



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly Newsletter

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A message from the Head of School

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026!

We have had some challenges this month – heating being the big one! - but our wonderfully resilient school has carried on regardless. I have been so impressed by how quickly everyone has settled back into their usual routines this term - a huge thank you to the children for their "can do" attitude and for always working so hard. There are plenty more exciting events coming up this term, so please ensure you've got all our key dates in the diary.

Mrs Eggleton

Dates for your Diary

W/C Monday 9 th February – Parent consultations; whole school	Friday 13 th February – YR 6 & Reception - Measurement Programme	Half Term – Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February. Term starts back on Monday 23 rd February	Thursday 5 th March – World Book Day; whole school
Wednesday 11 th March – PTA Mother's Day sale starting at 2:30pm	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	Thursday 2 nd April 3:30pm-5pm – PTA School Disco in Filleigh Village Hall
Easter Holidays – Friday 3 rd April to Friday 17 th April	Non-Pupil Day – Monday 20 th April. Term starts back Tuesday 21 st April	Monday 27 th April & Tuesday 28 th April – Buzzards & Stags Residential to Adventure Okehampton	Monday 4 th May – Bank Holiday School Closed

What's been happening this month?

RNLI Water Safety Talk:

Buzzards and Stags were very fortunate to be visited by the RNLI to have a chat about water safety. Water safety is so important for us because we are so lucky to live near some beautiful beaches. This talk also covered rivers, canals and we explored the different flags found on our beaches.

Everyone received their Water Safety Passport. Great work!



Notice Board

Parent Survey

You thoughts are really important to us here at Filleigh school. Please take the time to complete this short survey, in order for us to continue improving the provision for our children: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=79qTid2WCk-q9rqrpZ_N2WlioGrAAZ1Hq1P7B-nEumVUNjMyQ1dIVjRMMUJOMUwxOFJEQk8xUEILSS4u&route=shorturl

Healthier Together App

A member of our school community has recommended the NHS Healthier Together app, which supports parents to identify symptoms of various health conditions and the correct

support to seek out. More information about the app can be found on this website:
<https://www.healthiertogether.nhs.uk/child-under-12-years>

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:

Stags class have been working really hard since they came back from the Christmas break! We have delved deep into formal methods of multiplication and division, and the children have shown real promise and improvement!

In science, we have been looking at light! We have looked at what is a light source, and what is a reflector, and have conducted an experiment into what makes the best reflector (thank you for all the boxes!). We have also looked at the eye, and the 7 most important features, and how they work. The children used mirrors to see what happens to the iris when the eye is opened.



In art, we have been focusing on grid drawings, and drawing animals. The children are currently creating their final piece for an animal they have chosen, and they are looking fantastic so far!

We are really proud of the progress they have made this term! Well done Stags!

Mr Dovell, Mrs Hickson, Mrs Allen & Mrs Palmer

BUZZARDS:

It has been a great few weeks back in Buzzards class. Everyone threw themselves back into their learning, it has been lovely to see.

In geography, we are comparing the South West of England to Italy. To support us with this, we have been using atlases to locate different physical features of these places. We were even able to locate Filleigh using latitude and longitude!



In science, we have been exploring states of matter. We started by identifying the properties of solid, liquids and gases. We even recreate the formation of the particles! We planned an experiment that proved that not all liquids act the same. Then we used thermometers to find the temperature of different liquids.

Super great work Buzzards! Well done!



Miss Powe & Mrs Kent Smith

BUTTERFLIES:

In Butterflies Class, we have kicked off our exciting new topics - including hospitals and healthcare in History. The children have loved learning all about Florence Nightengale and the ways that she changed things for the better.

In Art, the children have worked extremely hard with Mrs Palmer to produce some abstract art - the results have been truly impressive. What a creative bunch you are!



In English, we have loved learning all about Bar Headed Geese and their incredible migration across the Himalayas to find their safe lake-side nesting sites. The children wrote a beautiful set of instructions to help the geese find their way. We have now moved on to "How to hide a lion at school" and we have had lots of fun coming up with the best hiding places in our school that we would keep our pet lion!

In maths, the children have worked incredibly hard on their addition and subtraction. We have even started to exchange our tens for ones, in order to do more complex calculations. Fantastic stuff!



Mrs Eggleton, Miss Barrable, Mrs Denning & Mrs Palmer

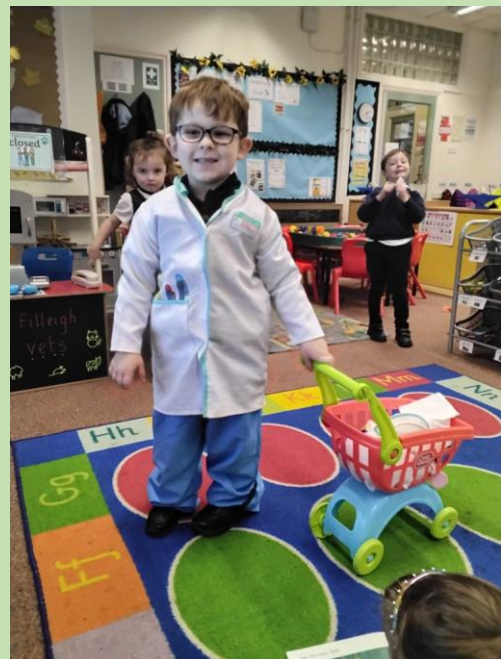
FOXES & FOXCUBS:

During January we have used the stories of 'Elmer', 'Ah spider', 'Oi Frog' and 'Dear Zoo' to inspire our learning. Reception are making great progress with their writing in Drawing Club and they should be rightly proud of their work.



Pre-school are developing their social skills, turn taking and independence through lots of games and listening activities. In maths, they have been consolidating their understanding of numbers as well as exploring weight and capacity.

They have all enjoyed the vets role-play area showing care for our 'pets' and learning how to treat them. The weather has definitely been variable but the children particularly loved exploring the ice.



They have been making lovely friends by demonstrating our new school golden rules as well as thinking about when other people have demonstrated these values too.



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