

17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once more, thank you again for supporting the school through the Ofsted inspection. Your flexibility and understanding regarding the necessary adjustments to our school's schedule were invaluable. We have now re-arranged those meetings, and information has been sent out today. The key dates and times of the meetings are as follows:

- **London Visit Meeting** : Tuesday, 21st November at 3.30 pm
- **Infant Families Show-Around**: Tuesday, 21st November at 9.00 am, 2.45 pm, and 6.00 pm
- **Parental Consultations**: Wednesday, 29th November, and Thursday, 30th November.

Should you require further details or have any questions, our doors are always open.

Due to the fact that we took part in a live assembly for Remembrance last Friday, we moved the Celebration assembly to Monday. It was clear to see that children from Year 3 to 6 showed great attitudes towards their learning, as well as collaborative classroom projects.

A highlight of my week was accompanying Miss Gregory and our Learning Champions on their visit to Pilton House. The joy and connection shared between our students and the residents were genuinely heart warming, enriching both parties immensely.

Our budding mathematicians had an enriching experience at Exeter University, participating in challenging and thought-provoking maths problem-solving activities. They had a fantastic time and came back inspired.

The Year 5 students' experience to the Cobbaton Combat Museum significantly deepened their understanding of the World War topic, thanks to an immersive and interactive experience.

We are very much getting into the Christmas spirit within the school, and performances are coming together. We are also looking forward to the Christmas Fayre, which will be on Friday, 8th December. I extend a massive thank you to our dedicated PTA for their tireless efforts in organising this event. If you can spare some time to assist at the Fayre, your contribution, no matter how small, would be immensely appreciated.

A gentle reminder: for safety and logistical reasons, we kindly request that the school premises be vacated by 3.40 pm daily. Your cooperation in this regard is crucial and highly appreciated. We are delighted to report a nearly 96% attendance rate this week. Our collaboration with North Devon's new Attendance and Welfare officers aims to support families and enhance student attendance. We are committed to working alongside you to ensure your children have the best possible opportunities.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards



General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
	CAFFYNNNS Farm Visits
All	New year 2 Show Around Date
5	New London Meeting Date
All	Hamper Donations
All	EXETER CHIEF EXPERIENCE DAY
5/6	Upper School Dress up Day
3/4	Music Sharing Assembly
All	Online Safety Newsletter
All	Family meetings with Teacher

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 20th November 2023?
<b>Monday</b> Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Flu Vaccinations
<b>Tuesday</b> Appletree Farm small group CEET Project—small group NEW year 2 Show around Day London Meeting after school
<b>Wednesday</b> Private Piano & Violin lessons TEAM Maths event
<b>Thursday</b> Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons Private Drum Lessons Music Sharing Assembly
<b>Friday</b> Bovington Tank Museum—Year 4 Upper School Sports Private Woodwind Lessons

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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)**

# Family 1:1 Meetings

These are being held on:

**Wednesday 29th November 3.30 till 6pm.**

**&**

**Thursday 30th November 1.30 till 3.20pm.**

These can be booked from 6pm Friday 17th November on your child's Arbor account.

## LONDON MEETING

### YEAR 5

Tuesday 21st November

15:30

School Hall

## EXETER CHIEFS

### EXPERIENCE DAY

6th January 2024

Only 3 spaces  
left



## Pyjama day for Children In Need

We have managed to raise so far

**£178.50**

donations are still coming in.

THANK YOU!

## 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.



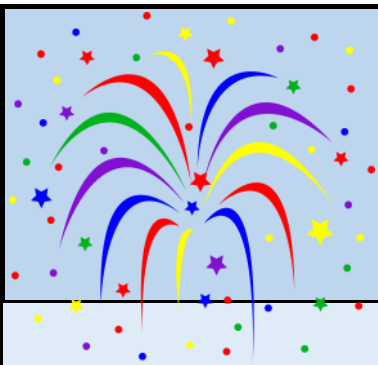
## Christmas Hampers For Our Community.

For Christmas this year, as previous years we would like to help some families in our community who would appreciate a little extra help at this time of year. We plan to provide them with food hampers and would appreciate donations to help us do this.

If you are able to please can you bring in donations of any of the following items over the next few weeks; pasta, rice, pasta sauces, boxes of cereal, bottles of squash, tea bags, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate powder, instant noodles, tins of soup, tins of beans/spaghetti, part baked rolls, bags of crisps, multipack of biscuits; snack bars, crackers, rice cakes, jams & spreads, ketchups and sauces.

Items can be brought into school and left in the school office, your child's classroom (resource area) or on the stage in the main hall, items will be collected regularly from these areas. We are extremely grateful for your help in helping us provide these hampers.

Thank you



# Celebration Assembly

Friday 17th November

## Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Josh, Year 4 - Noa Year 5 - Thea, Year 6 - Ellie

## Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 4—Ivy, Year 5—Isaac, Year 6— Shore

## Work

Vanessa for incredible contribution to class.

Ede for caring and being thoughtful to others.

Stanley & Jacob for fantastic descriptive writing

Harry B for Amazing attitude to his learning across all subjects

Charlotte for a great start with us

Nabil for working really hard, volunteering answers and kindness

Amaley for her positive attitude to learning, using strategies we have taught to help her self-support her Maths learning.

Albie for fantastic ideas in Jigsaw discussions

Jerom B for Fantastic effort and attitude in all of his learning.

## Contribution

Molly for her book donation.

Toby for being really thoughtful and supporting a new starter at break times.

George really thoughtful and helpful.

Saturn = 584 Neptune = 488

Mercury = 450 Jupiter = 533



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

# 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

The closing date for free delivery back to school is  
**Wednesday 22nd November**

Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit  
[www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3) and use the reference number: 210028. Tempest should be able to help then.





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 20th November	Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 23rd November	Music Sharing Assembly—Years 3&4
Fri 24th November	Year 4—trip to Bovington
Thurs 30th November	Year 6 Heatree House meet 3.35pm
Fri 1st December	Teachers Rock Concert in Exeter
Weds 6th December	Christingle
Thurs 7th December	Rocksteady Concert 9am
Mon 8th December	School Christmas Fair
Mon 11th December	Nativity Performance 2pm
Tues 12th December	Nativity Performance 6pm
Weds 13th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day
Friday 15th December	Christmas Carol Church Service

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)

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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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