



8th November 2024



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

Class	Values Champion	Learner of the week
Oak	Aria for Individual Best	Penelope for being an Artist
Maple	Evy for Individual Best	Max for being a Reader
Willow	Isobelle for Kindness and Respect	Jensen for being an Author
Elm	Alfie for Individual Best	Sienna for being an Athlete
Chestnut	Rafferty for Individual Best	Ayah for being an Author and an Engineer

Next Week

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Club
Monday	Exeter City Football Tournament (selected pupils)		Football (Years 1-6)
	Oak & Maple Author Visit	PE - Elm	
	PE- Willow	Assembly	
Tuesday	Oak & Acorns Diwali Workshop	PE – Maple	Martial Arts (years 4-6)
	PE – Elm	Devon Wildlife Trust -Wildlife Champions visit	
Wednesday	PE - Chestnut	PE –Oak & Acorns & Willow	Gymnastics (Years R-6)
	Guitar Lessons	Singing Assembly	
Thursday	Elm – Roman Walk and RAMM Trip		Multi-Sports (Years R -3)
	PE - Maple	PE - Oak & Acorns	Science (Years 1-6)
Friday	Children in Need - Wear Something Spotty		Physical Fun (Invite only)
	Oak & Acorn Diwali Workshop	Celebration Assembly	
	PE – Chestnut	Woodwind lessons	

Next Week's Menu.

Ide Primary School
Knowing children as individuals

SPRING MENU
Week two

Week Commencing: 11/11, 2/12, 6/1, 27/1, 24/2, 17/3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Hunters Chicken with Wedges, Broccoli and Slaw GF	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn DF	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy GF/DF	Chicken Biryani with Salad Sticks DF	Salmon Fingers with Chips, Peas and Beans DF
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake with Focaccia Bread and Slaw	5 Bean Chilli with Rice, Nachos and Sweetcorn GF/DF	Quorn Sausage with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy DF	Margherita Pizza with Wedges and Salad Sticks	Vegetable Nuggets with Chips Peas and 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 Platter GF/DF	Custard Cookie	Chocolate Brownie DF	Carrot Cake DF	Eton Mess GF

Educatering
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

WHERE POSSIBLE VEGAN ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE

Children In Need

Next Friday (15th November) is Children in Need Day. This will be a non-uniform day and the theme is 'wear something spotty'. We will collect any donations that you would like to make to Children in Need in the morning.

Oak and Maple Author Visit

Oak and Maple class are excited to welcome the children's author Emily Hobson-Martin to our school on Monday 11th November. She has very kindly offered us a special offer on her books and a separate letter has been sent to parents about pre-ordering these.

Oak & Acorns Diwali Workshop

On Tuesday Rekha, along with a colleague, Neeru, will be joining Oak and acorns for a Diwali workshop. They will talk about her Faith, Diwali and how she celebrates followed by activities.

Willow's Geographer Work

In Willow Class, the children are learning about how the local area has changed. This half term the children will be learning about what changes there have been at Ide School over time. We would love to hear from families that have any old photographs, newspaper reports and school reports along with any other sources of evidence that might illustrate changes to our school. If you can help us with this, please email us on our class email address: willowclass@ide.devon.sch.uk

Road Safety Week

We are continuing to focus on promoting active travel in school. Road Safety Week is taking place between 17th and 23rd November, and we have organised a Road Safety Day on Monday 18th November. As part of this important day, we are encouraging everyone to take part in a 'Be Bright Be Seen' dress down day. On this date, all children are welcome to dress up in their brightest clothes to help raise awareness of road safety and spread the 'Be Bright Be Seen' message. The children can be as creative as they would like to be! They may choose to wear school uniform with bright accessories (fluorescent socks, fluorescent gloves, reflective wrist bands etc) or they may choose to wear bright non-school uniform.

We look forward to seeing the children's colourful creations on Monday 18th November!

Play Tower - Can You Help?

Early Years are looking for a play tower, like the one pictured, to further develop their small world area. If you, or anybody you know might be able to build it for us, or know of anywhere that can donate the wood, we would be extremely grateful. Please contact the school office or email oakclass@ide.devon.sch.uk. Thank you



Has anyone lost a scooter?

A scooter was left at Ide shop on the Friday before half term



Seedlings needs you.



We are looking for a team of parent volunteers to run our weekly baby & Toddler group at Ide Primary School.

The group runs weekly on
Tuesdays between 1.15
and 3.00pm.

If you feel able to help,
please contact
admin@ide.devon.sch.uk



Maple Trip to Shillingford Farm



Chestnut DT Cooking





Things to Look Forward to At Ide Primary

November	
Monday 11th	Maple and Oak Author Visit
Monday 11th	Exeter City Football Tournament (selected Chestnut pupils)
Thursday 14th	Elm Trip to the RAMM and Redcoats Tour
Friday 15th	Children in Need – Wear something spotty
Monday 17th - Friday 23rd	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 19th	Flu Immunisation
Thursday 28th	Chestnut Showdown at Barnfield Theatre
Friday 29th	Oak Class Night Walk 5.30-6.30pm
December	
Tuesday 3rd	FIS Wreath Workshop
Wednesday 11th	Maple and Willow Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 12th	Maple and Willow Christmas Production 2pm
Friday 13th	Oak and Acorns Nativity 2pm
Thursday 19th	Elm Carol Concert at St Ida's Church (afternoon- time to be confirmed)
Thursday 19th	Acorns and Oak Christmas Cracker afternoon 2-3.30
Friday 20th	Last day of Term

FIS

Supporting the school to thrive

Please return all Christmas Card designs by
Monday 11th November.



Come and make your own Christmas wreath.

7pm to 9pm at Ide School

£30 per ticket

Ticket price includes everything you need to make your own
wreath to take home

Drinks available to purchase at the bar

This is a fundraising event for Ide school. For more details visit: www.facebook/firendsofideschool

Community Information

Devon Family Hubs Monthly Newsletter



Parent / Carer Newsletter - November 2024

Each month we will share with you information, advice and top tips on a number of themes, as well as fun things that you and your family can do in and around Devon, and much more!

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NIGHT FIGHTERS

THE STORY OF 307 SQUADRON



14–15 November 2024

10:00–16:00

Exeter Guildhall, High Street

FREE ENTRY

307 Squadron Exhibition
and 'The Polish D-Day Story' 80th Anniversary Exhibition

Raising of the Polish Flag
15th November 10:00

facebook.com/307SquadronProject



Find a huge selection of quality baby and children's items
including clothes, toys and equipment at our

Nearly New Sale

Wonford Sports Centre

Rifford Road, Exeter, EX2 6NF

Sunday 17th November

10:30am - 12:30pm



Book Your Own Stall
Sell your outgrown children's items
and keep **100%** of your stall profits!
Contact us for more information.

www.littlemonstersmarket.co.uk



Zero Mile Gardens

Workshop Series

30 November 2024 - "Setting up and Running a Community Garden" with Clémence Scalbert from Zero Mile Gardens/St Thomas Community Garden

25 January 2025 - "Permaculture Principles for City Growing", with Tess Wilmot from Food Plymouth

22 February 2025 - "Creating your Wildlife Garden", with Lou Jones from Lou's Wild Garden

22 March 2025 - "Food Growing in Small Gardens and Containers", with Clémence Scalbert from Zero Mile Gardens/STCG

2-5 pm, Emmanuel Hall, EX41EJ. For booking, please email
zeromilegardens@gmail.com



Gardening Sessions

Every Thursday 9-11 am (until 12 Dec; back 16 Jan.)

Alibi Garden, Emmanuel Hall, EX41EJ

All welcome, no booking required

Workshop Details

30 November 2024 - "Setting up and Running a Community Garden", with Clémence Scalbert

From finding land and setting up a community organisation, from financing the garden to organising its activities through the year, the workshop will cover all the essentials to set up and care for a community growing space. We will have opportunities to look at local community food growing projects. This workshop is for anyone interested in community work and food growing, including those who already run a community garden, or dream of creating a community growing space.

25 January 2025 - "Permaculture Principles for City Growing", with Tess Wilmot

We will look at how permaculture and especially its principles can help guide us so our community growing spaces thrive by growing abundance. In addition, we will explore how permaculture can help creating strong and positive group dynamics. If you have a site design, or a plan for your growing space, you're welcome to bring it along. We will take some time to look at it together!

22 February 2025 - "Creating your Wildlife Garden", with Lou Jones

Enjoy a few hours where you can imagine and plan how to attract and help wildlife in your garden and enjoy a more nature-rich space in the months to come. Local wildlife gardener Lou Jones will be on hand to share ideas from her garden, and support you with practical tips, discussion and resources to identify achievable ways to create your own wildlife garden.

22 March 2025 - "Food Growing in Small Gardens and Containers", with Clémence Scalbert

As city residents, we often don't have much space to grow food. Yet, it is possible to grow abundance in small spaces and containers. We will look into the varieties of containers and growing spaces, the importance of soil, perennial plants, rotation and companion planting, to help making a small garden flourish all year round.

Our tutors

Lou Jones has a small wildflower nursery, Lou's Wild Garden, based in and inspired by her nature-filled Exeter garden. Her passion for growing and gardening to help wildlife is underpinned by an RHS diploma and organic horticulture experience and inspired by transforming her urban space into a haven for wild bees, moths, ladybirds, butterflies and nesting birds, hedgehogs...and more!

Clémence Scalbert has set up and run St Thomas Community Garden since 2019, and set up Zero Mile Gardens in 2024 in St Thomas, Exeter, to support food growing in our community. She has a City and Guilds Certificate in Organic Horticulture, a Gardeniser Diploma, and is an alumni of The Soil Association's My Food Community Programme.

Tess Wilmot is a permaculture designer and facilitator and started working with community gardens in 2008. Her work is mainly in Plymouth, supporting community growers and building capacity and skills using permaculture and co-designing projects.

The workshops are supported by the Growing Communities Fund and are free. Booking is essential. For booking or further information, please email Clémence at zeromilegardens@gmail.com

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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