



13th September 2024



This week the following children have been recognised in our Celebration Assembly -

Class	Values Champion	Learner of the week
Oak	Brody for all values	Evie for being a superb Reader
Maple	Esra for Kindness and Respect	Maggie for being a great Artist
Willow	Ava for Individual Best	Alfred for being a fantastic Mathematician
Elm	Ylva for Individual Best	Freddie for being a brilliant Author
Chestnut	Johnnie for Individual Best	Jack for being an amazing Artist

Next week

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Club
Monday	PE – Willow	PE Elm	Football (Years 1-6)
Tuesday	PE – Elm, Oak & Acorns	PE – Maple,	Martial Arts (years R -3)
Wednesday	PE – Chestnut, Oak & Acorns	PE - Willow	Gymnastics (Years R-6)
		Singing Assembly	
		Guitar Lessons	
Thursday	PE - Maple		Adventure Sports (Y3 – 6)
			Science (Years 1-6)
Friday	PE – Chestnut	Woodwind lessons	Physical Fun (Invite only)

Next Week's Menu

Autumn Menu Week three
Week Commencing: 16/09, 07/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Bacon Macaroni Cheese with Peas CP	Chicken Fajita with Potato Wedges and Root Slaw	Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding with Roast New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy CP	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Chicken Bites with Chips and Baked Beans DF
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Butternut Squash and Spinach Risotto with Peas GF/DF	Roasted Vegetable Ratatouille with Potato Wedges and Salad GF/DF	Hominy Pie with Seasonal Vegetables	5 Bean Chilli with Rice and Sweetcorn GF/DF	Vegetable Sausages with Chips and Baked Beans DF
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Pick a DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad GF/DF	Fruity Flapjack DF	Chocolate Cookie DF	Apple and Raspberry Cake DF	Ice Cream Pot GF

Educating
The School Food Revolution

We are pleased to offer a variety of allergen free options on our food menu. Although all food is prepared in a kitchen that handles most allergens and therefore we cannot guarantee that cross contamination will never occur, we do take every possible precaution to prevent this from happening.

FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT SERVED DAILY

GF - GLUTEN FREE DF - DAIRY FREE CP - CONTAINS PORK V - VEGAN

WHERE POSSIBLE VEGAN ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE

Photographs

A photographer will be in school on Monday 30th September to take individual and sibling group photos. If you would like a photograph with a younger sibling, please email the office and we will arrange a time before the start of the school day. Willow and Elm will need to come into school in their uniform and bring their PE kits to change into.

House Art Competition

The competition for the children to produce a drawing/painting of their house animals is still open. One will be selected from each house to be on the boards in the hall, Deadline for entries is Monday 30th September.

Reading and Library Books

Please could you have a look at home for any library and Little Wandle reading books that belong to the school. We are missing some and would really appreciate it if they could be returned.

Do we have up to date details?

If you have moved house or changed your telephone number or email address over the summer break, please ensure that you have let the school office know.

Ide Produce Show

This Sunday, 15th September, Ide Growers will hold their Produce Show in the School Hall between 2.30 and 4.30pm. There will be the usual categories and an art show. Entries can be dropped in between 10am and 12noon.

Book Fair Competition

This year's book fair competition, to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair, is to create a bookmark to promote our school values.



You can focus on one value or all of them. How can you use illustration to promote our school values? Be creative.

There will be a £5 voucher for each class. Entries to be handed to class teachers by Monday 7th October. The winner for each class will be decided by Miss Purcell & Mrs Williams. There will be a small prize for all entries.

Things to Look Forward to

September	
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th	Cycle to School Week
Monday 23 rd	Bling Your Bike
Thursday 26 th	Art Printing Workshop
Monday 30 th	Individual Photographs
October	
Friday 11 th	Book fair

Community Information



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OPEN MORNINGS

LET US WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL

17th September 2024 | 9.00am-11.00am
18th September 2024 | 9.00am-11.00am
19th September 2024 | 9.00am-11.00am
20th September 2024 | 9.00am-11.00am

Please sign up [here](#), or by scanning the QR code below.

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Year 7 for
September 2025

**OPEN
EVENING
EVENT**

Tuesday 17th September, 4pm – 6pm

Whole School open evening event at Thomas Hall School for students starting Year 7 in September 2025.

A great chance to come and explore our school and meet our fantastic teachers.
Meeting at the Main Hall at 4pm. Please use Main Entrance.

Cowley Bridge Road, Exeter. EX4 5AD
Tel. 01392 757371

To book a place visit our website at www.thomashallschool.org
or email: admissions@thomashallschool.org.

Active Devon - Outdoor September

Outdoor September is Devon's month-long campaign, inviting everyone to enjoy the great outdoors and get those happy endorphins flowing!

During #OutdoorSeptember, we encourage you to spend time outdoors connecting actively with nature and enjoying Devon's diverse environment. Being active outdoors in nature is great for our physical and mental health and wellbeing. There are also environmental benefits. Walking, wheeling, cycling, or using public transport more to explore your local area, can help towards protecting our wonderful natural environment.

So, why not get outdoors this September and feel healthier and happier whilst having fun too!

[https://activedevon.org/outdoor-september/?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_02_17_2022_COPY_01\)&mc_cid=f211dc5b2e&mc_eid=4dbe75eb4f](https://activedevon.org/outdoor-september/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_02_17_2022_COPY_01)&mc_cid=f211dc5b2e&mc_eid=4dbe75eb4f)



Take Part in Outdoor September and Enjoy the Great Outdoors in Devon - Active Devon

There are many benefits to being active outdoors and throughout September we'll be sharing ideas and tips to help you feel healthier and happier.

activedevon.org



Scouts

17th Exeter (Alphington)

17TH EXETER ALPHINGTON

Up for a new adventure? Want to make a difference? Then try Alphington Scout group 6 - 14 years old for boys & girls who want to go beyond the ordinary and find out who they really are!

Monday's Cubs 8 - 10.5 years old
18:00-19:45

Tuesday's Beavers 6 - 8 years old
18:00- 19:00

Friday's Scouts 10.5 -14 years old
19:00-21:00

Don't delay try today!

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DOING
what YOU
Like is
FREEDOM
LIKING
what you
DO IS
HAPPINESS

Your chance to join our Misericord Challenge

and design a carving for Exeter Cathedral

Submit your entry by Monday 14 October 2024



Misericord Design Challenge

Misericords are tip-up seats that priests used to lean on during long services. They often feature detailed and mysterious carvings.

With support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the people of Devon have the unique opportunity to send in their own design for a misericord and the chance to have it brought to life by professional woodcarver William Barsley.

Get involved!

Design your own unique Modern Misericord for your Cathedral. Why not show an activity you enjoy doing or something important to you?

You could have the chance to join clay and wood carving workshops, and see your design become part of Exeter Cathedral's new Treasures Gallery.



Find out more at
bit.ly/misericords-ec or
scan the QR code

Did you know?

Exeter Cathedral has 49
medieval misericords,
some of them
over 750 years old!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about LEGO FORTNITE

Epic Games have recently introduced three new game modes to Fortnite: Rocket Racing, Fortnite Festival and, finally, Lego Fortnite: a survival game using official Lego characters. There are lots of great mechanics that encourage creativity in children, but – as with any online game – it's important to stay aware of the potential risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MONETISATION

Lego Fortnite utilises a similar online item shop to the main Fortnite game. When this title was released, the makers introduced thousands of Lego versions of the original game's character skins. Owning an original Fortnite cosmetic means you also own the LEGO version at no extra cost, but the addition of these extra versions could potentially spark new interest in young players, making it more tempting to pay real money for these in-game accessories.

ONLINE PLAY

LEGO Fortnite can be played online, as with the base game. While a player's LEGO world is private when it's first created, they can then invite anyone on their in-game friends list to play with them. If any strangers are on this friends list, they can be invited onto their server. Thankfully, Epic Games has implemented a solid reporting system, as well as tools to kick other players from the game.

FEAR FACTOR

There is no explicit violence in Lego Fortnite, but there is a lot of combat. While the battles in Lego Fortnite remain very cartoonish and child friendly, a lot of the action unfolds inside dark caves, with spiders, skeletons or scary-looking monsters. The game can get a little spooky at times, which could potentially scare younger players.

COMPLEX GAMEPLAY

Lego Fortnite is a survival game, though it's not as simple as something like Minecraft. There are lots of different crafting stations and loads of items to use or combine (including various rarities to seek out and harvest). The gathering and crafting elements of the game can get quite complicated and confusing, which could be a source of frustration for some younger players.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEGO IS FRIENDLY

Much like real Lego, this game is incredibly inviting. It's friendly, fun and accessible: a younger player could still enjoy this title even if they'd never played Fortnite before. With sanitised violence, it's a far more family-friendly gaming experience all round – worth bearing in mind if you're concerned about children and young people being exposed to violent or frightening content.

SET LITTLE CHALLENGES

As we've noted, the game is a lot more difficult than it may seem, which could be frustrating or upsetting for some younger players. While the game does a good job of setting realistic targets for players, it can still feel overwhelming. If parents suggest smaller challenges – such as building a house – children can flex their creativity, express themselves with their builds and feel a real sense of accomplishment.

PLAY TOGETHER

Take some time to play the game together. Not only will that help with some of the complicated tasks, but it's also just a fun pastime. Playing with family members also reduces the potential for younger players to invite strangers to enjoy the game with – if any are on their friends list. Furthermore, playing with children will let you more effectively limit their time spent on the game. Instead of "switch it off", you can now say "let's play some more later!"

MONITOR SPENDING

If a child has provided their parents' email address and been given consent to make in-game purchases, it's worth keeping an eye on how much gets spent on the in-game currency, V-Bucks. It's very tempting to buy character skins in LEGO form, as a way of expressing yourself and looking cool and unique. As you may know already, the average skin costs between £6-18, which can add up very quickly if not tracked and limited. Keep in mind that you can make it necessary to enter a PIN code to validate every purchase using the game's parental controls, and you can prevent the game from saving your payment information whenever you make a purchase. Furthermore, players under-13 automatically have their spending limited to \$100 (£78.55) per day.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality, augmented reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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