



# Filleigh Primary School's Monthly Newsletter

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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

## A Message from the Head of School:

It's the end of the first half term already! We have squeezed so much in and the children have learnt so much already. Thank you to everyone involved in providing so many fantastic experiences for the children at Filleigh School – from trips, to discos, to performances and the church, to name a few. I wish you all a safe and restful half term break.

Mrs Eggleton



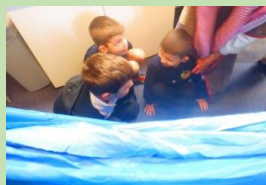
## Dates for your Diary

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November - First day of term; whole school	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November - Shoe Box Appeal deadline	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November – PTA Christmas Fayre 2pm-8pm; Village Hall	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November - KS2 Walkability
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November – School photo's; whole school	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccinations; R-Yr6	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November - PTA Non-Uniform Day & Christmas Raffle	Week Commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> December - Wear Christmas Jumpers and accessories all week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm and 5:30pm – Christmas Performances in Village Hall; whole school	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner; whole school	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term; whole school	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January – First day of term; whole school

## What's been happening this month?

### Open the book:

Another great story from open the Book this month! Well done to all the children who participated and read their lines.





### Farmwise Trip

Buzzards and Stags had a trip to Farmwise. All the children really enjoyed looking at the different stations on offer and learning some very interesting facts.



### Harvest Festival

The whole school have been preparing for a performance. The children have done a lot of learning all the



## Notice Board

### Breakfast Club

If you would like to book your child into breakfast club please e-mail:  
filleigh@devonmoorsfederation.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.
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU DO NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL SITE UNTIL YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN REGISTERED BY THE STAFF MEMBER AT BREAKFAST CLUB.**

### 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 Miss Lovell.

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

### School Uniform:

Please follow this link for a reminder of our school uniform policy. We have lots of spare uniform available; if anyone needs help finding a new jumper then please just ask: [Filleigh Primary School - School Uniform](#)

### Lunchtime Choir

Mrs Devereaux will be starting a choir after half term. It will be held on a Wednesday lunchtime for KS1 & KS2 children.

The children have been working hard on their singing this term and it would be lovely to see as many come along as possible!

We will be learning Christmas songs for our Christmas performance!

### No Excuse for Abuse

At Filleigh School, we pride ourselves on being a friendly and inclusive environment where everyone feels safe and valued. As parents, you play a huge role in this and I often receive lots of positive feedback about how welcoming our community is. In order to maintain this, please be reminded of the need for appropriate conduct on the school site, especially at pick up times. We all want the best outcomes for our children, and modelling a kind approach to others (pupils, staff and parents alike) is vitally important. Thank you for your continued support with this.

We will NOT tolerate behaviour that is:

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# NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike.  
And we WILL take action when necessary.



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Our school is a **welcoming, safe** and **inclusive** place where we all show respect and look out for each other.

# SAFE KIND INCLUSIVE



Everyone **benefits** from a positive school culture, and **everyone** has a part to play - **thank you for playing yours.**



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## STAGS:

Our first term together in Stags has been a roaring success! The children have all settled in well, and we have built a solid and hardworking class community, which has set us up well for a fantastic year together!

In our writing, we have focused on Charlotte's Web, and we have written some brilliant character descriptions and narratives. The children have set the bar really high, which will allow us to really focus on writing and achieving brilliant outcomes. I am so excited to see where the children can get to in writing this year.

We have also taken part in a football match this term against South Molton Community Primary School. This was a really pleasing day for me as a teacher, as lots of children took part in their first school football match since joining Filleigh, and they stuck together really well despite coming up against a good side. Unfortunately, we did lose the match but Ben scored a fantastic goal, and we were unlucky not to have scored 3 or 4 more.

We are really excited for what this year will hold, and what we can achieve together!

Well done Stags!



Mr Dovell & Mrs Palmer

## BUZZARDS:

What a great month in Buzzards. We have had a super jam-packed month! We have had great lessons, fun trips and the Harvest Festival. Well done to everyone in Buzzards for showing resilience, community and independence during these events.



We had a great time at Farmwise again! We watched a sheep being sheared, cows being milked and we tried different milkshakes. We all participated in a quiz about pigs. Ask you child what interesting facts that can remember! We watched a tree being cut with a chainsaw, then counted the rings to see how old the tree was. Well done Buzzards.

In science, we have been looking at the different parts of the human body. This month we have been looking closely at teeth. We explored the different types of teeth and their role. We then moved onto how to keep our teeth healthy. We used egg shell to imitate the enamel on our



teeth. We left them in different drinks to see the damage they might cause. Pepsi and Pepsi Max stained the egg. The orange juice started breaking down the enamel. But we know that cleaning our teeth twice a day will avoid this.



Just a reminder. After half term, Year 4 will have PE on Tuesdays, please send your child in wearing their PE kit. Year 3 will have Forest School on a Tuesday, please send them in in their uniform, with their Forest School kit in a separate bag.

Miss Powe & Mrs Kent-Smith



## BUTTERFLIES:

In Butterflies Class this month, the children have enjoyed coding in computing. They used shapes and colours to help put codes into different categories.

What categories did you come up with?

In maths, we have been working hard on addition and subtraction, and the children have become really excellent at writing number sentences based on part whole models. Can you think of something where two parts made a whole?



In writing, we have been preparing our entries for Mr Dovell's writing competition. We went out into the forest area for inspiration, where we stumbled upon a magic lamp that granted our wishes! What did you wish for?

In DT, the children have finished their beautiful bookmarks. They have been working hard with Mrs Palmer all half term to put them together and they are so bright, colourful and creative. Well done, Butterflies!



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable & Mrs Palmer

## FOXES & FOXCUBS:

Foxes have had a fantastic October exploring stories such as the Runaway Pea, Oliver's Vegetables and the Little Red Hen.

The children particularly had fun developing their understanding of capacity by using the peas to fill pots delightful concoctions.

Dressing up and role-play is always a firm favourite activity, and the children have continued to make lovely friendships. This week they have been learning about Diwali.

Their pattern making has been amazing, even surprising some of the older children and adults..."have Foxes children made that? Wow!"

We are extremely proud of the effort that they have put in during their first half term.

Well done, Foxes!



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