



**PRIDE IN ALL WE DO**

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## School News

We've had another great week at school and the children enjoyed ending the week wearing their own clothes to raise money for Children in Need today.

A massive well done to Mrs Tapp and Mrs Thorne on receiving a 5-star food hygiene rating for the school kitchen this week. We never doubted they would receive anything less, but we are thrilled to also have this verified externally.

Children in Class Torridge have taken part in Bikeability sessions. They learnt about how to stay safe whilst riding a bike, how to recognise potential hazards and where to ride on the road. They had the opportunity to practice the skills they had learnt through a real cycling experience around the village. Below is some further information about how your child can stay safe whilst riding a bike.

This week Tempest photographers came into school and took individual and family photos. If you would like to place an order you may do so online or return your order to school in the envelope provided. Deadline for receipt of orders to school **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**.

This year we will be supporting Save the Children, Christmas Jumper Appeal. Your child may wear their Christmas jumper to school on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> December. We will provide you with information on how to donate nearer the time.

We would like to remind you that children are **not** to be left unaccompanied on the school playground before we open at 8.45am. Children are not supervised before this time, and we cannot ensure they remain safe. If you need to drop your child off early, we have the breakfast club available which opens at 8:00am.

If children bring a snack to school, please ensure they are healthy. We are seeing an increase in the number of children bringing in crisps, sweets and chocolate. Here is a link for further information and healthy snack ideas - [Healthier food swaps - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#)

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Fernyhough next week. The children are excited to meet her again in assembly on Monday morning. The staff are very much looking forward to working with her.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Day

## Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

# Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

### Dates for your diary

28 <sup>th</sup> November	Vision Screening for Reception children
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle in St Peter's Church 2.15pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre
6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser
18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service in St Peter's Church 2.15pm

### Admissions to Reception Year for September 2025

The school admissions process for the 2025 primary admissions round has been updated to streamline communication and application procedures. An online Microsoft form is now available for parents and carers to express their interest in applying for a school place. Application window opens on 15th November 2024. Read more: ► <https://www.devon.gov.uk/eys/school-admissions-process-update/>

## Why Is Bike Safety So Important?

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. Every year, lots of kids need to see their doctor or go to the accident and emergency because of bike injuries.

### Why Should Kids Wear a Bike Helmet?

Wearing a helmet that fits well every time you're on a bike helps protect your face, head, and brain if you fall. That's why it's so important to wear your bike helmet whenever you are on a bike.

Wear a **bike helmet every time** you ride, even if you're going for a short ride. And follow these rules:

- Make sure your bike helmet fits you well.
- Always wear your helmet the right way so it will protect you:  
Make sure it covers your forehead and don't let it tip back.  
Always fasten the straps.
- Don't wear a hat under your helmet.
- Take care of your helmet and don't throw it around.  
If it's damaged, it won't protect you as well when you need it.
- Get a new helmet if you fall while you're on your bike and hit your head.  
Put reflective stickers on your helmet so drivers can see you better.

### What Should I Wear When I Ride My Bike?

- Wearing **bright clothes and putting reflectors** on your bike also can help you stay safe. It helps other people on the road see you. And if they see you, that means they're less likely to run into you.
- You'll also want to make sure that nothing will get caught in your bike chain, such as loose trouser legs, backpack straps or shoelaces.
- Wear the right shoes — trainers — when you bike. Sandals, flip-flops, shoes with heels, and cleats won't help you grip the pedals. And never go riding barefoot!
- Riding gloves may help you grip the handlebars — and make you look like a professional!
- Don't use music devices that could distract you from noises around you, such as a car blowing its horn to warn you to get out of the way.
- Don't text or use a telephone while riding. You need to watch where you're going and look out for cars, people, and other bikes.

### Where Is it Safe to Ride My Bike?

You need to check with your parent or carer about:

- Where you're allowed to ride your bike
- How far you're allowed to go, common things that can get in the way like rocks, children or pets, and big puddles.

No matter where you ride, daytime riding is the safest. So, try to avoid riding your bike once it starts getting dark.

And always keep an eye out for cars and trucks. Even if you're just riding on the pavement a car may pull out of its driveway into the path of your bike. When you cross a busy road, walk your bike across the street.