

Berrycoombe Newsletter



Message from the head teacher

What a magical week we have had. Everyone has visited the chicks in Reception and been spellbound as each new arrival has emerged. The chicks have sadly overshadowed the caterpillars (also in reception) that are in the cocoon phase and about to become butterflies.

A big thank you to all year 6 families who supported their children through SATS week. I have never seen such a calm group of children work so diligently and with such determination. We are very proud of all of them.

Spotlight on Reception's special delivery

This week we had a very special delivery and we are all very 'eggcited'. In the incubator are 8 chick eggs which will hatch very soon. We have all predicted which egg will hatch first, talked to the nursery children about the eggs and helped to set up the brooder cage for when the chicks have hatched.

Thursday 16th May 5 chicks have hatched.

Friday 17th May We have 8 very fluffy chicks.



Term Dates

22nd-24th May- Year 5/6 Residential

27th May- 31st May- Half Term

7th June- INSET Day

12th June- Sports Day

17th June- Class group photo

1st July- Year 6 Transition Day to Bodmin College

23rd July- Last Day of Term

23rd July – Leavers Assembly

24th July- INSET Day

25th July- Summer Holidays Begin

Up Next:



Parent Survey 2024

It is that time of year where we want to get your views on what is going well at Berrycoombe and areas where we could improve.

Included in the email sent with this newsletter is the link so you can access our survey online. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy please pop in to the office and there will be some ready. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey.



Berrycoombe Building Learning Power Awards

Reception	Elowen – being resourceful when writing
Year 1	Brodie – resilience in handwriting
Year 2	Morgan – resilience learning 5 x tables
Year 3	Ava C-S great grit in Maths
Year 4	Lily B & Dylan G – collaboration in English
Year 5	Gracie C – super resilience in her writing
Year 6	Jamie – giving SATs your absolute best even though he was poorly.

Berrycoombe School Attendance

Reception	87%
Year 1	82.7%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	96%



The class with the highest percentage each week wins a prize.

Absence

You must phone (or e-mail) into school on the day of your child being absent. **01208 74969 / berrycoombe@tpacademytrust.org**

If you do not call or email, unfortunately it will result in an- unauthorised mark.

Holidays in term time will **not** be authorised. We have included with this newsletter the term dates and Inset dates for the 2024/2025 academic year, this will enable you to plan your holidays for next year. Thank you for your cooperation.

What's On and Notices

Silent Disco

Thank you for coming along to our silent disco.
We hope you all had a great time, we know we did.

A massive thank you to Morrisons for supporting the disco with donations.



Walking groups in Bodmin & Newquay

A walking group is a great way to stay active and connect with others. Research shows there's more health benefits when we walk with others.

Regular walking is good for our mental health, it can help to reduce stress levels, improve sleep and lower the risk of depression.

Being physically active also releases feel-good hormones that make you feel better in yourself and help boost energy levels. It can be a positive coping strategy for difficult times.

We offer free and friendly walking groups in Bodmin and Newquay. They take around 2 hours and we walk at a pace comfortable for you.

To sign up – just complete the referral form on our website

cornwallmind.org
01208 892 855
info@cornwallmind.org
Charity number: 1176942



 **Mind Cornwall**

The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3rd June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council

You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators> .

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/>

It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/>

Why have we made this change?

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

Why **Building Learning Power** matters. Our B.L.P. certificates celebrate the skills that make you a brilliant learner.

Resilience- not giving up

Collaboration- working with others to get better

Reflectiveness- Remembering advice and help (*like what is my writing target*)

Resourcefulness- What can I use to help (*like using my word list to help me spell*)