

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It was great to welcome all the pupils back for another exciting term ahead on Monday morning!

Parent Questionnaires and Curriculum

Thank you to all the parents that completed our parent survey at the end of last term. It was reassuring to read your positive comments and to see that all the parents who completed the survey agreed that their child is happy at school, feels safe at school and would recommend our school to someone else.

There were also some excellent suggestions on ways in which we can further improve, some of which already line up with our development plans for the future and we will seek to act on these as soon as possible.

Knowing what the children are learning in school is something that was mentioned a few times. Hopefully the parents' evenings that we are holding next week will be a good opportunity for you to discuss this in detail with your child's teacher, however, you do not need to wait for parents' evenings in the year to be able to find this information.

Our curriculum page on our school website contains overviews for each class and show what our classes will be covering at each point throughout the year. There are also progression grids for each subject which highlight what the children will learn in each subject as they move through the school.

Please follow this link if you would like to know more:

<https://www.bradworthyacademy.co.uk/curriculum>

As always, if you would like to know more about what your child is doing in class or how they are getting on, please feel free to drop your child's teacher an email or contact the office to arrange a meeting and we will do our best to arrange this.

If you have not yet arranged a parents evening appointment for next Tuesday or Wednesday night and would like one, please book these via the MCAS app.

Clubs

As Miss Amy is due her baby any day now, our Magical Tots club on a Monday night after school has finished for the year. Hopefully we will be able to get this back up and running when Miss Amy is available for work again.

In the meantime, Miss Dimmock will be starting a new Times Tables Rockstars Club on Monday nights from 3.30pm to 4:30pm.

The following was written by Ruby in Year Four as a part of the persuasive writing they have been doing in class.

"Come to our new after school club, TT Rockstars. It is run by Miss Dimmock and you can learn your times tables, compete against other people and it guarantees fun and friendship.

Have you ever wanted to be the best at times tables? Join this club and you will get better.

It happens every Monday and is super fun.

Are or do you want to become a times tables prodigy? Come on down to our newest club.

We hope you like it"

A Message from Atlantic Academy

Mr Brown and Mrs Beckwith, Vice Principals at Atlantic Academy, will be holding some school tours in June and July for families who wish to come and have a look at Atlantic Academy, the facilities and to see the school in action.

These tours are for Year 5 and Year 6 families only.

If anyone would like to be booked in, please could they contact the school by ringing reception, or the better option is emailing enquiries@atlanticacademy.uk

16th June 12:00-12:30

24th June 10:00 - 10:30

2nd July 2:30-3:00

We will also be having an open evening the week commencing the 5th of October but the exact date has not yet been confirmed.

Class News

Class One



Last term, our class thoroughly enjoyed exploring our local area. We discussed what we can see in and around our village, as well as the activities we enjoy doing close to home. We also learned about the different types of homes people live in and the important jobs carried out within our community.

In Drawing Club we explored traditional tales, with a particular focus on The Three Little Pigs. This inspired us to design and build our own creative houses using a variety of materials. We also created moving pictures using different mechanisms, including levers, wheels and sliders. A highlight was designing a mechanism to help the animals catch the Gingerbread Man!

This term, we are turning our attention to the wonderful world of plants and growing. We began with the story of Jasper's Beanstalk, which helped us understand how to care for plants and what they need to grow. We are looking forward to observing and nurturing our own plants as the term progresses.



Class Two

It has been an action-packed term for Class 2, filled with discovery and creativity!

In Science, we have rooted ourselves in our new plants topic, investigating what living things need to stay healthy within their unique habitats. In our history lessons, we have been travelling back in time to discover the incredible impact of nurturing nurses through the ages. We have been exploring significant figures like Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children have been fascinated to learn how these pioneering women transformed hospitals and medicine.

The children's creative talents are also on full display as they have been mastering new techniques as digital artists in computing. And of course, a highlight for everyone remains our Farm School sessions, where the children will be taking their learning outside the classroom and get hands on with nature, teamwork and the local environment.

Class Three

Last half term in Class 3 we were continuing to learn about the Vikings. Alex brought in some replicas of Viking and Anglo-Saxon weapons for us to look at. We ended our term on a very fun Viking day, where the children baked bread, painted their clay Viking figures, dyed wool with natural dyes and made shields.

In Science we have been learning about Light, reflections, using mirrors and how shadows are formed.





In RE we learnt about the Hindu festival of Holi.

We will now be moving onto our Geography topic, Extreme Earth, where we look at natural disasters and extreme weather.

We have two trips next week to Bude Castle for a local history tour, and Bude library followed by a day at Rosemoor.

At the end of term we will have our Year 3 residential to Plymouth. It's going to be an exciting term!



Class Four

Last half term, Year 4 were exploring foods from different cultures. We made some delicious sweets that are eaten during the Diwali festival and Ramadan. They followed a recipe, demonstrated good food hygiene and measured out ingredients in a group. Class 4 were able to enjoy sharing these recipes with each other and using a sensory chart they evaluated the food they made. The chocolate barfi was scored very highly.



This half term, we are going to be learning all about the rainforest. We will use our new knowledge during an interactive lesson about rainforest life, where we will explore plants, animals and the climate. Class 4 will also create their own layered painting of a rainforest, using the knowledge of the different layers, plants and wildlife they may find there.



Class Five

Class Five have been working hard over the past few weeks, and having lots of fun!

We have read the novel 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho Yen and this has been the basis of our English work. We have also been writing discussion texts and biographies, developing our formal writing style.

In Maths we have been building on our methods for multiplication and division and exploring fractions and the values they represent.

Our science work has recently been based around the solar system and this has tied in with our French lessons based on the planets.

Everyone has been enjoying the training walks we have completed for our Coastal Walk challenge, and we are looking forward to completing our main walk very soon.

Coming up this term we have the end of our topic based on London, along with our class books based on biographies of inspirational people, and a touch of Shakespeare before half term. We are also looking forward to showcasing the art work we have completed with Sarah at the forthcoming art exhibition, as well as showing off our musical skills in the opening concert!

Class Six

Recently, Class 6 have been busy consolidating our learning across different aspects of Maths and English ahead of the KS2 SATs in May, including revising angles by measuring and drawing them on the tables!

The children have been displaying fantastic imaginations when writing descriptions, stories and diary entries from the perspective of different characters.

In the wider curriculum, Class 6 have begun their independent Art / STEM projects which they will continue working on during the Summer Term.

Over the next few weeks, we are looking forward to making use of our new laptops in Computing; and investigating forces in science.



Sports News

Swimming Gala:

Just before half term we held our annual Key Stage Two swimming gala at Ruby Oak Park with over 50 pupils taking part and a good crowd of parent spectators joining us for the afternoon.

The event is always one of the sporting highlights in the calendar and every year we are blown away by the standard that some of our pupils have reached with their swimming.

Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to every who came to watch and to Ruby Oak Park for letting us invade for the afternoon.

Backstroke:

Year 3/4 girls – 1st Rita, 2nd Lyla, 3rd Thea

Year 3/4 boys – 1st Riley L + Otis (Tie), 3rd Riley C

Year 5/6 girls – 1st Amber, 2nd Chloe, 1st Elsie

Year 5/6 boys – 1st Thomas, 2nd Theo, 3rd Ethan

Front Crawl:

Year 3/4 girls – 1st Rita, 2nd, Lyla, 3rd Thea

Year 3/4 boys – 1st Otis, 2nd Archie, 3rd Riley

Year 5/6 girls – 1st Elsie, 2nd Chloe, 3rd Callie

Year 5/6 boys – 1st Thomas, 2nd Theo S, 3rd Noah

Freestyle:

Year 3/4 girls – 1st Rita, 2nd Olivia, 3rd Thea

Year 3/4 boys – 1st Archie, 2nd Otis, 3rd Riley L

Year 5/6 girls – 1st Chloe, 2nd Elsie, 3rd Amber

Year 5/6 boys – 1st Thomas, 2nd Theo S, 3rd Cayden

North Devon Netball Finals:

Following their success at the local qualifiers earlier in the Spring Term, our netball team progressed to the North Devon Finals at Park School in Barnstaple. This final fixture of the season proved to be a real test.

Every child demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, and it was clear how much they have grown both individually and as a team over the course of the season. Finishing an impressive 5th overall, the team should be extremely proud of their achievement and enjoyed a brilliant day out.

Tag Rugby:

Our tag rugby team headed into their second tournament of the year just before the Easter break, taking part in a competition at Bideford RFC organised by St Mary's Primary School. The team put in a superb performance throughout the morning, showing great teamwork, determination and skill to win their group convincingly.

This success earned them a place in the final, where they produced a spirited performance in an exciting and closely contested match. The team narrowly missed out on the top spot, losing by just a single try to St Mary's.

An excellent achievement and a fantastic day of rugby all round — well done to everyone involved!

North Devon Girls Football Finals:

Our girls' football team took part in the North Devon Finals at Tarka Tennis and delivered an excellent performance throughout the competition. After finishing second in their group, the team progressed to the knockout stages, where they had a convincing victory against Caen. Unfortunately, their tournament came to an end in the quarter-finals with a narrow 1–0 defeat to Sticklepath, who went on to become the eventual tournament winners. A fantastic achievement and a performance the girls should be very proud of.

Indoor Athletics:

After winning their qualifying event earlier in the year at Torrington, our indoor athletics team went on to compete in the North Devon Finals at Kingsley College. The team performed superbly against strong competition, finishing an impressive 5th overall. Well done to everyone involved!

Key Dates:

- Parents Evenings Tuesday 28th + Wednesday 29th April 2026
- Year Three Trip to Bude Castle Tuesday 28th April 2026
- Year Three Trip to Rosemoor Wednesday 29th April 2026
- Class Two Farm School Session 1 Tuesday 5th May 2026
- Year Four Residential 6th - 8th May 2026 (2 nights)
- Bags2School Monday 11th May 2026
- Year Six SATS Week Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026
- Class Two Farm School Session 2 Tuesday 12th May 2026
- Year Three Beach Clean Monday 18th May 2026
- Class Two Farm School Session 3 Tuesday 19th May 2026
- Year Three Residential 21st - 22nd May 2026 (1 night)
- May Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
- Class Two Farm School Session 3 2nd June 2026
- Art Exhibition 2nd and 3rd June 2026
- Art Exhibition Concert 3rd June 2026 (2 PM)
- Sponsored Walk Friday 5th June 2026
- Year Five Residential 8th -12th June 2026 (4 nights)
- KS1 Sports Day Monday June 15th 2026
- KS2 Sports Day Tuesday June 16th 2026
- Class Two Farm School Session 4 Tuesday June 16th 2026
- Class Two Farm School Session 5 Tuesday June 23rd 2026
- Year 6 HCC Transition Days 23rd + 24th June 2026
- Year Six Residential 29th June – 2nd July 2026 (3 nights)
- Year 6 Budehaven Transition Days 9th + 10th July 2026
- Year 6 Dartmoor Challenge 14th – 16th July 2026
- Leavers Barbeque Friday 17th July 2026
- Last Day Summer Term Thursday 23rd July 2026

* Year 6 Surfing and Dartmoor training walk dates are yet to be set.

