



The Beacon

Church of England (V.A.) Primary & Pre-School *Living life in all its fullness. (John 10:10)*

Dear Families and Friends,

Highlights of the week:

Little Egrets: Making porridge and using our new tools to cut different fruits to top it with!

Lapwings: Exploring rhyming words in our class text 'Oi Frog!'.

Oystercatchers: Making finger puppets to act out the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

Cormorants: Investigating what it was like to live in the Bronze age.

Avocets: Creating our own rock tracks in Garageband.

Ospreys: Immersing ourselves in 'The Barnabus Project'.

Choir: Our workshop with Mr Monks from Armonico Consort, working towards our concert in Exeter Cathedral.



Mr Elliott, who is training to be a teacher, has been visiting us for a few days this week, to observe our music lessons. He has served in the Royal Marines Band, and played his trumpet at

the King's coronation, and now he's played at The Beacon Primary School too! It was great for everyone to hear tunes from Wallace and Gromit and Star Wars amongst others.

Stars of the Week You may have noticed that our Foundation Stage Unit (Little Egrets) don't have a Star of the Week. They have all been absolute stars, settling in brilliantly to their new class and new routines, but we are going to wait a little while before taking them up to church, once they can all confidently walk safely together. We will still be recognising their achievements within the class.

Help us get all the funding we possibly can! Census Day 1st October, two ways you can help before the date –

- Little Egrets (Reception age only), Lapwings and Oystercatchers classes please book a school dinner for Thursday 1st October (the deadline for this is this coming Monday).
- Please apply for 'Free School Meals' now so that we can get the funding - it must be in place by 1st October. For some families, there are additional benefits including reduced costs for some trips and our residential and financial support. It may also mean school receives more money as well, depending on the application outcome. Apply via the citizen portal. If you have no recourse to public funds and earn less than £26,300 per annum, you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals – the office has further information or you can check on the [Government website](#).

Friday 18th September 2026

Stars of the Week

Lapwings: Elsie

Oystercatchers: Dennis

Cormorants: Eva

Avocets: Mabel **Ospreys:** Frank



Next Week:

Collective Worship: This week in our Thankfulness series, we are considering being thankful for God's creation. We'll be using Psalm 148 to help us think about all the things in our world and beyond that we're thankful for. Perhaps you and your family can take a moment to talk about the special places you love to visit together.

School dinner ordering deadline

Please order by 9am Monday 21st September for the week starting 28th September. Any problems either email or call into the office when dropping off on Monday morning.

Monday Nasal flu vaccinations

available for all those who have given consent online via Kernow Health.

Y6 Meet the Teacher event 2.50pm-3.20pm, sign in at the office

Wednesday Ospreys (Y6) Trip to ECC

– arrive at school by 8.30am.

Multisports Y1-3 incl, 3.30pm-4.20pm

Orchestra 3.30pm-4.30pm

Thursday School Council Elections

ECC Open Evening 4pm-7.30pm

Friday Celebration Worship 9am at Holy Trinity Church, everyone welcome!

Cormorants (Y3/4) Swimming

Multisports Y4-6 incl, 3.30pm-4.20pm



Exmouth Community College Open Evening Next Thursday, 24th September, is the annual Open Evening for ECC. If you wish to attend one of the presentations, you do need to book. Check out the [link](#) for booking details.

School Council Elections take place on Thursday 24th September, with announcements in Friday's Celebration Worship. Please take a moment this weekend to remind your child that if they're choosing to stand for election, they need to bring in their poster / email in a video or any other form of 'campaign' by Tuesday 22nd September.



School photos You should have received your proof card with your child's photo. Please note that school does not have anything to do with the ordering, you need to order online via Orderphotos.co.uk or by scanning the QR code on your proof card. Please ensure you place your orders by Friday 2nd October to receive free delivery to school. Orders placed after that deadline will incur a postage fee and will be delivered to your home address. For every photo/item which you buy, the school receives a small commission, so this is one of the ways in which we raise funds to provide experiences and equipment for the school. Thank you in advance!

Multisports returns! Now that we have settled back into our new routine, Multisports will begin running again from next week (w/c 21st September). Years 1, 2 and 3 will have their club on Wednesdays and Years 4, 5 and 6 will meet on Fridays. Please book via MCAS – it is slightly different this time as it will show in 'Products' or 'Store' rather than 'Trips and Clubs'. There are 11 weeks left; we are charging for 9 sessions in the expectation that at least one session will have to be cancelled!

For those who are more musically minded in Years 5 and 6 (Avocets and Ospreys), Orchestra also starts next week – sign up for this is done via a paper form as we don't ask you to pay for this club. Your child will have brought a letter home this week.

More Dates

Meet the Teacher events These will be held on the following dates:

Lapwings (Y1) Thursday 1st October

Oystercatchers (Y2) Friday 2nd October

Cormorants (Y3/4) Tuesday 29th September

Avocets (Y5) Monday 28th September

Ospreys (Y6) Monday 21st September

Each event will run from 2.50pm-3.20pm. Please sign in promptly at the office – there will be a 'quick' sign in available.

We will be holding a meeting for Little Egrets parents (both Reception and Pre-School) one evening before half term, as it's a little harder to arrange this one during the day due to the variety of pick up times – we will let you know as soon as we have fixed the date.

Parents' evenings

These will be held in the week before half term, week commencing 19th October – more details will be issued nearer the time, but please make a note in your diaries to keep a night free that week! They will run between Monday-Thursday only, depending on teacher availability.

We wish you all a peaceful weekend,
Mrs Anne Billington,
Headteacher