

20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am currently in Spain with two staff members and 24 children, visiting our friends at El Pañescal school in Segovia. Our students are actively engaging in school activities, embarking on educational excursions, and immersing themselves in the local culture and family life. Partnering with schools from different countries provides our children with enriching opportunities that extend the concept of 'Life, Love, and Learning to the Full,' beyond our regular curriculum. We are committed to enhancing our global partnerships for the benefit of all our students. We will return on Friday evening, and I am certain the children will have many stories to share, followed by a much-needed good night's rest. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Carrie Sprenger, Mrs. Bater, and Miss Gregory for ensuring the trip was well-organised and fully supported.

This half-term has been fulfilling with numerous achievements, from the seamless settling in of your children and their support for one another, to the new OPAL play provision, sporting events, diverse curriculum experiences, and successful homework meetings. We are eagerly anticipating the next half-term.

Parental consultations will begin the week of Monday, 6th November. We encourage you to schedule a time with your child's class teacher. If you encounter any issues, please reach out to us.

We still have just 8 rugby tickets available for the match between Wales and the Barbarians which is taking place on Saturday 4th November. This event is intended for Years 4-6, and it would be wonderful if we could fill a coach for the trip. The cost is £26 which includes the ticket and coach. For more details, please contact the school office.

I am pleased to note that our attendance rate has improved. Consistency forms the bedrock of success, and this is especially true when it comes to your child's education. Each day at school presents a unique opportunity for learning, growth and community engagement. Consistent attendance ensures that your child does not miss out on these invaluable experiences, helping them weave together threads of knowledge, skill-building and social interaction. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please let us know; we are here to assist.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received at Pilton Bluecoat Academy. The sense of community here is truly remarkable, making it a special place to be a part of. Thank you all once again, and I hope you have a restful half-term.

Best wishes



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Christmas Project Artwork
All	Christmas Lunch
All	Guardian Consultations
5&6	Cobbaton Combat Visit

We show letters sent here so that you are aware of the main correspondence sent out that relates to your child so you don't miss anything.

Please contact the school office if you think there's an email you haven't received.

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 30th October 2023?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Private Guitar Lessons

Tuesday

Small Farm Group

Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Year 6 to Cobbaton Combat

Thursday

Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons
Private Drum Lessons
Caffy's Farm small group
Team Cross Country Event at High Bickington

Friday

Lower School Sports
Private Woodwind Lessons

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Website: www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

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

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Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group

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

Breakfast Club & Afterschool club

Please contact Tia or Jemma on

north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk

This term all year groups are learning to play the ukulele. For the first half of our topic, we have focused on learning the different strings, learning to play C major and F major chords, and learning different strumming patterns. In the second half of our unit we will focus on composing. Here are years 3 and 4 enjoying their lesson!



REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

THE CLOSING DATE FOR YOUR CHILD'S YEAR 7
SCHOOL APPLICATION IS

31st OCTOBER 2023

Uniform—please, please, please can you label your child's clothing including coats, drinks bottles and lunch boxes, we are finding an increasing number of items cannot be returned as they are un-named. If your child has lost an item the first place to look is in their cloakrooms.

Flu Vaccinations

The Immunisation Team will visit our school on Monday 20th November 2023. If you want your child to be vaccinated you will need to sign up following this link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL
REFERENCE CODE: DV138315

The deadline for sign up is midday Friday 17th November 2023 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please telephone 01392 342678 and the team will be happy to help.



- If your child is poorly please report their absence to the school office on 01271 345452 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 veg 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
Thurs	West country sausages V – Vegetarian sausage Mashed potato, seasonal veg Fruit crumble and custard
Fri	Fish Fingers V – Cheese wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg Vanilla shortbread

Segovia, Spain 2023

Twenty four pupils from Years 5 & 6 together with three members of our staff have spent a week in the historic town of Segovia, Spain where they will enjoy partnership work with children at Ceip El Penascal school, local sight seeing and activities. A lot of exciting opportunities have been incorporated into the week which includes the opportunity for children to visit Spanish families and enjoy an evening meal with them, a treasure hunt and local crafts like basket weaving as well as a visit to Bernabau stadium.



Check out our Facebook and Twitter pages for more photos of our adventures!



FRIDAY SPORTS

Autumn 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	American Football	Football
03-Nov		LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
10-Nov		UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
17-Nov		LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
24-Nov	Change	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
01-Dec		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
08-Dec		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
15-Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM - NO FRIDAY SPORTS					

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.

Pilton Bluecoat Parentgroup – Christmas Card Project

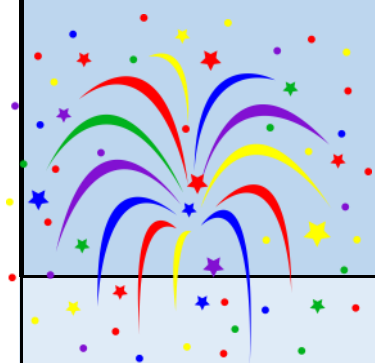
Please note the deadline of 11.59pm on Weds 25th October (during half term). This is so that we are able to get them sent back in plenty of time for Christmas.



Our Upper School will be visiting Cobbaton Combat Collection next half-term – consent is needed and voluntary contribution if you are able to is very much appreciated–via the Arbor app.

Year 6–Weds 1st November

Year 5–Monday 13th November



Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th October

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3—Haya. Year 4 Sadie, Year 5 —Lily

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3—Bonnie, Year 4—Henry, Year 5—Luna, Year 6—Alfie

Work

Molly R for showing great resilience this week.

Harry G for his incredible transformation whilst being at Bluecoat.

We are all SO proud of Harry.

Harry M for his attitude to learning this week

Evie P for her effort with her learning this week.

Pippa for writing an incredible diary from the perspective of a child in 1914

Damien for incredible effort and determination in maths lessons

Caleb, Jovan and Ki for amazing teamwork and problem solving throughout their Anderson shelter building.

Nancy and Holly for their absolutely amazing Anderson Shelter model - they worked so hard and showed great teamwork throughout the project.

Charlie B and Jack C for their fantastic improvement in their cross country running.

Contribution

Ophelia - Mrs Kiff witnessed kindness to another child during a Music lesson.

Manuel & Noa for their very generous book donations

Farewell to Matilda

Our Stephen shield runners!

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 8th November and Thursday 9th November

Bookings are now open on Arbor

Come in and see us 😊



POPPY APPEAL



After half-term our School Council will be going class to class selling our Remembrance Poppies and other items. Suggested donation for the items shown is £1, or a poppy is 50p. Please send your child with change, we have limited stock.

Well done to our cross country runners who took part in the very competitive Stephens shield last week. The children showed fantastic ability in their cross country running as well as lots of perseverance and effort.

Out of over 30 different schools in each race Pilton Bluecoat achieved the following results:

Year 3 girls= 13th

Year 3 boys = 12th

Year 4 girls = 12th

Year 4 boys = 4th

Year 5 girls = 1st

Year 5 boys = 8th

Year 6 girls = 4th

Year 6 boys 18th

Well done everyone who took part.



School Photos

On 7th November, Emily from Tempest will be here to take individual and sibling photos (only siblings in Pilton Bluecoat)

Under Data Protection guidelines, GDPR, parental consent is required for a child's image to be taken by an external provider. The image will be owned by H Tempest Ltd and retained on their records indefinitely.

Please look out for a letter after half term giving full details—this permission is separate from any other permissions we already hold for day to day photos.

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

Dates for your diary, 2023

Date	Event
23rd—27th October	Half-Term
1st November	Year 6 trip to Cobbaton Combat
2nd November	Team—Cross Country Event
4th November	Rugby Trip - Wales v The Barbarians
7th November	Tempest Photos Individuals/Siblings
8th November	Year 2 Open Meetings
8th & 9th November	Teacher & Guardian 1:1 Meetings
10th November	Remembrance
13th November	Year 5—trip to Cobbaton Combat
17th November	Children in Need
20th November	Flu Vaccinations



WE NEED YOU.

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Local Governing Bodies (LGB) as a school Governor and/or a Trustee.

Governor

The role of a School Governor is key in ensuring the school offers high standards of education for all children.

Each school within TEAM Multi -Academy Trust has its own Local Governing Body. The LGB meet once or twice a term and are encouraged to join in with our school visits and learning walks throughout the school year. This is a voluntary position and training is available for this role.

Trustee

Our Trustees oversee the strategic direction of the Trust schools along with holding the senior school leadership to account and monitoring the trust's finances– amongst many other aspects of school performance.

They can draw on their own expertise from all aspects of business and industry and have specific interests as part of their role such as – Curriculum, Personnel, Admissions, Finance, Safeguarding, Premises or SEND. They meet approximately 6 times a year as a whole group and are active within a range of committees and individual portfolios.

VOLUNTEERING IN THIS WAY BRINGS MANY REWARDS. YOU WILL ENJOY WORKING ALONGSIDE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AND GET REAL SATISFACTION AT USING YOUR SKILLS TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

If you are interested in volunteering or to find out more about being a local governor at your school or a TEAM trustee, then we would love to hear from you. Please email vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



For more information, please visit our Governance section on our website: www.teamacademytrust.com

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.



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

Table Top Sale

Saturday 28th October

12-4pm

In Pilton Church Hall

£7 per table

Sellers from 10.30am—please book in advance with

Julie on 07855 660362

With refreshments

Have a clear out or grab a bargain!

Proceeds to Joe Wells Edinburgh Uni Journey

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AGE 8 – 18

AUDITION FOR YMS

AWARD WINNERS get

- help towards the cost of lessons
- free tickets for concerts
- performance opportunities
- mentoring advice

Apply online at Dartington-yms.org

Auditions 25th November 2023

LIGHT PARTY

Grosvenor Church

Tuesday 31st October

5-7pm

Book with QR code
or [click here](#)
01271 374240



crafts
games
hot dogs
face painting
bouncy castle
sweets

Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

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or scan the QR code to request a call back



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