



## **NEWSLETTER Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents,

Well, time is flying! It's been a busy couple of weeks~ but we've had a lot of fun! Read on to see what's been happening at school.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

20.3.26	Ethos Group village luncheon
20.3.26	Red Nose Day Mufti Day
25.3.26	Class 2 assembly 3pm School Hall – Class 2 parents invited to join
25.3.26	Class 3 educational visit Exeter Mosque and Haldon Forest
27.3.26	Y3/4 Hockey Festival @ Paignton academy with Mr Tanner
2.4.26	Class 3 Forest School Day at Broadhempston Woodland
2.4.26	Break up for Easter

### **LANDSCOVE LEARNERS – Science week was just fab!**

**Classes 1 and 2** enjoyed the “Habitat Hats” workshop, learning about different ocean habitats and the animals that live there. The children designed their own habitat headbands and created sea creatures adapted to live in them, finishing their work with recycled craft decorations.

**Class 2** also welcomed Angela from our Food to Thought Project, who taught us all about fruits, vegetables, and their different plant families. Class 2 worked brilliantly together to choose what will be planting in the Spiritual Garden this half term.

They also loved exploring the 'box of magic' (Physics) that contained rainbow glasses, some amazing sound vibrations and some challenging spinning tops - it sparked lots of curiosity, excitement and wonder on how everything worked!

**Class 3** took part in the “Plastic Seas” workshop, where they explored the role of a marine biologist and handled real ocean artefacts, including shark jaws and whale bones. They also investigated the recreated stomach contents of a whale to learn how plastic pollution enters the food chain and discussed ways we can help protect our oceans.

**Class 4** explored pH testing, investigating whether different substances were acidic or alkaline using indicators.

The excitement didn't stop there — we also watched some amazing demonstrations, including experiments where materials were set on fire! This taught us more about chemical reactions and how scientists investigate changes.

Class 4 also explored different ways to separate mixtures. They became scientists as they investigated a range of methods, including filtering, sieving and dissolving. The children made predictions, carried out experiments and discussed which methods worked best for different mixtures. It was fantastic to see such curiosity, teamwork and scientific thinking in action!

Huge thanks to FOLS for funding these workshops and enabling some fab hands-on learning!

## Science week fun and learning!



## ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

Easter in a day was a great success with our older children supporting the younger children whilst working in our gospel groups. Every child experienced story telling using the Easter story bag, writing prayers, making

Easter gardens and Easter cards. A lovely way to bring the Easter story to life.



### SCHOOL ETHOS GROUP ~ Vacancy Reception Parent Rep

Our School Ethos Group meets half termly. The group supports the Christian distinctiveness of the school, helping to identify ways in which we can develop in sympathy with our Christian character. Could you give one Friday afternoon each ½ term? If so, maybe you would like to join us.

Landscape Ethos Group (LEG) aims to:

- Ensure the school fulfils its role as a Church of England Primary School~ by looking at and being informed about key questions asked of the school during a Church School inspection (SIAMS)
- Support the work of the school and be informed about school improvement plans.
- Act as a local voice and lobby the full governing body, as required.

Please see Jill Ryder or Anna Neville if you are interested. If more than one person expresses an interest, we will have an election.

### SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

One of the biggest frustrations for parents of younger children is that the content on YouTube Kids is too childish or the content isn't what their children want to watch. The end result is that only a tiny minority of young children use YouTube Kids, with the majority on the main YouTube site. A feature that has been within YouTube Kids for years, but so very few parents know about, is called 'Parent Allowlisting'. This does a number of things, but one of the most important and useful is that parents can keep their younger children within the safer environment of the Kids app, and parents can approve individual videos from the main YouTube service to that particular child's YouTube Kids account. This keeps younger children away from the dreaded recommender algorithms and allows parents to moderate what their children can or cannot see. Here is a short video to explain what Parent Allowlisting is and how it's used: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVYsqC7-6ZM>

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	95.1%
Class 1	95.7%
Class 2	95.5%
Class 3	96.3%
Class 4	93.1%
Well done to Class 3!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact FRONTDOOR on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder, and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz.

[Online Safety Information for Parents](#)

That's all for now, have a lovely weekend!

*Jill Ryder.*

**Would you like to join Team Landscope?**

*Wrap Around Care Vacancies:*

*After School Club Assistant - 6 hrs per week over 3 days (Mon - Weds) 3.30 - 5.30pm @ £13.26ph*

*Breakfast Club - 4 hrs per week over 4 mornings (Tues - Fri) 7.45 - 8.45am @ £12.85ph*

*Please specify when applying whether you wish to be considered for both roles or just one.*

*These posts involve promoting and supervising active play and ensuring the safety of all children for our wrap around care provision. We are looking for someone who is committed to working with children and can provide a safe and nurturing environment. You will be able to help lead the clubs, plan sessions, provide fun activities, prepare and serve simple breakfast and snacks, and use your initiative to maintain a high-quality environment that children thrive in.*