



28th February 2025



Oak & Acorns have been enjoying the sunshine this week.

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

Class	Values Champion	Learner of the week
Oak	Hugo for Teamwork	Maddox for being an Engineer
Maple	Ruben for Individual Best	Freddie for being a Geographer
Willow	Jensen for Individual Best	Harry for being a Reader
Elm	Nancy for Kindness and Respect	Jack for being a Historian
Chestnut	Olivier for Teamwork	James for being a Musician

After Half Term at Ide Primary

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Club
Monday	PE – Chestnut PE – Willow		Football (Years 1-6)
		PE - Elm	
		Assembly	
Tuesday		DWT Wildlife Champions	
Wednesday	Elm – The Lion the Witch & The Wardrobe	Guitar Lessons	Martial Arts
	PE – Elm & Willow	Singing Assembly	
Thursday	PE - Maple		Dodgeball (Years 3-6)
			Science (Years 1-6)
Friday	World Book Day Celebrations		Physical Fun
	PE – Chestnut & Maple	Woodwind lessons	
		Celebration Assembly	

Next Week's Menu

Please note that there is a change to Tuesday's dessert.





SPRING MENU

Week three

Week Commencing: 18/11, 9/12, 13/1, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN Chicken Chunks with Wedges, Peas and Slow	Devon Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato, Broccoli and Carrots and Gravy GF/DF	Roast Chicken and Stuffing with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy DF	Beef Meatballs with Penne Pasta and Sweetcorn DF	Fish Fingers with Chips Peas and Beans DF
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN Quorn Hot Dog with Wedges, Peas and Slow	Butternut, Sweet Potato and Cauliflower Curry DF	Homely Pie with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Vegan Bolognese with Pasta and Sweetcorn DF	Roasted Red Pepper Frittata with Chips and Beans GF
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	Iced Sponge DF	Flapjack DF	Apple Crumble and Custard	Ice Cream Pot GF








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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


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The School Food Revolution

National Pancake Day

Tuesday 4th March



Gluten Free
Dairy Free
Available

Freshly Prepared
Fruit
and a choice of
Sauces

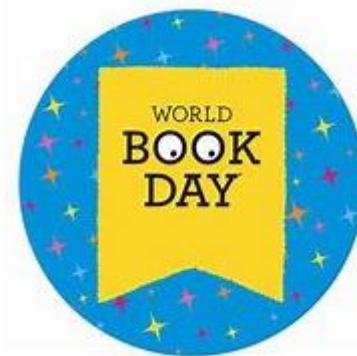
Normal Menu
Pancake Station for Dessert

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Friday 7th March. Children are invited to come into school dressed as a book character for the day. If it is your child's PE day, a suitable activity will be organised for them in their costumes. They do not need to bring separate PE kit with them.

The children will be splitting into their house groups in the afternoon to share a book and carry out some art and drama linked activities with a costume parade at the end of the school day in the hall.

we look forward to seeing the children's costume creations on Friday.



Elm Class – The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

Elm Class students are very excited to have been invited to watch a performance of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at West Exe School on Wednesday 5th March.

Please could all children be dropped directly to West Exe for 9:30 am, and we will meet by the front entrance (beside the turning circle). We encourage you to coordinate lift shares with fellow classmates. We will then walk back to school as a class at the end of the production, which is anticipated to be no later than 12:30pm.

All children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink with them on this day, as we may be late returning for school dinners. They will need to wear school uniform as normal and bring a waterproof coat.

If you haven't already, please could you give permission for your child to attend via School Gateway, under the payment section. No charge will be made.

Elm and Chestnut History Workshop

On Monday the 10th March, Devon History Workshops will be joining Elm and Chestnut for a day of learning about the Egyptians. The children may dress up if they wish to, but this is not compulsory.

Year 5 & 6 Residential

The first instalment for the Year 4 and 5 residential is now due. If you haven't already made a payment, please do so via School Gateway at your earliest convenience.

Safeguarding

Ensuring the safety of our children is a top priority and to enable us to do so effectively we need to know who is on site. When leaving the building, we would kindly ask that you do not open the doors and allow access to anyone, even another parent arriving late to school. Please also ensure that the doors are closed upon leaving the premises. As always if you do have any concerns or questions regarding any aspect of safeguarding, please bring these to Miss Purcell's attention.

Packed Lunches

Please ensure that your child brings a healthy nutritious lunch to school. This should not include sweets, chocolates, fizzy drinks or any nuts (we are a nut free school). Choking hazards such as grapes should be cut into small pieces. For lunchbox idea and tips please visit [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)

After School Club

There will be no after school club on the last day of term – Friday 4th April.



Things to Look Forward to At Ide Primary

March	
Tuesday 4th	Devon Wildlife Trust Visit Wildlife Champions
Wednesday 5th	Elm Visit to West Exe Production
Friday 7th	World Book Day
Monday 10th	Elm and Chestnut History Workshop
Wednesday 12th	Maple Multi Skills Festival at West Exe
Monday 17th	Willow and Elm Dental Hygiene Visit
Wednesday 19th	Willow History Workshop
Thursday 20th	Maple Trip to Paignton Zoo
Friday 21st	FIS Quiz Night
Wednesday 26th	Devon Wildlife Trust Champions Conference
Wednesday 26th	Elm Handball Festival at West Exe
Wednesday 27th	ELAT Song and Dance Day
April	
Tuesday 1st	Willow Showdown at Barnfield Theatre
Thursday 3rd	Poetry Performance
Friday 4th	Last Day of Term
Mon 7th – Mon 21st	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 22nd	Year 3 and 4 swimming starts
May	
Monday 5th	Bank Holiday
Mon 12th – Thurs 15th	Year 6 SATs
Friday 16th	Booktrust Pyjamarama
Mon 26th to Fri 30th	Half term
June	
Monday 2nd	Inset Day
Mon 2nd – Wed 4th	Year 5 & 6 Residential at Wildwood Escot
Mon 16th – Fri	Sports Week
Tuesday 17th	Sports Day
Wednesday 18th	Chestnut Softball Cricket League at West Exe
July	
Tuesday 22nd	Last day of term

Term dates can be found on our website or via the following links –
[Academic calendar 2024/25 UK](#) [2025/26 Academic Calendar](#)

FIS PRESENTS:

QUIZ & PIZZA



FRIDAY
21ST
MARCH



Ide Memorial Hall
£10pp includes pizza
Teams of up to 6
Doors open 7pm -
Quiz starts 7.30pm



BAR * PIZZA * RAFFLE

Limited spaces so please message us
to book your team:

friendsofideschool@hotmail.com or
message Louise on 07813 142635

IDE VILLAGE

We all know that getting our children to and from school is a very busy part of the day. Attending a small village school has many great advantages but access by car is not one of them!

We also know that the start and end of the day can be difficult for people living in the village, due to the volume of traffic and parking arrangements.

We would like to provide some information about the options for getting children to and from school, to hopefully support everyone to have a positive experience and minimise any difficulties.

Walking with your child to School

If walking to school is an option for you, the physical and mental health benefits are obvious. It's good to talk, to catch up and talk about the day. Walk with friends and it's even better!

If you live within walking distance, coming by foot really helps to ease the traffic coming through the village.

In the past, parents have organised a 'Walking Bus'. This has set off from the car park of the Twisted Oak. The school would be very happy to organise for some cards which can be stamped on arrival at school for children using the 'Walking Bus'. If any parents/carers would be able to support with getting this up and running again, please get in touch with the school.

Travelling by bike

Balls Farm Road is now closed to cars (except those used by people who live on it) so it should be a much safer place to cycle. It's well used by children walking to and from West Exe School and is an invigorating start to the school day. Of course, Ide High Street will need some careful navigating - but walking with your bike is always an option.



Travelling by car

We understand that for some parents, this is the only option. You may be travelling from a distance, your working day may follow closely after 'drop off', or there may be other reasons that you do just need to come by car.

If you are coming by car, please remember that Ide will be busy with young children, parents and other villagers all going about their days and drive slowly through the village.

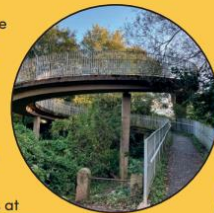
Parking

The best option is to park at the Twisted Oak Pub. The Twisted Oak generously offers lots of parking, accessible via Little John's Cross Hill, and it is only a short walk to school from there. A bridge over a brook, the 'Curly Wurly' Bridge, the war memorial - it's a few minutes' walk with lots of lovely things to see.

Alternatively there's a car park at the top of the village - just beyond The Poacher's Pub on the left as you go up the hill. It's got 19 spaces and it's only a short hop from there down the road to School.

There are also a number of parking spaces on the high street.

Please don't park on the pavements at the bottom of the hill - if you do, you are forcing pedestrians into the road. Likewise avoid parking on the double yellow lines on the High Street - they are there for the safety of pedestrians and other road users.



Ide Parish Council and Ide Primary School very much appreciate your support in helping our village to be a safe place for everyone.

idevillage.org.uk
ide.devon.sch.uk

Are you worried about your child's...

Selective mutism?

Delay in using first words?

Understanding of language?

Speech clarity?

Use of vocabulary or grammar?

Stammering?

Social skills?



Exeter speech & language therapy

Private speech and language therapy for children and young people aged 0-18 years, in Exeter and the surrounding areas. For more information and to arrange a **free** initial telephone appointment, please see our website: www.exeterspeechandlanguagetherapy.com



Devon Children & Young People's Neurodiversity Navigators

A free, confidential wellbeing service supporting children, young people and their families navigating neurodiversity.

Contact Us

livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net

Monday - Friday
9am-5pm

What we do

- Information and guidance relating to specific aspects of neurodiversity
- Objective, evidence-based advice and positive support strategies
- Active listening and practical and emotional support
- Connect with other teams and external services to help co-ordinate your journey
- Connect families to enable peer support and connection



Have your say

We are interested in hearing about the lived experiences of young people and their families.

Your views and experiences allow us to develop our team, and tailor the services we provide to improve the support for our families and young people.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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