

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your understanding and cooperation during the unexpected school closure yesterday. As you would have been made aware, we must follow the guidelines given by DCC around operating procedures, especially if we fall into the 'risk to life' category. We fully understand the impact this has on families and the disruption it causes. Getting information out as quickly as we possibly could was crucial in helping to support you in making arrangements. Once again, thank you for all your support.

The children have settled back into school life really well, and those who went on the Spain trip seem to have caught up on sleep! At our school, fostering an international perspective is a cornerstone of our ethos. We are committed to broadening our students' horizons, enriching their understanding of their community, the UK, and the wider world. Our partnership with our friends in Spain is a testament to this, and I am excited about the upcoming virtual meeting with teachers in Potsdam, Germany, which promises to further expand our international collaboration.

This week's assembly was a celebration of 'community', focusing on the theme of 'serving others'. I highlighted numerous instances from the previous term where I observed our students selflessly prioritising the wellbeing of their friends. Their empathetic actions, whether in play or conversation, showed respect and camaraderie. The reflections from the Spain trip reinforced this spirit of mutual care and the growth it fosters within our community—a source of immense pride for all of us at Pilton Bluecoat.

The Year 6 trip to the Cobbaton Tank Museum brought the realities of World War 2 to life, developing on their ongoing study of 'A Child's War' with a tangible, immersive experience.

Regarding the cross-country tournament, circumstances have caused us to postpone the event and we are eager to reschedule as soon as possible and will notify you of the new date in the coming weeks.

I also wish to remind you of the upcoming parental consultations. If you have not yet had chance to make an appointment, please reach out to the office to arrange a suitable time.

Finally, I look forward to seeing all the Welsh rugby fans on Saturday morning! We are set to have a great day at the Wales vs Barbarians rugby match, so please bring your singing voices with you!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards
Mathew Harts **Head of School**

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
3 & 4	Nativity Performance
Various	Rugby final details
Various	TEAM Cross country cancellation
6	Cobbaton Combat Chase
All	School Photos by Tempest
All	School Closure and home learning
All	Change to menu for Fri 3rd

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 6th November 2023?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Private Guitar Lessons

Tuesday

Tempest photos
Appletree Farm small group
CEET small group
Year 5—London Meeting 3.35pm

Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Year 2 Open Day
Guardian Consultations

Thursday

Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons
Private Drum Lessons
Guardian Consultations

Friday

Upper School Sports
Private Woodwind Lessons

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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

Pilton Bluecoat Parentgroup – Christmas Card Project

If you missed out on ordering any items of your child's artwork, the online shop reopens on 17th



Year 4 Parents

We will be visiting Bovington Tank Museum on Friday 24th November. Consent is needed and a voluntary contribution if you are able to is very much appreciated via the Arbor app please.

Thank you.



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:

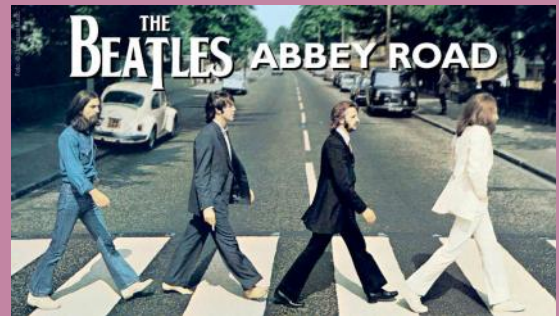
<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

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.



Six very lucky children from Brayford, Pilton Bluecoat and Usherleigh were invited to join the Teachers Rock Academy choir this term with Mrs Brayley. During half term they travelled up to London with 80 Teachers Rock choir members to record an album at the iconic Abbey Road Studios (made famous by the Beatles along with many other famous recording artists and groups). What an experience!



A big well done to Noa, Emma, Eva & George who were all medal winners at the recent Union Karate Do Southwest All Style Karate Championships.



Noa - A Silver and Bronze Medal.

Emma - A Silver and Bronze Medal.

Eva - A Bronze Medal.

George - A Gold Medal.



- 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.

	Week 3: 18/9, 9/10, 6/11, 27/11
Mon	Hot dogs V - Vegetarian hot dogs Crispy potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & yogurt
Tues	Spaghetti Bolognese V - Vegetable bolognese Garlic bread & seasonal veg Jam tart
Weds	Roast of The Day - Gammon V - Baked homity pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit and ice cream
Thurs	Hunters chicken V - Cheese & bean wrap Rice & seasonal vegetables Autumn sponge made with fruit
Fri	Salmon or cod fish cakes V - Vegetarian nuggets Golden fries & seasonal veg Flapjack

FRIDAY SPORTS

Autumn 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	American Football	Football
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. 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.

Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals which are based on policies for this year and next year and have your say.

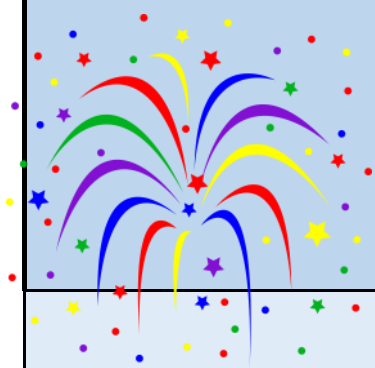
Our proposed policy is on our admission page on the school website and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> . Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.



Year 5 Parents

We will be visiting Cobbaton Combat Collection on Monday 13th November. Consent is needed and a voluntary contribution if you are able to is very much appreciated via the Arbor app please.



Celebration Assembly

Friday 3rd November

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Sammy, Year 4 - Joseph, Year 5 - Kiason, Year 6 - Ella-Mae

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3—Theodore, Year 4—Harry, Year 5—Ashly

Work

Alfie G for always being helpful and kind in class

Lottie C for showing kindness and putting in 100% in everything she does.

Robert for his lovely attitude in class.

Grace for always giving 100%. Able to learn from mistakes and shares her ideas with her peers.

Danny for his excellent effort in his home learning

David for showing resilience in his swimming lessons.

Kirsten for her interest in our Cobbaton trip

Lewis for his fantastic improvement in his cross country running.

Noah for his fantastic math lesson that he planned and delivered to the whole class

Contribution

Beth & Rory for their extreme kindness shown to another child in Spain.

Charlie ~ helping another child

Saturn = 153 Neptune = 138

Mercury = 119 Jupiter = 109

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 8th November and Thursday 9th November

Bookings close on Monday 6th November at 23.59hrs.

There is still time to make an appointment, if all appointments have been booked for your child's teacher please contact the school office.



POPPY APPEAL



Our School Council have done a great job selling our Remembrance Poppies and other items. They will still be selling them next week. Suggested donation for the items shown is £1, or a poppy is 50p. Please send your child with change.



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 sign up on Arbor by midnight on Sunday 6th November.

Sorry no permission means no photos will be taken.

This permission is separate from any other permissions we already hold for day to day photos or previous Tempest permission sought.

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

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

Dates for your diary, 2023

Date	Event
Sat 4th November	Rugby Trip - Wales v The Barbarians
Tues 7th November	Tempest Photos Individuals/Siblings
Weds 8th November	Year 2 Open Meetings
8th & 9th November	Teacher & Guardian 1:1 Meetings
Fri 10th November	Remembrance Friday
Mon 13th November	Year 5—trip to Cobbaton Combat
Fri 17th November	Children in Need
Mon 20th November	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 24th November	Year 4—trip to Bovington
Mon 11th December	Nativity Performance 2pm
Tues 12th December	Nativity Performance 6pm



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.

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

Call 01237 879233, email fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk or scan the QR code to request a call back



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November Dates

Friday 10th – St John's Garden Centre Café, St John's Lane (Next to Tesco) from 11am. Any questions contact Bonnie: 07377625276

Tuesday 14th - Morrison's Supermarket Café, Bideford from 10:30am. Any questions contact Natalie: 07966910527

Tuesday 21st – Lemon Tree Café, Holland Walk, Barnstaple from 10am Any questions contact Janice: 07869436621

Thursday 30th – Online Specialist Education and EHCP support session from 7-9pm Any questions and to book a place contact Tracey: 07921220840

Email: sidebysidebarnstaple@outlook.com

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Thursdays 10.00 - 11.30

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Pilton Church Hall
83 Pilton Street

only £2 per family

Term time only

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday Club

**Crafts, Games,
Snacks, Faith, Fun!**

SUNDAYS 10.30 - 11.45am



MEET IN ST MARY'S CHURCH,
PILTON @10.30AM & THEN WE
WILL GO OVER TO THE HALL

EMAIL PILTONSUNDAYCLUB@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFO



FESTIVE CHARITY COOKING EVENT

for the Children's Hospice Southwest

Time to Cook are teaming up with Graze & S'more to deliver a fabulous workshop for children aged 8 and upwards on how to make the perfect Grazing Platter.

**Sunday 12th November at 1pm
at Pilton Church Hall**

Katie Ley, owner of Graze & S'more will be revealing her secrets on how to make beautiful Grazing boxes. In this two hour workshop, your cooks will learn how to prepare and present delicious ingredients.

They'll go home with a Grazing box worth £27 and all the insider tips and tricks to prepare Grazing platters at home.



children's hospice
SOUTH WEST

The cost for the class is £30 which includes all the ingredients, equipment and the Grazing box to take home to enjoy. Katie is donating her fee to the Children's Hospice Southwest so part of the class cost will go to this amazing charity.

Message us to book your space

Email claire@timetocook.uk or message Time to Cook on Facebook or Instagram. Sessions must be pre-booked before the class.

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Auditions 25th November 2023

**NEW THIS YEAR—
LATE NIGHT SHOPPING ON FRIDAY!!**

Pilton Christmas Market

**Pilton Church Hall
Barnstaple**

**Friday 24th, Saturday
25th & Sunday 26th
November 2023**

**Late night Friday 5-9pm
Saturday 10-4pm
Sunday 12-4pm**

Come and enjoy the friendly Christmas atmosphere. Browse our many stalls.

**With mulled wine & cider,
refreshments, homemade cakes,
tombola & Santa's Grotto!
Grotto times vary.**



Like us on Facebook—Pilton Christmas Market



**Thursday 23rd November
7pm until late
At The New Amsterdam
£15 per person**

This includes a meal from set menu & 6 games of bingo

**For more information and to purchase tickets,
please email us:
piltoninfantsschoolptfa@gmail.com**



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