

# Starcross Primary School

## Spring 2 Newsletter

### Sporting News...



We have been very busy on the competitive football front this half term. A Year 4 team visited Trinity school for a friendly match which they won very convincingly and followed this up with a win in a penalty shoot-out too. We had two Year 5/6 teams take part in an Ivy Trust round-robin tournament against Cockwood where we saw great sportsmanship and skill in several wins. The Year 5/6 team also had a match against Bradley Barton Primary School where they again showed skill, teamwork and determination to keep scoring goals!

### PTFA NEWS

Raised so far this year:

Glow Disco £579

World Book Day Book Sale £164.32

Uniform Sale £22.10

Mothers & Others £304.40

Funded:

£250 Year 6 Hoodies Contribution

£500 Books

£164.32 - more Books

£400 Laptop Charging Station

£TBC Sound System

Upcoming Events:

22nd May - Silent Disco

13th June - Fathers & Others Day Sale

20th June - Colour Run

We've had such a fantastic first term, filled with fun events! It's been so much fun joining the children in school for the Book Sale and the Mothers & Others event this term.

We're already looking forward to what's next, with exciting events coming up like the return of the Silent Disco and a brand new event for us - a Colour Run! We'll be sharing more details soon, but be sure to save the dates.

Also, we're excited to let you know that a clothes bank will be delivered on Monday, 7th April – keep an eye out for it!



**STARCROSS ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP**  
5-11 YEARS OLD  
NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, LASER TAG, EASTER ARTS & CRAFTS, GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL, HOCKEY, CRICKET & MORE!

**PRICES:**  
STANDARD DAY - £20 (PER CHILD)

**TIMES:**  
STANDARD: 8.30AM - 3.30PM

**2025 Dates:**  
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

**STARCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
CHURCH STREET  
STARCROSS  
EX6 8DD

**Booking Link:**  
<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/04/H/starcross-primary-school-easter-holiday-camps>

**More information:** [harvey.richards@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:harvey.richards@primary-sports.co.uk)

### ☆ GATEHOUSE HAF - EASTER BOOKINGS OPEN ☆

I am delighted to announce that Primary Sports Education are able to start taking bookings for Easter as Devon HAF have launched the programme for this Easter.

To book for the funded 4 hours between 9.00am to 13.00pm please follow the link below on EEQU website:

<https://eequ.org/book/gatehouse-haf-programme-with-primary-sports-and-education-south-and-west-devon-ltd-14506>

If you would like to book for the extended time till 3.30pm please follow the link below to our website:

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/04/07/gatehouse-primary-academy-extended-time-only-easter-haf-2024>

Please note that we will not be able to accept bookings for the extended time if the funded spaces have not been booked via EEQU. If you have any issues booking via the EEQU please use their web chat which is available on their website. Please do book as soon as possible as we only have 15 spaces available at Easter

Lee Evans, Managing Director, Primary Sports Education

**MESSAGE FROM DAWLISH DYNAMOS...** We are delighted to be offering Dynamos Cricket again in 2025 at Sandy Lane in Dawlish for Girls and Boys from 8-11 years old. This is an ECB backed community lead cricket programme supported by the Devon Cricket Board. We will help your child have fun learning and playing, whether they want to be a future England player or just want to have fun playing an exciting game with their friends.

Dynamos Cricket provides Girls and Boys from 8-11 years old a safe and fun environment to experience cricket and have fun. Each week there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build their confidence and ability, before they take part in a fun cricket match. The upper age of 11 is a guide and 12 year olds are very welcome.

It's an 8 week programme taking place Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm starting on Wednesday 21st May. The sessions will be lead by a qualified ECB coach and member of the ECB Coaches Association. The charge for the 8 week programme is £35, which includes for a personalised New Balance playing shirt, Topps Wildcards and access to the Dynamos Cricket app for every player. There is a chance of a limited number of place being funded by Devon Cricket to avoid any child missing out for financial reasons, please contact me directly about this.

The link to sign up is here: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/e9be3a7c-8795-47d3-bb45-07077c31956d?venue=DawlishDynamosCentre>

Dynamos Cricket will help grow your child's love of the game, and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

Finally if any parents, guardians or other family members wish to volunteer to get involved and help run the programme they are very welcome.

Best wishes from Robin Poole, Dawlish Dynamos [robindavidpoole@gmail.com](mailto:robindavidpoole@gmail.com)

### DIARY DATES

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22.4.25	Start of Summer Term
29.4.25	Oystercatchers trip to Charmouth
5.5.25	Bank Holiday
6.5.25	SEND Parent Coffee Drop in—2.30pm
7 & 8.5.25	Oystercatchers and Lapwings Parent Evenings—3.30pm - 6pm
14.5.25	Parent Forum—Ofsted Update—5.15pm in the Hall
22.5.25	PTFA Silent Disco
23.5.25	INSET DAY
26.5.25	Bank Holiday and start of Summer Half Term Holiday
2.6.25	Start of Summer Term 2
25.7.25	End of Summer Term



**In Sanderlings**, we have loved getting outside now that the warmer weather is on the way. Our topic this half term has been ready, steady, grow! We have enjoyed learning about the natural world, exploring natural materials and developing our expressive art skills through lots of lovely fine motor activities.

We also celebrated neurodiversity through the story of Elmer, we talked about our similarities, differences and what makes us special.



It has been another busy term in

## Sandpipers!

The children have all progressed so much with their reading and should all be really pleased with how well they are doing. This half-term we have planted seeds and flowers together and we are looking forward to seeing how well they grow over the next few months.



The children have also been learning about colour mixing and Spring and have created some wonderful images using a range of art mediums. Have a wonderful Easter Sandpipers!



Kittiwakes have worked incredibly hard this term. In English, they have been learning to retell 'The Three Little Pigs', and I have been really impressed by their writing.

They were very lucky to have a visitor to talk about life in Sydney as part of the Geography unit, 'Bright Lights, Big City.' They learned about the similarities and differences between London and Sydney.

Fantastic work, Kittiwakes, have a lovely break!



**Curlews** have continued to work really hard this term on their cursive handwriting. They have written some amazing stories based on the story The Dragon Machine too.

In D&T, we have been measuring, sawing and using the hot glue gun to make the frames for our beach huts.



We have also been experimenting with grass to find out what it needs to survive...



**Avocets** have had a fantastic half term!

So much has been happening, including making a delicious soup in Design and Technology and now planting seeds to harvest in July!



We have been enjoying the sunshine after working incredibly hard in Maths and English.



My time so far in **Oystercatchers** has been an absolute joy!

I've been so impressed with all the effort the children have put into their maths working with metres, centimetres and millimetres. In English, I loved reading the children's stories and cannot wait to read their work after the Easter holidays.

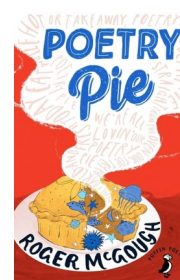
Hope you all have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you after the holidays!

Miss Webb

In Religion and World View, the **Lapwings** have been learning "What is the trinity and Why is it important for Christians?"

They have found out a lot of information about Baptism and have also looked at artistic representations/pictures that show the Trinity.

One of the books that Lapwings have enjoyed this half term is 'Poetry Pie' – perhaps your Lapwing will be able to recite or talk about one of their favourite poems.



Another fantastic term for

## Razorbills!

We have come to the end of our Sow, Grow and Farm topic where we have learnt about coffee production, North and South America and allotments in England.



In science, we have been learning about materials and their properties. We put our 'I wonder what would happen if...' questions into practice and designed our own dissolving experiment. We tried dissolving different types of sugar in different types of liquids and found some surprising results



A definite highlight this term has been World Book Day! Thank you to all of the Razorbills who have volunteered to be our 'Book of the Week' this term.

The Office Team are here to help, you can contact Kat and Sally from 8.30am—4pm (3.30pm on Fridays) by phone, email or by popping to the School Office to advise us of medical appointments, sickness, or, with any questions you may have.

The early part of the mornings are always busy but if we are unable to answer your call, please do leave a message and we will contact you accordingly. Otherwise you are welcome to email on: [admin@starcross-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@starcross-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### Useful contact information:

IFG (School lunches) - E: [primary@impactfood.co.uk](mailto:primary@impactfood.co.uk) T: 0204 542 7211

Cool Milk Website: <https://coolmilk.com/parents/>

School Website: <https://starcross-primary.co.uk/>

Uniform - Brigade website: <https://www.brigade.uk.com/> My Clothing: <https://myclothing.com/>

Breakfast and Afterschool Club: T: 0797 697 9202 <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/>