



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly News

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Friday 2nd May 2025

A Message from the Head of School:

We have managed to cram a lot into April, despite the Easter break. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine this week and it has been so nice to get out on the field. The children have been working so hard on their mini-marathon laps and it was lovely to welcome so many of you this afternoon to cheer them on. I hope they can be really proud of their official London Mini-Marathon pin badges.

Mrs Eggleton 😊



Dates for your Diary

Monday 12 th May – SATS week; Year 6	Sunday 18 th May – PTA Car treasure hunt. All families	Thursday 22 nd May – Sports Day; Whole School	Wednesday's 4 th , 11 th , 18 th June, 25 th June & 9 th July – Swimming; selected Stags
Thursday 5 th & Friday 6 th June – Bristol Residential; KS2	Friday 13 th June – ND schools football league tournament; selected KS2	Friday's 13 th , 20 th , 27 th June & 11 th July & Monday 14 th July – Surfing; Year 6	Tuesday 15 th June – Exeter Museum Trip; KS2
Wednesday 25 th June – SMCC Enhanced transition Day; Selected Year 6	Friday 27 th June – TTRS Rock star fundraising day; whole school	Wednesday 2 nd & Thursday 3 rd July – SMCC transition Days	Thursday 3 rd July – Moving up Day. Meet your new teacher; whole school
Thursday 3 rd July – SMCC parents information evening	Saturday 5 th July – PTA Jumble Sale; All families	Monday 7 th July – Year 6 leavers trip	Wednesday 9 th July – Puttsborough Trip; Buzzards
Thursday 10 th July – School Disco; Reception – Yr6	Wednesday 16 th July @2.30pm & 5.30pm – KS2 Performance	Thursday 17 th July – PTA Leavers Party; Year 6	Friday 18 th July @ 2.30pm – Leavers Assembly; Year 6

What's been happening this month?



Football Match:

Well done to our y3,4,5 football side who played today against Bishop Nympton. We unfortunately fell 5-1 against a skilful side with double the number of players, and a lot of bigger players, but we never gave up or let our heads drop.

Goal: Frankie

Players of the match:

Alfie for his bravery in goal.

Caleb for his work rate and being solid defensively!

TCS Official Mini Marathon

Well done to all the children who took part in the 2-mile marathon last week. We were super proud of their resilience and determination. The weather was really hot but everyone managed to complete their 2 miles. We also had the grand opening of our Trim Trail which the PTA worked so hard to fund for us – you guys are amazing thank you!

A big thank you to the families who came to watch the final laps on Friday 😊



Notice Board

Breakfast Club

If you would like to book your child into breakfast club please e-mail:

admin@filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk.

- Breakfast will be included for children arriving before **8.20am**
- The main gates at the top of the school will be open to allow access to the club only from **7.50am**.
- The price is **£2.50 per session and is payable on the ParentMail system**.
- If you have booked a place and do not turn up **you will be charged** – cases of illness will be considered on an individual basis.

- If your child is unwell that morning and cannot make Breakfast Club, please could you ring or text the school mobile on 07833 648724 to let them know.
- If you want to bring your child to breakfast club on that morning **you must call the school mobile** on 07833 648724 to ask if there is space.

Reporting Absence:

When your child is absent from school you **MUST** contact the school to inform us that your child will be absent, the reason for their absence and their expected return date to school. If you do not inform us by 9.30am it is our duty of care to start calling the next of kin and work through the contacts list. As you can imagine this is quite a time-consuming job.

Please ensure you report your child absent by phoning, e-mailing or the quickest and easiest way is on the ParentMail app.

If you wish to request time off for you child you need to complete an absence request form and return it to Mrs Smith:

[Filleigh Primary School - Key Documents \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](http://filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)



You have all recently had a letter from us explaining the importance of good school attendance.

Please be aware that as a Devon County Council Maintained Primary School, we have to report all absences of 10 or more consecutive sessions (a full school day is 2 sessions [am and pm]) and **you may be issued with a fine from the Local Authority.**

This fine is not issued by the school itself. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised

and you will be informed of this if you make a holiday request.

Overall, our school attendance is good, but we cannot afford to be complacent about this and the effect that poor attendance has on children's progress.

Thank you for your support.

Just a reminder to all parents / carers the gate opens at 8.50am every morning to allow children to be ready to learn in their classrooms by 9am. All adults should be off the school premises before 9am when the gate shuts. **The gate will be shut promptly at 9am.**

Packed lunches

Please be advised that cutting grapes in half lengthways is a great way of reducing the risk of choking, especially for younger children. Please consider this when packing your child's lunch.

STAGS:

This month has been a busy one for Stags when in school! We have been full speed ahead in preparing for our end of KS2 assessments for the year 6's, and their hard work has been admirable! We have worked hard in English and maths to get ourselves ready. Furthermore, we have been focusing on athletics in PE, and focusing on how to maintain good technique when running to increase speed and distance effectively.

Along with the rest of the school, we also took part in the mini marathon, and the children completed a high number of laps throughout the week. Their attitude was fantastic, with many completing above and beyond what we expected from them!

Have a lovely Weekend – Mr Dovell & Mrs Palmer



BUZZARDS:

Our main focus in April was our trip to Quince Honey Farm.

This was a fantastic educational day-out for the children. After our arrival, a lady showed us how the honey was extracted from the frames in the hives which was followed by our first honey tasting session.



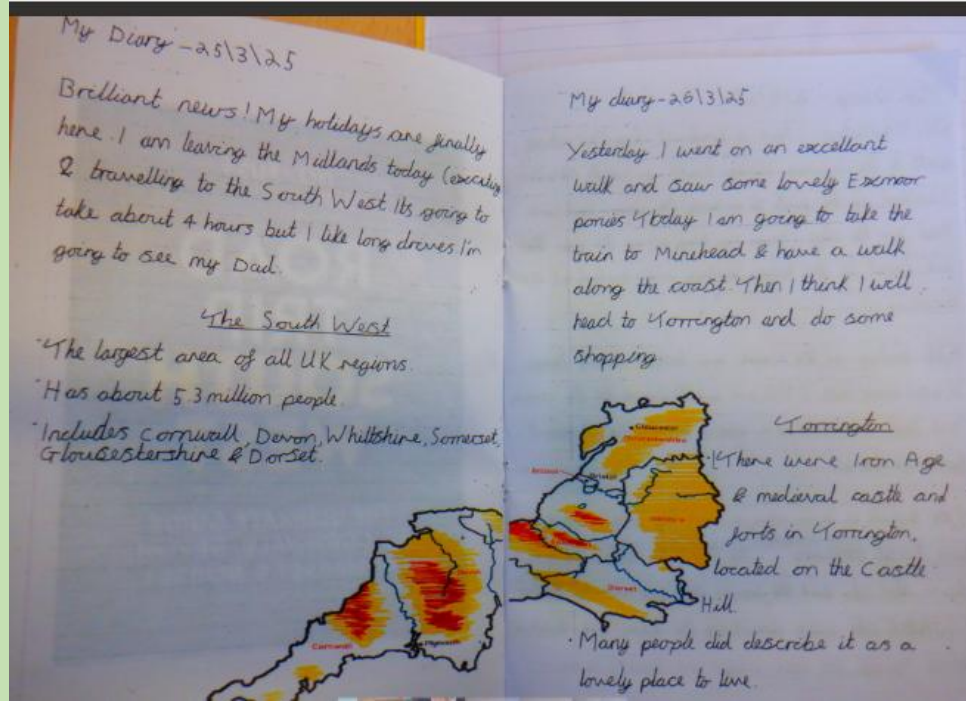
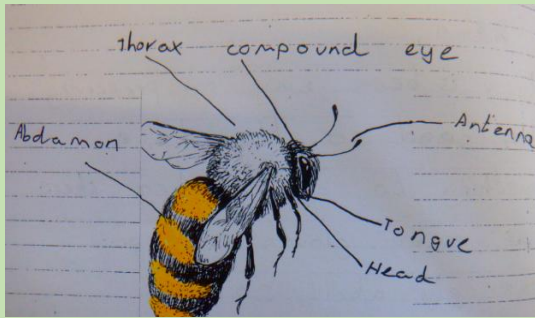


She then demonstrated the process of making 'bee's wax wraps' which can be used for wrapping packed lunches. The children started the design of their wraps and then brought them back to school to finish in class.

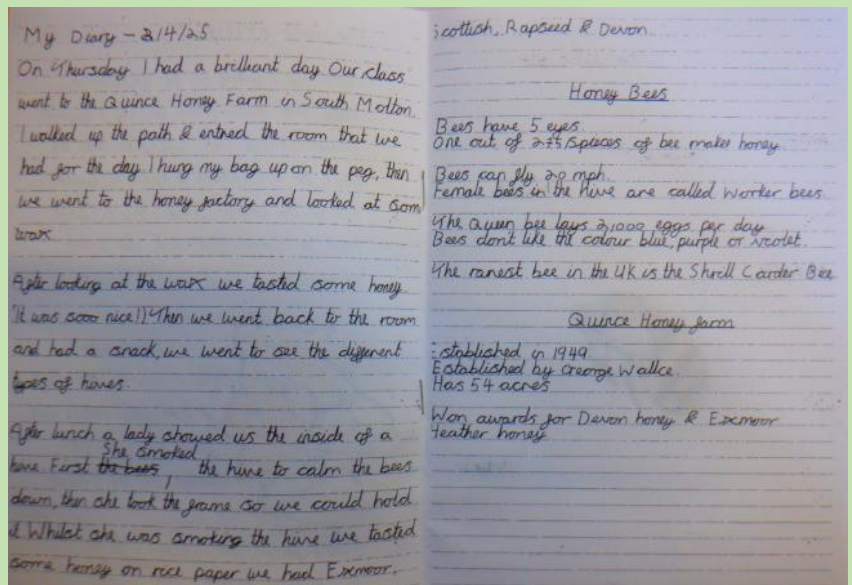


After lunch the children were shown different types of hives and an explanation of bee-keeping throughout history. The day finished with a bee hunt in the gardens.

Back at school the children continued making their 'bee's wax wraps' and used the knowledge from their trip to add to add to their 'Rough Guide to the South West' booklet which they were writing.



Have a lovely weekend;
Mr McGee & Mrs Kent-Smith

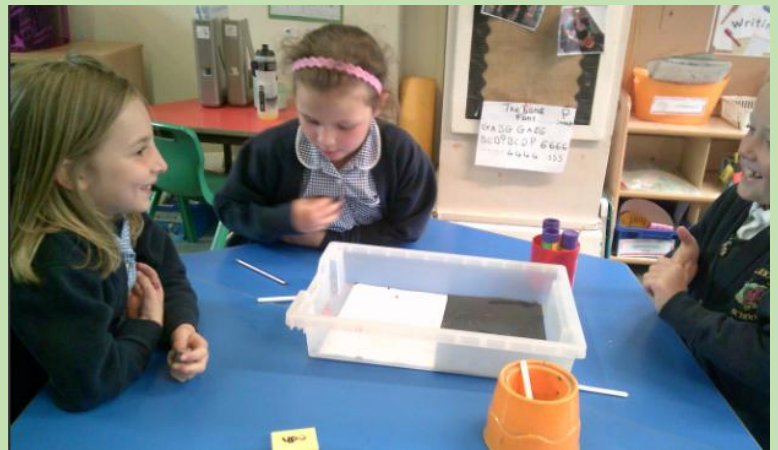


BUTTERFLIES:

We have been working hard on our maths units this month and have managed to cover statistics and money! Money can be a tricky concept, with larger coins being worth less and notes looking similar. The children have overcome these challenges and are starting to get the hang of the value of each coin.

In writing, we have moved on to "The Lord of the Forest" and we are describing animals and the noises they make. The children came up with some really imaginative stories about king and queen elephants that search the jungle for chocolates!

In science, we have been out and about carefully catching woodlice in forest school. We observed the conditions they favoured best and found that they liked dark and damp conditions. The children showed great investigative skills and enjoyed finding out the answers for themselves.



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable & Mrs Palmer

FOXES & FOXCUBS:



April has been busy exploring the story of Easter and of course meeting the Easter bunny. Since being back, we have started some growing projects to investigate how seeds germinate, grow and change.

We have also used the story 'The Train Ride' to discover different journeys that we make, what we see on our way and think about different places that we go.

As always, we love building and have used our new polydron pieces to make a variety of 3D shapes and patterns.



Please remember to label your child's sunhat and jumper - it really does help us return items to the correct owner!



Foxes request: if you have any spare ladles, spatulas, scoops or strainers hiding at the back of your kitchen drawers, we would love to have them to enhance our play. Many thanks!

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Rogers, Miss Scoins & Miss Barrable 😊