



# Filleigh Primary School's Monthly News

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## A Message from the Head of School:

We have had a wonderful sunny month here at Filleigh and have loved being out on the field and exploring the garden. Thank you to everyone in our community that has supported various activities this month, including sports day, ice lolly sales and SATS celebrations for our amazing year 6s. As we head into the final half of the summer term, I look forward to even more exciting events taking place - our children work so hard and it is time for them to enjoy some rewards! I wish everyone a great half term.



Mrs Eggleton 😊

### Dates for your Diary

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

## What's been happening this month?

### Kooth

Please see below a link for the charity, "Kooth." They provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling, particularly around transitions to secondary school. It is free to sign up and includes podcasts, forums and journaling:

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)



### SATS:

Alongside all their hard work last week the year 6's have also enjoyed some treats – from breakfasts to pizza to doughnuts they have loved the highs of SATS week 😊





# SPORTS DAY 2025



# Notice Board

## Breakfast Club

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

[admin@filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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 \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](#)



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.

## **STAGS:**

This month in Stags has been a brilliant one! Firstly, a massive congratulations to our Y6 children who completed their end of KS2 assessments! They have worked so hard to prepare for them and all their hard work led to that point, and we are really proud of them!

We have also began our science learning for this term, and have looked in detail at classification, and how we can group and classify different types of animals, plants and microorganisms!

**Have a lovely half term– Mr Dovell & Mrs Palmer**

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.**

### School lunches

The new ParentMail system of ordering lunches has worked really well. Please continue to pre-order your child's lunches for the week ahead.

## BUZZARDS:

This month, Buzzards have been learning about Time and Decimals in their Maths lessons and Traditional Tales in their Writing. Top priority has been the continuation of their Art lessons based on a Mexican theme. The children have used clay to create plant pots and then created colourful cactii based on images from Mexico.



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



## BUTTERFLIES:

We have been learning all about the Great Fire of London in History this month. The children have enjoyed finding out about how different London was in 1666 and have been discussing who/what caused the Great Fire. Was it an accident? Or could it have been prevented? They have also been thinking about how things that happened in the past can still have consequences today - how is London different now because of the fire?

In maths, Butterflies Class have been working incredibly hard learning about fractions. We have talked a lot about equal and unequal parts and how to ensure we really have found "half" of a shape. We have also begun to find halves of amounts, which is really tricky stuff! In writing, we have finished our stories about "The Lord of the Forest." The children have produced some fantastic writing this month and it has been lovely to see how much pride the children are taking in their work.

In science, we have continued to think about animals and their habitats. This month, we have been thinking about the adaptations that animals have developed to help them live in different environments around the world. Why is it useful for polar bears to have big, wide paws when they live in the polar regions? What special features does a camel have that help it to survive in the dry, sandy desert? Are there any other creatures you can think of that are adapted to their environment?



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable & Mrs Palmer

## FOXES & FOXCUBS:

As always, we have been having a lot of fun in Foxes! Learning to take turns, share with their friends and show care and kindness is paramount in all we do. Our children have been learning this through playing board games, building houses, creating art and many more activities both inside and out.

Our weekly stories have included the all-time favourite the Hungry Caterpillar and Titch, where he discovers being small isn't so bad after all. 😊



They have been busy learning how to work together and support each other in preparation for our sports day activities.

In R.E. they have been exploring what it is like in a church, creating some beautiful stained glassed windows.





In Maths, reception children have been learning about different parts to each number and beginning to understand different ways of recording this.

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