



# West Yarner/Seale Hayne Autumn 2025

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another year has flown by. In July, our first set of year 11's finished with us and all four of them have either gone to further education colleges or into an apprenticeship. They achieved a wide range of qualifications from the entry level in subjects such as Art and Humanities with others gaining GCSEs in English, Maths, Science and Geography. We enter pupils at East Wing for entry level and functional skills exams when they are ready.

We continue to fund some pupils to Ocean City College in Plymouth to complete motor vehicle repair qualifications.

It has been a busy term, as always, with lots of trips out and about and visitors coming in to see us. We have had Plymouth Argyle coming to the East Wing to train the football team. Our football team have received their school kits in time for their tournaments in Newton Abbot.

West Yarner took all the pupils to Farmwise in Exeter which was an amazing experience with the main ethos being 'Farm to Fork'. Yarner also had a visit from a published author of childrens' books.

In the new year we are hoping to invite parent/carers into school for a coffee morning. If you are interested, we will invite external speakers and guests to talk about a range of topics relevant to our pupils and their families.

Please keep in touch, have a lovely Christmas and happy new year.

Simon Wood.





# EXAM SUCCESS



Joint Council for  
Qualifications

Dear parents,

First of all I would like to congratulate all of our children who took their Functional skills exams in Maths and English earlier on this term.

We are still awaiting our late November and December exam results and we will inform you individually. We are very proud of our children who engaged and did their best during the exams.

On the 8th of January three of our children will be taking their Award in Measure Level 2 exam and we are wishing them all the best.

This summer our year 11 students will be taking their GCSE exams. I will let you know the dates and other important information next term.

If you have any questions about your child's attainment and pathways towards their exams please do not hesitate to contact me on [ynorgate@ontrackededucation.com](mailto:ynorgate@ontrackededucation.com)



# NATIONAL FITNESS DAY



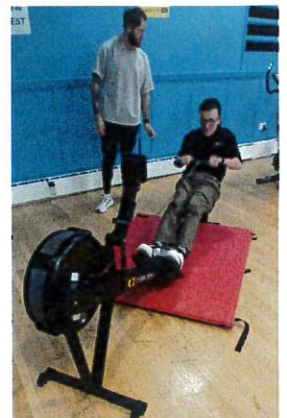
This year, our school took part in National Fitness Day, a nationwide celebration of the importance of staying active and looking after our wellbeing. The 2025 theme, "Powered by You", is all about how every individual has the ability to take charge of their own fitness. Not through expensive equipment or complex routines, but by making simple, everyday choices that keep both the body and mind healthy.

As part of the day, students and staff discussed different ways we can all look after our physical and mental health. From moving our bodies regularly to practising positive habits like rest and mindfulness. We explored how fitness isn't just about physical fitness but also about balance and self-care.

To get everyone involved, all year groups were provided with an activity pack for tutors to use during form time. Classes across the school also took part in a wide variety of physical challenges, including:

- A rowing machine competition to see who could cover the furthest distance in one minute.
- The Army Fitness Challenge, testing strength and endurance as they would during admission into the armed forces.
- An introduction to a kid-friendly HIIT workout designed to be fun, accessible, and high-energy.
- A selection of additional activities for students to try and challenge themselves in different ways.

The purpose of National Fitness Day is to show young people that fitness isn't about big, flashy workouts or unattainable goals. It's about the small, everyday things we can all do to improve our health, whether it's walking to school, stretching, joining in with sports, choosing healthier foods or taking time for our mental wellbeing.





# Football



## Tournaments

Our students have done us proud at several football tournaments again this term. They have shown real resilience and some great skills.



## Training Sessions with Plymouth Argyle



Students have enjoyed some very successful football training sessions delivered by coaches from Plymouth Argyle.



# Rugby



On the 5th October Grace, a year 11, student had the opportunity to meet two of England Rugby World Cup winners. Claudia Moloney-MacDonald and Maddie Feaunati visited Teignmouth Rugby Club to open their new changing rooms and hold a girls training session. Hopefully Grace can follow in their footsteps one day!





# RAISING MONEY



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all the students, staff and parents who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was a huge success and needless to say there wasn't a crumb left in sight by the end of the day. A special mention to Bradley, Dan, Valerie & Jimmy who baked some delicious treats for the occasion. We raised a wonderful £95.18 which will help Macmillan to:

Fund Macmillan nurses

Provide cancer information

Answering calls on the Macmillan Support Line

Do whatever it takes to help people living with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Well done everyone. It really will make a difference and we are proud of you all for your efforts.



## Children in Need: Odd Socks Day

We saw lots of colourful sock combinations on Friday 14th November, for our Anti-bullying Week and Children in Need Day. A big well done to 'The Eagles' tutor group and to Skyla who came joint first in the Pudsey 'Challenge Yourself to 25' quiz and also to Grace for scoring 25 on the Pudsey Bear Pong challenge. It was great to see so many get involved and to raise an awareness of two very worthwhile causes.





Our KS 3/ KS 4 students are working towards level 1 BTEC cooking.

Throughout the term they cooked a range of recipes, which were tasted and liked by the students and staff. This term our favourite recipe was " Orange cookies." They were amazing!

AND STAFF

## Italian Orange Cookies

### Ingredients

#### Dough:

- Egg whites: 80 grams (or approximately 2-3 large egg whites)
  - Granulated sugar: 250 grams
  - Orange zest: Zest of one orange
- Honey: 35 grams (about 2 tablespoons)
  - Almond flour: 250 grams
- Baking powder: 2 grams (about 1/2 teaspoon)

#### Coating:

- Powdered sugar (Icing sugar): 60 grams (for rolling)



### Method

#### 1. Prepare the Dough

1. Combine Wet Ingredients: In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the weighed egg whites, granulated sugar, orange zest, and honey until smooth.
2. Add Dry Ingredients: Sift the almond flour and baking powder together, then add this mixture to the wet ingredients. Use a spatula to mix until a thick, uniform dough forms.
3. Chill: Cover the dough bowl tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for a minimum of 1 hour to firm up.

#### 2. Shape and Coat

1. Prepare for Baking: Preheat your oven to 160°C (320°F) for conventional ovens or 150°C (300°F) for fan-assisted ovens. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Coat Cookies: Place the 60g of powdered sugar in a shallow bowl. Scoop dough portions (about 20-25 grams each) and roll them into balls. Coat each ball generously in the powdered sugar. Shape them into traditional oval or lozenge shapes if desired.
3. Arrange: Place the coated cookies on the prepared sheets, leaving space between them.

#### 3. Bake

1. Bake: Bake for 18 to 22 minutes, or until the cookies spread slightly, develop cracks on the surface, and the edges are lightly golden.
2. Cool: Allow the cookies to cool completely on the baking sheet before handling; they will harden as they cool.



# NATIONAL ENGLISH BREAKFAST DAY

## Superstar Chefs Celebrate National English Breakfast Day!

What a delicious start to the week! On Tuesday, December 2nd, our school kitchen turned into a bustling, professional culinary environment as we celebrated National English Breakfast Day!

A huge round of applause goes to our incredible student chefs, Luke, Clayton and Bradley, who stepped up to the challenge and helped prepare a magnificent feast for the entire school!

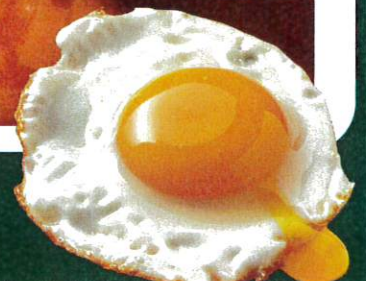
These dedicated students worked alongside our staff, showcasing teamwork, focus and amazing skill under pressure. They masterfully prepared all the components of a perfect breakfast:

Sizzling Bacon  
Hearty Sausages  
Golden Fried Eggs  
Crispy Hash Browns  
Perfectly Toasted Bread  
Warm Baked Beans

Bradley took charge of the toasting station, ensuring every slice was just right, while Luke and Clayton expertly managed the rest of the cooking.

They coped brilliantly with the fast-paced, high-pressure environment, demonstrating the resilience and skill of true professional chefs!

We are so proud of their enthusiasm and hard work, which made our National English Breakfast Day a delicious success for everyone!







# HALLOWEEN



## PICKING AND CARVING PUMPKINS



### Competition Time!

The students at Seale Hayne went to pick their pumpkins and then had great fun carving them. They had some brilliant ideas for designs and the competition was on for the best pumpkin. Look how fabulous they were!



# WINNER



### Halloween

The Yarner children grew their own pumpkins this year from the seeds of last year's harvest from the pumpkin farm. They worked very hard to prepare the raised beds and look after the seeds inside as they propagated them, watching them grow throughout the spring and summer. Although they didn't grow as big as we would have liked, we now have another collection of seeds to try again next year.

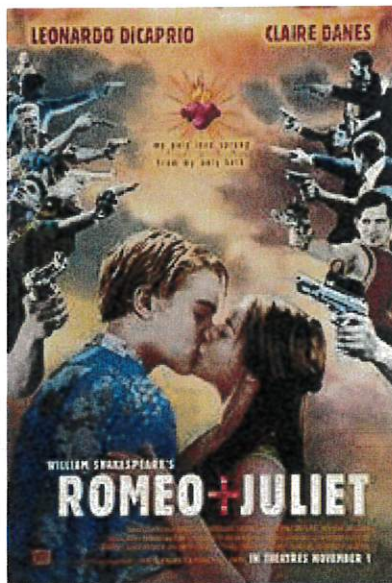




# ENRICHING LEARNING



## Off to the Cinema!



Key Stage 3 and 4 students enjoyed a special cinema trip to watch *Romeo and Juliet*. The students were captivated by the modern film version and will now be completing a series of lessons about the famous Shakespeare play, using the movie as a key reference point. Staff were proud of how well all students behaved throughout the visit, and it was clear from their reactions that everyone genuinely enjoyed the film.



## Writing Competition



Clayton won a creative writing competition with his gripping 500-word alien-invasion story. Judges were especially impressed that he included background facts explaining the real-world inspirations behind his tale, giving it unexpected depth despite the strict word limit. His creativity and attention to detail earned him first place — along with a well-deserved reward: a Galaxy chocolate bar!

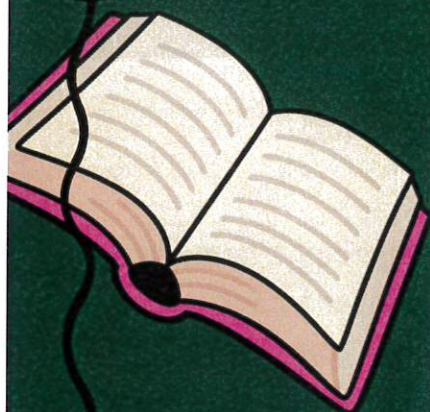




# WEST YARNER

## Emily Lloyd-Gale (author) visit

On the 2nd October, we were very lucky to have a visit from an author who spent time reading to and talking with the children. Emily Lloyd Gale brought along a couple of her books featuring Maurice the Moose with an extraordinarily long moustache. The children enjoyed listening to the story and discussing the events and characters with the author as well as asking lots of questions about her job and how she works on a text. Emily was kind enough to leave us with a signed copy of each book for our school library which have been a hit amongst children.



## Your Farmwise Trip

On the 7th October, West Yarner visited Westpoint arena, Exeter to attend the Farmwise education event. Throughout the day, we visited a plethora of areas and stalls with companies who taught us about their livelihoods and businesses allowing us to attempt a range of different activities as well as educational areas which taught us about many aspects of farming and the importance of this. The children learnt about soil quality, food growth, harvesting, animal care and their uses, different aspects of dairy farming, recycling, robotics, how to make sausages and pizzas, and the effect of our food choices on the planet.





## Aztec Pyramids

This year, Year 6 have been learning about the Mayan civilization. They have enjoyed researching this group of ancient people including their buildings, society, beliefs and food and drink. They had a great time building their own Aztec pyramids, linking DT to their topic work and embedding what they had learnt.



## Remembrance

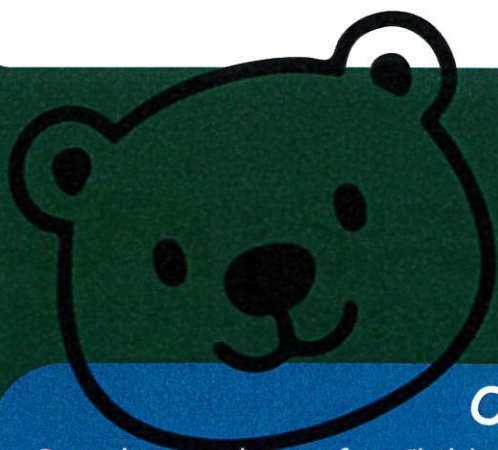
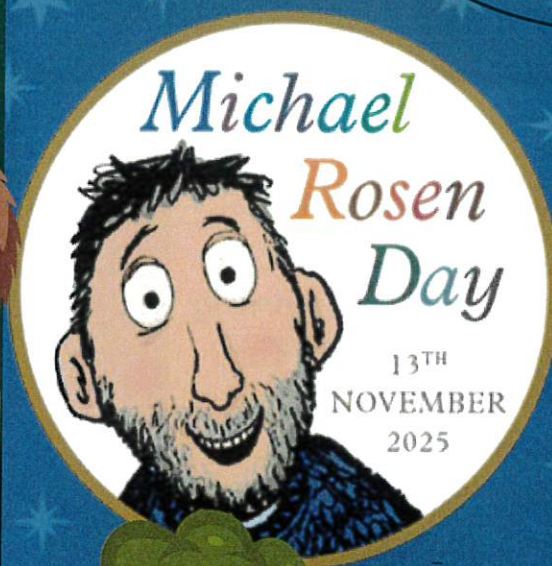
This year, West Yarner came together outside to reflect silently for 2 minutes, remembering those people who paid the ultimate price in order to protect us and ensure we remained safe. The children learnt about some of the events of World War 2 and why we remember the people who gave their lives for us.





## Michael Rosen Day

On the 13th November, we came together at West Yarner to celebrate Michael Rosen Day 2025. The children enjoyed watching a live webinar of Michael on the big screen as he performed some of his poems, told us stories about his childhood, answered questions from children across the country and selected the winning poems entered into the competition. Following this, the children planned and created their own 'funny food' poems in the style of 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt', with some great description and onomatopoeia being used.



## Odd Socks at Yarner

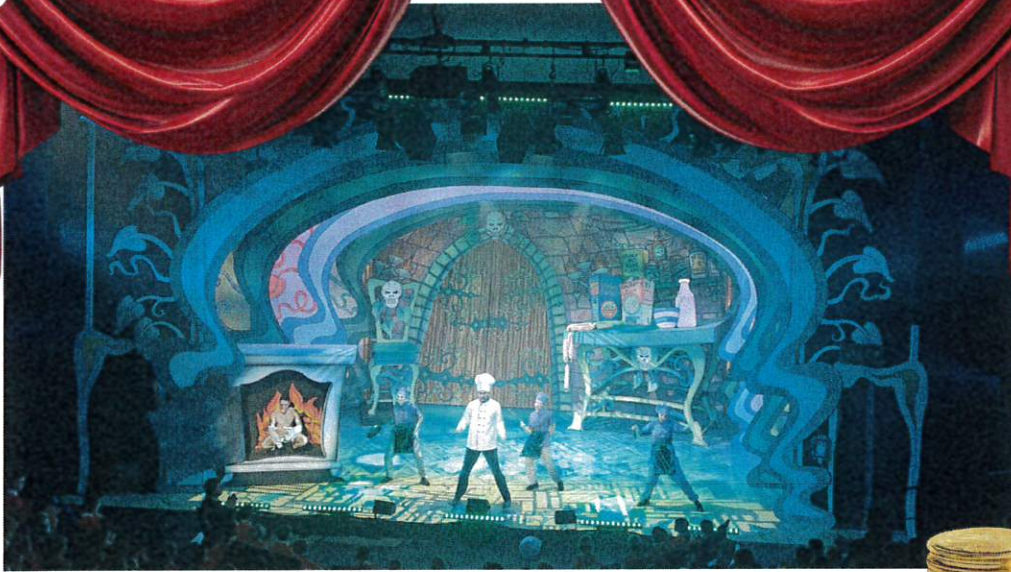
Our chosen theme for Children In Need this year was odd socks, coinciding with anti-bullying week. Children were encouraged to come in wearing odd, colourful socks to highlight how we are all unique and celebrate this. Children learnt about the charity and what they do, as well as completing some fun activities, with one pupil choosing to bake everyone some themed biscuits. We also discussed friendships and how to support each other in different ways.



# PANTOMIME TIME

He's behind you!

Oh no he's not!

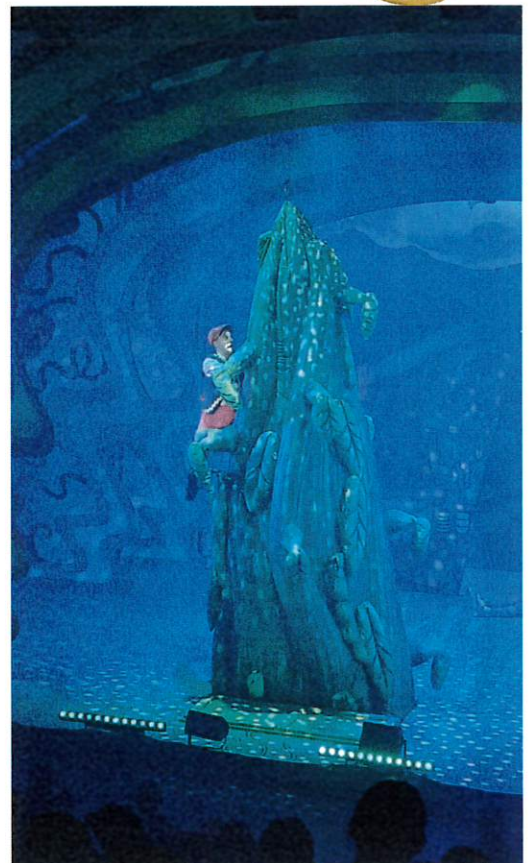


## Off to the Panto!

On 10th December, the students from both schools went to the pantomime to see Jack and the Beanstalk. It was lovely for all of the children to be together to enjoy a great show. Many joined in with the songs and actions, and the jokes went down very well!

The behaviour of students was impeccable and they were a credit to the school.

It was the perfect way to usher in the Christmas season.





# MERRY CHRISTMAS



The Christmas tree is up! Christmas is officially here!  
Some students were very excited to get into the festive spirit.



## Christmas Cooking

The students at West Yarner worked hard making their Christmas cakes. The school felt very festive and excitement was high!







## Spring Term Dates

Wednesday 7th January 2026 - Thursday 2nd April 2026

Half-term holiday: Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026

## Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 21st April - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Half-term holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May



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