



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly Newsletter

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Tuesday 21st July 2026

A message from the Head of School



Well, well, well... what a year! Yet again, it has been an absolute privilege to be part of the Filleigh School journey, watching our children develop and flourish, making wonderful memories along the way. As I reflect on my third (!?) year at Filleigh, I am reminded of our school values and can honestly say that I have seen them demonstrated time and time again; resilience, respect, community, creativity, independence and trust... that's what Filleigh is all about. I am sure there will be many challenges to come next year, however, I am also confident that our staff, children and families will continue to tackle them with a big smile and a "can-do" attitude. I wish you all a wonderful, safe and peaceful summer holidays and look forward to opening our doors again in September.

Mrs Eggleton

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21 st July – Last day of term	Monday 7 th September – Term starts	Tuesday 15 th & Wednesday 16 th September – Bikeability Year 5 & 6	Wednesday 16 th September – Tiverton Museum Trip (Pre-School, Reception, Y1, Y2)
Thursday 17 th September – Flu Vaccinations (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)	Tuesday 22 nd September – Bikeability Year 3 & 4	Monday 28 th September – Appledore Book Festival Visitor	Monday 28 th September – Friday 2 nd October – Book Fair

What's been happening this month?

Bouncy Castle Afternoon

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising an exciting afternoon of bouncy castle fun for all the children... and a well-deserved celebration for our year 6s, who have worked so hard this year.

Leaver's Assembly

In our final assembly of the year, we celebrated our incredible year 6 leavers. We are so, so proud of all their hard work, this year and every year. They are truly a wonderful bunch of children and we know they will go on to achieve great things in the future. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and wish them well.

Key Stage 2 Performance

We had a wonderful evening on Wednesday, celebrating all the hard work our Key Stage 2 pupils have put into their end of year performance. Thank you to the staff involved in making it possible. I am sure you will agree that the children did an amazing job and we are super proud of every single one of them.

Sponsored Read

This month saw the conclusion of our sponsored read, and we are so proud of how many children took part! The total amount raised was over £800, and we have nearly 100 extra books for school due to be delivered with us soon!

Thank you so much to all who engaged with the sponsored read, and to everybody who sponsored one of our children!

Notice Board

Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. For more information, head to the "attraction finder" website, which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near you to make the most of summer savings: <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Open Afternoon

To support a smooth transition back into school for the new year, we will be opening our doors from 2:30-3:30pm on Friday 4th September, in order for families to come and take a look around our learning spaces. Staff will be present if you have any questions and we hope this will alleviate any "back-to-school" jitters for our return on Monday 7th September. Please note that this is a non-compulsory event.

Federation Focus Newsletter

Please see link below to our federation newsletter.

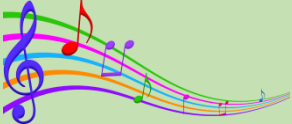
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Music Lessons

Please contact Mrs Buckley for private music tuition starting in the Autumn term.



Private Music Tuition





Starting in the autumn term, Mrs Buckley will be offering private music tuition during the school day in term time.

Instrumental tuition will be available on ukulele and piano.
For further information or if you have any questions please email:
lindy980@gmail.com



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 your 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. Our new provider is currently being set up and we will update everyone once the items are available to be purchased.

STAGS:

July has been a busy one for Stags, as we get towards saying goodbye to our Y6's. Firstly, we finished our surfing lessons at the North Devon Surf School, and the final lesson showed how far the children had come in their confidence and ability to surf.

Secondly, the Y6's went to Crealy on the 6th July, for their annual end of primary school treat! On a very hot day, the children were fantastic and really enjoyed the occasion. Lots of fears were conquered on the bigger rides, and it was a lovely way to round out their time at Filleigh.

Back at school, we have been working hard on our end of year production, and the children have thrown themselves into their characters. We have also been preparing well for next year, with the Y6's taking place in a large number of transition activities for their secondary schools, and the Y5's preparing for being the oldest in the school next year!

Overall, this year's Stags have been a wonderful class to teach! They have consistently worked hard throughout the year, and their progress had been commendable! We are very proud of all of them.

Mr Dovell, Mrs Hickson, Mrs Allen & Mrs Palmer

BUZZARDS:

Wow! What a great year! It has been a treat teaching Buzzards again this year! We have had so much fun and it has been amazing seeing them grow as learners and people. Their humour, energy and enthusiasm for school is great! To end the school year, we took a trip to Putsborough Beach for our annual Surf Life



Saving trip. We saved people from the water and placed them in the recovery position on the beach. We had a go at surfing/bodyboarding and we played some beach games.



A big thanks to our parent helpers on this trip!

In science, we have been looking at animals and their habitats. We went into the garden and explored the different animals in our area. We found worms, slugs, snails and even a jumping toad!



Buzzards have showed all our school values and golden rules this year! I am so proud of them all. I hope everyone has a lovely summer and we will see you in September!

Miss Powe & Mrs Kent Smith

BUTTERFLIES:



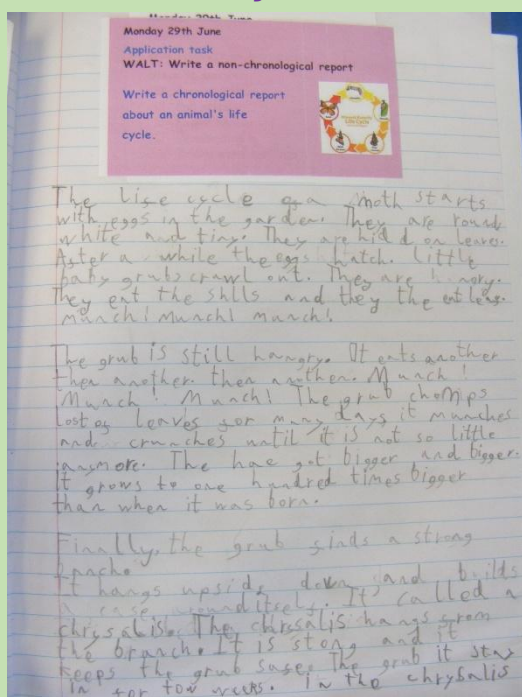
This month, we have completed our "life cycle" writing and the children really did excel themselves - it is without a doubt the best writing I have seen them do this year. The children's attention to detail and focus on handwriting and spelling was clear to see and I know they are really proud of what they achieved.



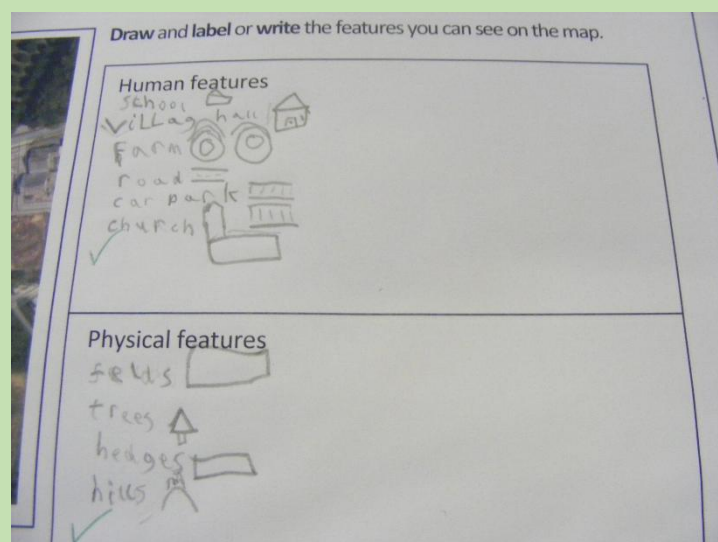
In maths, we have continued to look at "time" - a tricky concept, which the children have mastered quickly. We are now able to talk about the number of minutes in an hour and explain why our 5 times table is so useful when telling the time. Well done, Butterflies!

In Geography, the children have produced some incredible maps of the school and worked hard on their atlas skills. Mrs Palmer has been so impressed with their knowledge and understanding of their place in the world and the class have also had good fun using google maps to look at the school from a bird's eye perspective.

As we look ahead to September, we would also like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to our year 2s, for their incredible hard work in Butterflies Class over the last two years. It has been an absolute pleasure being your teacher and you will be very missed by myself and the year 1s next year.



Mrs Eggleton,
Miss Barrable,
Mrs Denning &
Mrs Palmer



FOXES & FOXCUBS:

We can't quite believe that another year has ended...but what a journey! Foxes children have been an absolute delight to teach and their enthusiasm to learn has been wonderful. 😊 They have all developed resilience, independence, demonstrated their trustworthiness to complete tasks and help around the classroom, both inside and out. Their imaginations have taken us to fabulous places and they have created marvellous pictures, models and writing.



We are excited about keeping the 'new Year 1's' for a little longer in September and can't wait to see how our new Reception children take on the challenge of being in full time to grow and develop. Oh, and a little bit of play along the way... 😊

Have a wonderful summer!



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