

10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to you all for your support over the past few days during our Ofsted inspection. It has given us the opportunity to demonstrate what we do here at Pilton Bluecoat Academy in ensuring that our children receive the best possible opportunities to be the best of themselves. The inspection went well and we look forward to sharing the report with you once it is published

Next week, we will reschedule the parental consultation meetings and will urgently communicate the new dates to you. Once more, thank you for your patience.

I hope you all have seen the North Devon Gazette where there was a lovely write-up on our trip to Cardiff to watch Wales vs the Barbarians. It was a wonderful experience and the children were fantastic. Being able to share the day with other children from across TEAM Multi Academy Trust was wonderful and they even did me proud with regards to their singing!

We are fortunate to have a wonderful community within and surrounding our school and I can only thank you again for the support you show us. Please always remember that we are here, should you need us.

Warm regards,



Mathew Harts  
Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Freedom Centre Thank You
All	Ofsted Visit and various cancellations
4 & 5	Changes to PE for this week only
All	Reading books
All	Children in Need

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 13th November 2023?

### Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons  
Private Guitar Lessons  
Year 5 to Cobbaton

### Tuesday

Appletree Farm small group  
Year 5—London Meeting 3.35pm

### Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons  
Maths workshop – Year 4 small group

### Thursday

Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons  
Private Drum Lessons

### Friday

Lower School Sports  
Private Woodwind Lessons  
Children in Need

## Find us on;

Website: [www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 November for any missed or additional orders.



## Year 5 Parents

We will be visiting Cobbaton Combat Collection this Monday 13th November. A reminder for your child to come to school in their school uniform with a warm and waterproof coat, drink, snack and packed lunch. The trip will take part during the normal school day.



## 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.

**A big thank you to our kitchen team who have produced  
"Lest we forget cookies" for the children's dessert today including  
special dietary ones too!**







- 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.

	<b>Week 1:</b> <b>4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 4/12</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Cheese &amp; tomato pizza</b>  V – Vegetarian sausage roll  Hash browns & seasonal veg  Fruit & yogurt
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Meatballs with pasta</b>  V – Vegetarian meatballs with pasta  Seasonal veg  Pancakes with fruit coulis
<b>Weds</b>	<b>Roast of the day – Beef</b>  V – Quorn fillet  Roast potatoes & seasonal veg  Fruit and ice cream
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Chicken in a wrap</b>  V – Cheese salad wrap  Crispy potatoes & seasonal vegetables  Sticky toffee pudding
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oven baked fish</b>  V – Vegetable slice  Golden fries & seasonal vegetables  Homemade cookie

# FRIDAY SPORTS

Autumn 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	American Football	Football
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](http://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](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or by emailing the school.



## School Photos

If you gave permission online via Arbor you should have received your child's school photo from Tempest direct to your email—please do check your spam folder too.

Some children were not signed up in time and these links have been sent from us today. If you haven't received a link please do contact the school office.



Pilton Bluecoat  
Fundraising Group

# Christmas Fair

Friday 8th December  
3:20pm – 5:00pm

Join us for some festive fun in the school hall  
Raffle, refreshments, games, books and more!

Find Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group on Facebook or contact us:  
[Piltonbluecoat.parentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:Piltonbluecoat.parentgroup@gmail.com)

Facebook link:



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

# 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
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 8th December	School Christmas Fair
Mon 11th December	Nativity Performance 2pm
Tues 12th December	Nativity Performance 6pm



### Children in Need

**Friday 17th November**

**Wear your pyjamas to school!**

**Donations can be made on Arbor under school shop. Thank you**



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](mailto:fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk) or scan the QR code to request a call back



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



### November Dates

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](mailto:sidebysidebarnstaple@outlook.com)

Find us on [Facebook](#)

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](mailto: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](mailto:claire@timetocook.uk) or message Time to Cook on Facebook or Instagram. Sessions must be pre-booked before the class.

[timetocooknorthdevon](https://www.facebook.com/timetocooknorthdevon)

[timetocook.uk](https://www.timetocook.uk)

DARTINGTON NORTH DEVON CHARITABLE TRUST  
YOUNG MUSICIANS SUPPORT

**AN INVITATION TO  
ALL CLASSICAL MUSICIANS  
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](https://www.dartington-yms.org)

**Auditions 25th November 2023**

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

## Pilton Christmas Market

**Pilton Church Hall  
Barnstaple**

**Friday 24th, Saturday  
25<sup>th</sup> & 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:piltoninfantsschoolptfa@gmail.com)**



**All money raised  
goes to the  
Pilton Infants' School  
PTFA**





Presenting a new Beaford Archive commission  
by photographer Gideon Mendel

# When I'm 40

YOUNG NORTH DEVONIANS EXPLORE THE LIKELY IMPACT  
OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE LANDSCAPE THEY LOVE



OPENS 5.30<sup>pm</sup>  
**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER**



Barnstaple  
*Pannier  
Market*

**RUNS UNTIL**  
**17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

The 'When I'm 40' collection will  
be exhibited alongside images  
from Gideon Mendel's  
international 'Drowning World'  
series creating a visual dialogue  
on the climate crisis faced on  
both a global and local level

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