

29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Christian value that we have reflected upon this week has been, 'compassion'. I have had a number of children coming up to me telling me how others have helped them at play time or in class with various challenges they have faced. It is wonderful to see how well the children are supporting one another and are thinking of others before themselves.

The children have settled into school very well but we are aware for some children they are still finding it harder than others. It is fundamentally important that we support children's social, emotional and health needs and we work closely with families to ensure that we provide the best provision to support our children. We are fortunate to have a 'pastoral team' as well as a new school SENDCO that is here to work with you should you have any concerns. Please do get in touch with us should you need to.

We are launching our 'homework meetings' with the intention that we can support you in understanding as to what we are setting and how to help at home. It also provides us an opportunity for you to grab a cup of tea or coffee and to meet your class teacher, each other, the pastoral team and myself. It is informal and an opportunity for us to get together.

The children at Go Beyond have had a wonderful time and have involved themselves in all activities. Thank you to Josette Arnold, Sue Dewey and Hayley Bowles for making this happen.

The Year 5 children visited the library this week to meet an author and they had a fantastic time. Lots of smiles and inspired children!

Finally thank you for the Harvest contributions. We have a large number of items coming into school and know that it will make a big contribution to the Freedom centre.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Mathew Harts
Head of School

General Letters issued this week

Year	Topic
All	School Uniform Reminder
Spain	Forms to return
5	London—Expression of Interest
CEET	Timetable
Football	Reminder re afterschool clubs
Various	Cross Country
5&6	Braunton Burrows
All	Christmas card project
All	Homework Meetings

PE Days

Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Monday
Year 5 – Wednesday
Year 6 – Tuesday

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 2nd October 2023?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Private Guitar Lessons

Tuesday

Appletree farm small group
Ceet project small group -Rosemoor
Cross country at PCC

Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Year 5—Braunton Burrows
Year 6—Homework Meeting 2.45pm

Thursday

Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons
Private Drum Lessons
Year 5—Homework Meeting 2.45pm

Friday

Upper School Sports
Private Woodwind Lessons

Find us on;

Website: www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

Facebook: [@Pilton Bluecoat Academy](https://www.facebook.com/PiltonBluecoatAcademy)

Twitter: [@teammatceo](https://twitter.com/teammatceo)

Email: office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group

<https://www.facebook.com/>

Breakfast Club & Afterschool club

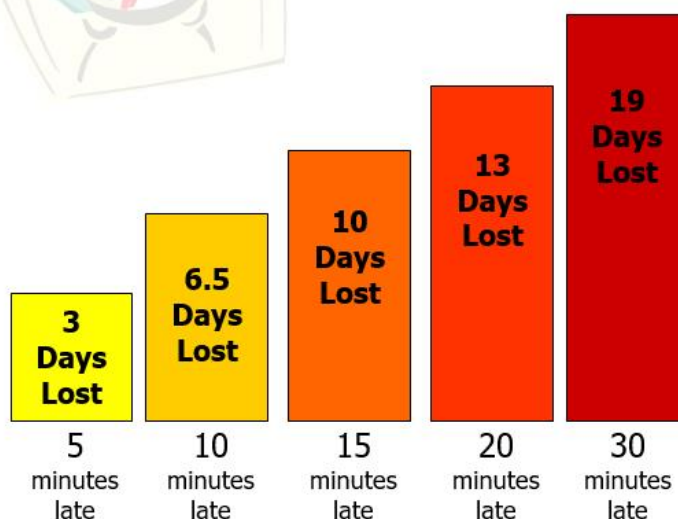
Please contact Tia or Jemma on

north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk

Attendance - Every day counts



0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



That's two school weeks

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your kind donations in support of the Freedom Centre.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

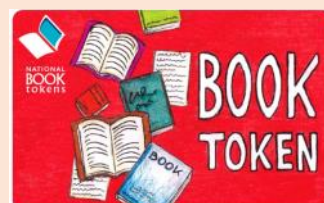
If you think that your child could be entitled to free school meals but haven't made an application then the Free School Meal Team have a platform that enables you to make a quick application online where your eligibility can be assessed and an outcome can be given instantaneously.

To apply for free school meals please visit the <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

It's a quick and easy way to check your availability online

If you have any other queries relating to free school meal entitlement you can email the team at freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk.

WE ARE GIVING ANY SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS (BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2023) A £10 BOOK TOKEN FOR THEIR CHILD





- If your child is poorly please report their absence to the school office on 01271 345952 by **9.30am**.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance please to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.
- Please supply your child with a refillable drinks bottle every day.
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!
- Parking Permits for use in Fairview carpark are available from the school office. Two per family.

Autumn Term Dinner Menu

Meal price is £2.53 per day,
payable on Arbor please
Tomato & Basil Pasta and Jacket
Potatoes with a choice
of toppings are available every
day.
Fresh fruit and salad are
available daily.

**Please can you keep your
child's meal balance and
wraparound care
(if applicable) balance
topped up "in the black"
please.**

	Week 2: 11/9, 2/10, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12
Mon	Burger in a bun V – Veg burger in a bun Crispy potatoes & seasonal vegetables Fruit & yogurt
Tues	Beef lasagne V – Macaroni cheese Garlic bread & seasonal veg Fruit mousse
Wed s	Roast of the day - Chicken V – Vegetarian roast Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit and ice cream
Thur s	West country sausages V – Vegetarian sausage Mashed potato, seasonal vegetables Fruit crumble and custard
Fri	Fish Fingers V – Cheese wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg Vanilla shortbread

FRIDAY SPORTS

Autumn 2023					
Friday's Date	Planning	Swim	Dance	American Football	Football
06-Oct	UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
13-Oct	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
20-Oct	UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
27-Oct	HALF - TERM				

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on their relevant Friday.

Swimmers; please ensure that your child brings in a swimming costume or shorts/trunks and a towel. Swimming hats are useful for long hair or it needs to be tied up. Goggles are optional, please no talcum powders.

To cover the cost of the swimming we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child per lesson please, this can be paid via Arbor under school shop.

Reminder re Asthma Forms

If your child is on our asthma register and you haven't yet done so, please can you return your child's asthma paperwork to the school office as soon as possible.

Dates for your diary, 2023

Date	Event
11th October	Year 6 Branton Burrows Trip
23rd—27th October	Half-Term
7th November	Tempest Photos Individuals/Siblings
20th November	Flu Vaccinations

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

Half-term: 23rd - 27th October 2023

Last Day: 15th December 2023

Spring Term

First Day: 3rd January 2024

Half-term: 12th - 16th February 2024

Last Day: 28th March 2024

Summer Term

First Day: 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024

Half-term: 27th - 31st May 2024

Non Pupil Day: 3rd June 2024

Last Day: 23rd July 2024

Non pupil days: 2nd January 2024 and 3rd June 2024

Any articles which appear in the school newsletter, that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only.



October Dates

Tuesday 3rd - Morrison's Supermarket Café, Bideford from 10:30am.

Any questions please contact Natalie: **07966910527**

Friday 13th – St John's Garden Centre Café, St John's Lane. (Next to Tesco)

Any questions please contact Bonnie: **07377625276**

Tuesday 17th – Lemon Tree Café, Holland Walk, Barnstaple from 10am

Any questions please contact Janice: **07869436621**

Thursday 19th – Online Specialist Education and EHCP support session.

Any questions and to book a place contact Tracey: **07921220840**

There's never been a better time to join a music County Group!

Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs support a wide range of local ensembles, music centres and progression activities for children and young people. More advanced young musicians should consider joining a County Group and September is a great time to get involved, allowing you to benefit from all of the exciting performance opportunities on offer over the year ahead:

Devon Youth Orchestras: Devon Youth Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra are particularly keen to welcome new cello, double bass, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone and percussion players (kit drummers welcome).

Devon County Youth Brass Band: Thanks to private funding, to celebrate the 20th anniversary, Devon County Youth Brass Band are offering membership for the 2023-24 season for only £20!

Devon Youth Choir: Are you a young singer aged 11-18? Join Devon Youth Choir for their first gathering day of the school year on Saturday 23 September at Exeter School and take your singing to the next level!

Devon Youth Chamber Brass: Brass and percussion players can look forward to collaborating with young musicians from Wells Cathedral School later in the year, as well lots of other great opportunities to perform.

Devon Youth Wind Orchestra: With a tour to France planned for Summer 2024, it's an exciting time for young woodwind, brass and percussion players to join DYWO!



Pilton Green Man Festival

We are meeting at **7.30pm on Thursday 5th October** in the **Reform Inn, Pilton Street** to start putting together the 2024 Green Man Day Committee.

If you feel you could help, please come to the Reform Inn on the 5th; everybody welcome.

If you are interested in helping but you can't make the meeting, please message us with your contact details:

piltonfestival@googlemail.com



U10's JUNIOR RUGBY

#GOBARUM

BARNSTAPLE RUGBY IS LOOKING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS FROM YEAR 5 TO JOIN IT'S U10's TEAM INTERESTED EMAIL juniors@barnstaplerugby.com



Barnstaple SC Water Polo

From Sept. '23' Thursdays - main Tarka Pool:

7.30 - 8.30 pm (Juniors/Development 1.4m/1.8m)

7.30 - 9.30 pm (Performance/Seniors 1.8m)

A fun team game that has excellent fitness benefits such as endurance and explosive power!

- All swimmers welcome from 8 years upwards. (Open to anyone who can tread water for 3 minutes or longer)
- Many of our best players have achieved National Swimming Qualifying Times.
- Successful Surf Life Savers enjoy playing too and are natural players.

If you would like to play, please come along on a Thursday for a FREE taster or contact:

BarnstapleWaterpolo@gmail.com



ADULTS BABIES CHILDREN

chat, friendship, support, play, songs,
craft, bible stories, coffee and cake

Thursdays 10.00 - 11.30

In
Pilton Church Hall
83 Pilton Street

only £2 per family

Term time only