



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly Newsletter

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Friday 19th December 2025

A message from the Head of School

December has been full of smiles and Christmas joy, with particular highlights being our Christmas performances and our visit from Father Christmas. The children have coped really well with the excitement of December and it has been lovely to hear about all their Christmas activities (especially those pesky elves!) From our wonderful team at Filleigh School, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year.

Mrs Eggleton

Dates for your Diary

Friday 19 th December – Last day of term; whole school	Tuesday 6 th January – First day of term; whole school	Thursday 8 th January - Buzzards and Stags – RNLI Water Safety Talk	Thursday 29 th January - Reception – Vision Screening
w/c Monday 9 th February – Parent consultations; whole school	Thursday 5 th March – World Book Day; whole school	Monday 30 th March 9:30am – Easter Celebration at Filleigh Church; whole school and families welcome	Thursday 2 nd April 2:30pm – Easter Crafts Afternoon; whole school and families welcome

What's been happening this month?

Christmas Performance

A huge well done to all the children for their amazing work in our Christmas Performance. We were blown away by the support from our wider community. It was so lovely to have a jam-packed hall supporting our wonderful Filleigh children. Thank you to those of you who have provided us with some really useful feedback as we already start to plan for next year!





Running Club

We have had a brilliant few weeks in running club. The children's stamina improved week on week, as did their speed and technique. It was brilliant to finally make it up to the Castle Hill temple, which has been our target for some time! Thank you to all the children involved for their enthusiasm, dedication... and ability to get COMPLETELY covered in mud each week!



Notice Board

E-Safety Newsletter

Please view the online safety newsletter which has lots of information for keeping your children safe over the festive period.

<https://www.scomis.org/app/uploads/2025/12/OLS-Newsletter-parents-Dec-2025.pdf>

Federation Focus Newsletter

We are delighted to share with you our first ever "Federation Focus" newsletter, which details some of the fantastic things that have taken place this half term across all 8 schools in the Devon Moors Federation. Please see the link below to have a read:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/MGgazltbvg9dXCA9?ref=Link>

Church Services

There is a Christingle crib service on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm in Chittlehampton Church and a New Family Service on the afternoon of January 11th at 4.00pm.

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.

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 \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](#)

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](#)

STAGS:

December in Stags has been busy, with the children working really hard to continue to improve in maths and writing. We have had our assessment week, and the class has produced some really promising results!

In class, we have now finished our WW2 history topic, which has been one of the most enjoyable topics for the children this year. We are now focusing on the 'mend and make do' attitude during WW2 and are focusing on sewing and creating hankies with Mrs. Palmer. We

are embroidering them with our initials, as well as famous symbols from the allied nations of WW2.

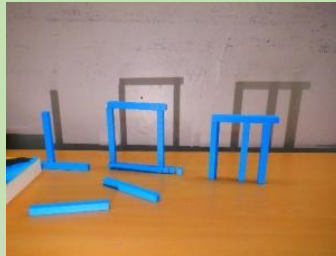
We are really proud of how hard our Stags have worked this year, and we hope you all have a well deserved rest, and a fantastic break!

Mr Dovell, Mrs Hickson, Mrs Allen & Mrs Palmer

BUZZARDS:

WOW! What an amazing first term. Everyone has settled in so well. There is such a positive learning environment within Buzzards, keep up the great work.

In English, we have just written the next part of Leon and The Place Between. Everyone worked so hard on this piece of work. Our writing is becoming stronger and stronger! In science, we have been looking at light. We have explored shadows, how to stay safe in the sun and we have looked at how objects reflect in a mirror.



In DT, we have been completing our first textiles unit, we have been designing a Stone Age Pouch. We needed it to be secure, a good size and able to close. Everyone improved on their sewing so much over the lessons.



Miss Powe & Mrs Kent-Smith

BUTTERFLIES:

We have had a wonderful month in Butterflies class finishing off our geography field work. The children were able to be really reflective about what went well and how they could improve next time. They have learn so much about collecting weather data and should be really proud of how knowledgeable they now are!

In PSHE, we have been learning about the conventions of different celebrations. The children have spent weeks planning their "Butterflies Wedding" – including making invites, writing vows and planning a menu. This week, they were finally about to put their plans into action and enjoy their celebration. There were speeches, toasts and even a first dance. The children had a wonderful afternoon, and a great time was had by all involved.



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable, Mrs Denning & Mrs Palmer

FOXES & FOXCUBS:

December has flown by in Foxes with all our nativity rehearsals. Our children worked so hard to learn the songs and take turns, we are very proud of them.

Our reception children are still amazing us with their hard work and determination to read new sounds words and sentences. Their writing is equally continuing to impress us! In Drawing Club, we have used the stories of the Nativity and The Snowman to explore characters and settings.

In Maths they have been exploring numbers 4 and 5, investigating parts, calculating and using them in different contexts such as exploring shapes. Our art area is as popular as ever, perhaps with a little more glitter! Have a lovely Christmas break. 😊



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