

Congratulations to Miss Perry who had her baby recently, Rory Joe. We look forward to meeting him soon.

Teacher for the day: remember to pay on School Gateway for a chance of being 'teacher for the day'. Wednesday at 12 midday is the closing time and the new teachers will be randomly selected on Wednesday afternoon – one for every class. The lucky winners will do this on the final day of term, Friday 15 December. The money raised from this event will fund a school wide event in the New Year where classes will have a visit from a company called 'Tiny Travels' exploring cultural diversity over the course of a 3 day period.

Tuesday 5 Dec 2023

This week:

Wed 6 Dec - Year 1 Christmas sing-song and crafting with raffle 9.30-10.45am

Wed 6 and Thurs 7 Dec – School Christmas Lunches

Dates for the future:

Tues 12 Dec - Yr2 Christmas 2.15pm Performance and raffle

Wed 13 Dec 6.15pm - Carols in the Yard and raffle

Fri 15 Dec – Teacher for a day

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children-wear non uniform for a donation

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day:

We will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term; Friday 15 Dec. Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation to the charity via School Gateway. This is not the date that the charity is promoting but doing it on the last day of term works better for us in school.



Save the Children

Year 1 PE event:



Our Year 1 children took part in the KS1 Aesthetics Festival where over 200 children from various schools came to take part in a variety of gymnastics, dance and yoga stations. Gatehouse, Westcliff, Orchard Manor, Exminster, Kenn and Kenton all attended the festival bringing a number of pupils to experience and practice lots of gymnastics, dance and yoga skills. The children took part in a variety of stations: vaulting, rolling, travelling, balancing, frog yoga, superhero dancing and even some Pilates. The pupils showed amazing enthusiasm and resilience throughout the festival and got stuck right in to every station. The children also worked well with other schools creating lots of new social experiences for them too. Well done to our Year 1 children who attended and had a fantastic time. The stations were run by Dawlish College leaders, They demonstrated lots of enthusiasm and encouraged throughout the event.

Parking around school: We continue to receive regular calls from residents and businesses around our school about where and how parents are parking whilst dropping off and picking up their children from school. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking and be sure not to block access to properties or businesses. Thank you

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley

Menu swap: There will be a change of menu on the first day back after the Christmas Holidays as below; it will be back to normal from the Thursday.

Wed 3 Jan

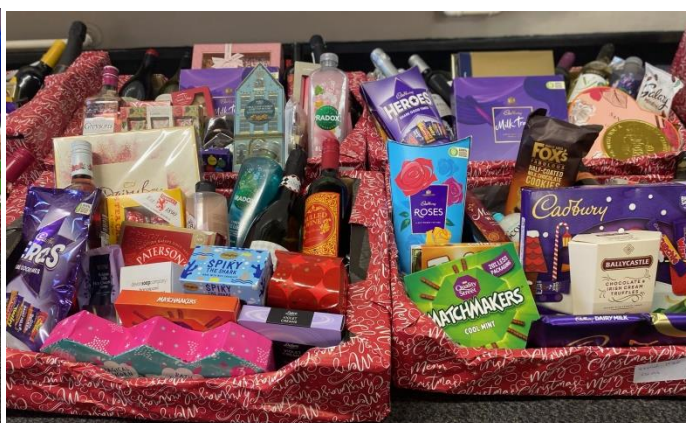
Thurs 4 Jan

Cheese and Ham Wholemeal Pizza
Cheese and Tomato Wholemeal Pizza
Jacket Potato with Cheese
Jacket Potato with Beans
Sweetcorn / Garden Peas
Marble Cake

Fish Cake and Chips
Quorn Dippers with Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese
Jacket Potato with Beans
Garden Peas / Sweetcorn
Oat and Raisin Cookie

Christmas Lunches: Tomorrow (Wednesday) is Rec, Yr1 and Yr2's Christmas lunch in school; all pupils' meals have been pre ordered. All of years 3-6 must have a packed lunch with them on this day. Thursday is Yrs3-6 Christmas Lunch. All year groups across the whole school have pre ordered.

Christingle service: a huge thank you to Mr Moore and our school choir who sang beautifully in the village Christingle service. They sang some Matilda songs and a gospel medley and raised the roof! They have practised hard over the last few weeks and enjoy coming together for a live audience.



Thank you so much to everyone who brought in a donation last Friday for our Christmas Raffle Hampers. Raffles will be held at all our Christmas events with the Grand Prizes including an M&S Hamper and meal voucher for The Royal Oak up for grabs at our Carols in the Yard event on Wed 13 Dec.



Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley



We still need some volunteers to help sell tickets at the Carols in the Yard evening on Wed 13 Dec. Please complete the Google Form if you're able to help. We are so grateful to our families for being so generous with their time and donations.

<https://forms.gle/khBoeF1cAx978cGm6>

Christmas Dates 2023:

Wed 6 Dec Year 1 Christmas sing-song and crafting with ESA raffle 9.30-10.45am- We would love to invite you to our festive fun session! The session will be in place of a show as we feel like the children can have more involvement with you and enjoy singing and crafting! No tickets to buy but we would like parents to let us know if they're coming by completing the below Google form <https://forms.gle/gh1E4sQ8gsl9qxJfA> If you would like to make a Christmas donation to Yr1 to go towards additional resources a School Gateway Payments item will be set up.

Wed 6 and Thurs 7 Dec – School Christmas Lunches. Rec and Key Stage 1 lunches will be on the Wednesday and KS2 on the Thursday. We have menu choices for all children now. **Please remember all KS2 children need a packed lunch on Wednesday.**

Tues 12 Dec Yr2 Christmas Performance and ESA raffle - **Tickets are now on sale via School Gateway at £2 each**, 3 tickets are available per child. Doors open 2:15pm for a 2.30 performance. All money raised from ticket sales will go directly to the Yr2 classes to buy wet play activities including dolls, small super hero characters and puzzles.

Carols in the Yard and ESA raffle –Wed 13 Dec 6.15pm – come and join us on the school playground to enjoy some carols. Years 3-6 will be learning some carols to perform for you. Please arrive for a 6.15pm start – everyone is welcome, bring your singing voices with you. Parents/carers will be responsible for their own children at this event. If you are able to help sell raffle tickets please complete the Google Form <https://forms.gle/khBoeF1cAx978cGm6>.

Exminster Messy Church

10 December at 3:30pm to 5:30pm



At Exminster Methodist Church

We are a friendly group who meet once a month and are always pleased to welcome new families. We share a bible story, crafts and fun activities. We always have a delicious meal such as lasagne, pizza, soup, jacket potatoes with cheese or baked beans and ice cream or cake. Some sessions are messier than others!!

We ask that all young people are accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to join us our next Messy Church is this Sunday 10 December at the Methodist Church. There is no charge but any donations are most welcome.

Further details can be obtained by emailing Anne at ab@lovelygarden.plus.com