



Orchard Manor School News

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May the warmth of the sun and the fresh breeze of May greet you with a warm hello..

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Hello Everyone!

The first newsletter of the Summer Term! How fast has this year gone - and how lovely is it to see this amazing Spring sunshine?

This month we will be seeing our Ten Tors 2025 athletes taking part in the Jubilee Challenge between the 9th and 11th of May. Training has been taking place regularly since November last year and our walkers are strong and willing. The majority of our youngsters will be camping on Friday night, walking on Saturday morning, and going home on Saturday afternoon. We hope to have about 40 children from Year 9 through to Post 16. Lots of our staff will be accompanying them on their hike and if you can, why not come along to cheer them over the finish line?



The team will all be wearing personalised bright red OMS hoodies with their name on to commemorate this year's walk—including all the staff! We will have 19 staff camping on the Saturday night, 26 staff walking or packing on Saturday, 4 staff camping with our walkers on Saturday night, and 4 walking or packing up the campsite on the Sunday. It's a monumental feat of organisation and preparation and I can't say a big enough thanks to everyone who makes it possible for our students to experience something that they will no doubt remember for years to come and of course, it goes without saying that we are so very proud of our students for taking part. We are looking forward to seeing lots of photos, and I will be there to cheer them over the finish line.

On Friday, OMS Sports Leaders and PE Team hosted a Super Sports Day for children with Physical Disabilities from mainstream schools across Devon, in conjunction with the Devon Physical Disabilities Advisory Team. It was a very successful day and helped very much by the involvement of our Sports Leaders who buddied up with each child throughout the day. They really are fantastic ambassadors for the school—impressing everyone—including someone from the Devon Advisory Team who said: "I just wanted to write to say an enormous thank you for such a fantastic day. I drove back thinking about all of the individual successes, and seeing some of the children achieve more than they would have thought, as well as developing relationships with your super students, who were absolutely great at recognising what our children needed." We are so proud of them!

Continuing with the theme of being active, this Summer the PE team have arranged a fabulous range of sports clubs over the lunchtimes for both Upper and Lower Campus. Sports included are Boccia, The Girls Active Club, New Age Curling, 1 Touch (a traditional OMS game), Table Tennis, Football, Dodgeball, Tag Rugby, Cricket and finally, Molkky. Flo, our Expressive Arts teacher, is also putting on some clubs for Dance and Guitar. Its going to be fantastic and definitely something for everyone!

Right, I think that's it! All that's left to say is have a super Bank Holiday weekend, enjoy the sunshine, and we will see you back on Tuesday at 9:10am!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher

Summer Term Dates	
6 May	Exams Start
9 May	10Tors Weekend
5 June	Coffee Morning with Paige 10—12pm
16 June	Last GCSE Exam
16 June	Sports Week
1-3 July	OMS Wind in the Willows The Musical
11 July	Summer Fete
14 July	Transition Week
24 July	End of Term 1pm