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Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Nursery - Scooting and Balancing

The children have been using their balancing and scooting skills to explore the nursery playground.



### Harvest Festival Preparation

The children have had fun creating props to go with their Harvest Festival song 'Big Blue Tractor'.



## Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to celebrating harvest in school with our annual Harvest Festival celebrations. The harvest assembly will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and will be led by our local clergy. Each class will sing songs to each other - the children have been busy learning them!

If you would like to donate any tinned food please send this in and we will make sure that this gets to the Ilfracombe Foodbank.

## Attendance

Research shows that children with excellent attendance make better progress at all stages of their education than those with poor attendance. 90% attendance may sound good, but it is worth remembering that a child with 90% for the whole year will actually have missed nearly 4 weeks of school.

Children who are tired, have snuffles or wake up with a headache, can attend school. It is important that they do, so that they don't fall behind in learning. Rest assured, we will look after them and will contact you if they are really unwell.

Please support us in improving attendance - every day counts in your child's education.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant

**Executive Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	'Open Wide and Look Inside', Dental Visit Assembly, Year Two
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Crafts and Singing for Parents and Carers, Reception
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Crafts and Singing for Parents and Carers, Year Two
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Crafts and Singing for Parents and Carers, Year One
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term

# VACANCIES

## Catering Assistant

We have a permanent position for a Catering Assistant. Working 16 hours per week, Monday to Friday during term time (38 weeks per year). The hourly rate of pay is £12.65 per hour.

You will be responsible for supporting the kitchen manager in the preparation and cooking of school meals and will have a flexible attitude and can-do approach to a variety of tasks in our busy kitchen and dining hall. Full training will be given.

## Cleaner (to cover Maternity Leave)

We are looking for a dedicated cleaner to join our team on a temporary basis to cover maternity leave. The successful candidate will be able to work independently and as part of a team.

Working 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day, from 4pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, during the school term and thirty additional hours during the school holidays. The hourly rate of pay is £12.65 per hour.

## Mealtime Assistants (to cover Maternity Leave)

We are looking for caring and supportive individuals to ensure that our children have a joyful mealtime experience. The successful candidates will be reliable and flexible with a positive outlook, and will embrace being part of a dedicated and busy team.

Working 5 hours per week, 1 hour each day during the lunch time, Monday to Friday during term time (38 weeks per year). The hourly rate of pay is £12.65 per hour.

**Closing date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Interested? Please contact us for an application form on 01271 863 462 or send an email to [adminilfracombe@goodilf.org.uk](mailto:adminilfracombe@goodilf.org.uk)**

In return for the vital contribution that you make, we offer:

- 25 days annual leave per year (rising with length of service) plus Bank Holidays pro rata
- Membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme - more information can be found on the Peninsula Pensions website <https://www.peninsulapensions.org.uk/>
- Uniform (Catering Assistant)
- Caring and Childcare Benefits
- Access to our confidential Employee Assistance Programme - available 24/7 to support you with personal and work life

The Goodleigh C of E Primary School and Ilfracombe Infant & Nursery School Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced Disclosure is required for this post. Please note it is our process to apply for references for shortlisted applicants and conduct online searches. Candidates are encouraged to read our Safeguarding policy before applying please visit our website [www.ilfracombe-inf.devon.sch.uk](http://www.ilfracombe-inf.devon.sch.uk).

## Why is school attendance so important?

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**



**School**  
is the **key** to  
**future success!**



Missing **2 days**  
of school  
each month  
= Missing nearly  
**3 weeks**  
during a  
school year



**15 minutes**  
late every day  
= **two weeks**  
of learning lost  
each school year



Data shows  
pupils with  
more than  
**95%** attendance  
Achieve better GCSE results!  
**at least one grade higher!**



Even **90%** attendance  
is still 19 days of education  
lost in a school year



**ATTEND! AIM HIGH! ACHIEVE!**

### **Oaktree Nursery**

*Sovereign Play Equipment will be resurfacing the lower garden at Oak Tree Nursery on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 08.00 onwards.*

*Equipment may begin to arrive 10 days prior to this, including plant and skips and the contractors will need access to the car park at all times.*

*Please be aware that the car park is not to be used for school drop off or collection at any time. It is a private car park and is causing considerable congestion/hazard at certain times of the day.*



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**NHS**  
Oral Health  
Improvement Service

Devon  
Dorset Council

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN

(1.5 hour session)

**Wednesday 8th October 2025**

at 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Book here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SNCW7Szqqi>



*A FREE online webinar  
for parents, teachers,  
and carers*



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