Wilcombe Wobbler sporting event
26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term
2 nd – 20 th June	Phonics Screening window for assessment (Year 1 pupils)
24 th June	Sports Day weather permitting
2 nd – 6 th June	Multiplication Screening window for assessment (Year 4 pupils)
9 th – 13 th June	Multiplication Screening window for assessment (Year 4 pupils)
2 nd July	'Move Up' day
2 nd & 3 rd July	Pilton Academy Transition Days (Year 6)
3 rd & 4 th July	Ilfracombe Academy Transition days (Year 6)
8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
16 th July	KS2 performance for invited community members and grandparents
17 th July	KS2 performance for parents/carers afternoon performance and at 5.30pm
22 nd July	Year 6 leaver's assembly for parents/carers of Yr 6 children only
23 rd July	Last day of term