

24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Power of Words: Building a Positive Community. This Monday, we delved into 'The Power of Words' during our assembly. It's heartening to witness numerous instances where our students have used their words to heal and support each other. Our continuous reflection and guidance help children who find this challenging, empowering them to make better choices. We encourage you to extend this into your homes, reinforcing the values we nurture at school.

Appreciating Our Partners: Thank You, Bray Leino. In line with our new Relational Policy, we've been working closely with our staff and students on our 'Code of Conduct' this Autumn. We are grateful to Bray Leino for their assistance in designing new posters that embody these values, soon to be displayed around the school. A heartfelt thanks to Bray Leino for their invaluable support and the generous donation of £50 worth of food as part of their 50th anniversary, which has been warmly received and will make a considerable impact to families within our community.

Celebrating Volunteer Contributions: Honouring Simon. Simon, a dedicated volunteer at our school, is an exemplary figure who invests his time in gardening projects with our children. His efforts have not only nurtured our gardens but also the hearts of everyone at Pilton Bluecoat Academy. Within the Celebration Assembly we presented him and the children with the Outstanding RHS Gardening Award. His impact on our students is immeasurable, and we are deeply thankful for his dedication. In recognition, we joyfully presented him with £50 worth of vouchers, provided by Bray Leino to recognise someone within our school community who goes above and beyond.

Musical Achievements: Mrs. Brayley and Our Talented Students. A big thank you to Mrs. Brayley and our music students for their incredible performance at Thursday's Music Sharing Assembly. Their passion for music, whether in singing or playing instruments, is a source of immense joy and pride for our school community.

Hands-On Learning: Year 4 and 5/6 Experiences. Our Year 4 students embarked on an exciting journey, while Years 5 and 6 had the unique opportunity to interact with real-life artifacts from Barnstaple Museum related to WW2. This approach to immersive learning has inspired high-quality writing and deepened their understanding of history. A big thank you to Miss Edwards our Maths lead for arranging the Team Multi Academy Trust Maths Challenge this week which was hosted here at Pilton Bluecoat.

Attendance Matters: Celebrating Our Success. Our current attendance rate stands at a commendable 95.5%, surpassing the National average. Regular attendance is crucial for our students' flourishing, and we appreciate your continued support in achieving this goal.

Parental Consultations: An Opportunity for Collaboration. We eagerly look forward to meeting you during the upcoming Parental Consultations. If you're unable to attend the scheduled times, please contact us to arrange an alternative. Your involvement is key to your child's success.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support and engagement with Pilton Bluecoat Academy.

Warm regards,



| General Letters issued this week | |
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| Year | Topic |
| 4 | Bovington Final Details |
| All | New date - family meetings |
| All | Music Sharing Assembly |
| FSM | HAF Flyer |
| All | Friday Sports Reminder of Change |

| PE Days |
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| 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 27th November 2023?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Private Guitar Lessons

Tuesday

Appletree Farm small group
Rising Stars Day 1

Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Guardian Consultations

Thursday

Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons
Guardian Consultations
Private Drum Lessons
Heatree Parent meet 3.35pm

Friday

Lower School Sports
Private Woodwind Lessons
Teachers Rock Concert at Exeter—Evening

Find us on;

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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



If you can spare some time to help at or set-up for our Christmas Fair, your contribution, no matter how small, would be immensely appreciated. Please contact the school office and we can put you in touch with our Parentgroup.

We would like to thank the Parentgroup for their kind donation of Christmas Crackers for our Christmas lunch as well as a contribution to subsidise today's year 4 Bovington trip—making it affordable for every family. They will also be contributing towards Year 3, 5 & 6 trips/events too.

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

PE T-Shirts

We will no longer be holding stock of these in the school office so they will need to be ordered via Brand It or School Threads. We have a small stock of sizes 7-8 and 9-11 but that's it. They will remain on school shop until they have all sold out.



Well done Ruby, Mamie, Lily, Grace, Evie & Amelie (and Mrs Brayley!) who were all presented with an "RSL Level 3 Certificate in Group Performance" following an assessment during their Abbey Road recording



Pyjama day for Children In Need

Well done to all we raised just over

£200

THANK YOU!

A CHILD'S WAR: WW2

ON WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, YEAR 6 WENT ON THEIR TRIP TO COBBATON COMBAT COLLECTION. WE WERE ABLE TO SEE AND HANDLE WW2 ARTEFACTS, INCLUDING ARMY UNIFORMS, GUNS AND TANKS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO USING ALL THE INFORMATION WE LEARNED BACK IN THE CLASSROOM.



A CHILD'S WAR: WW2

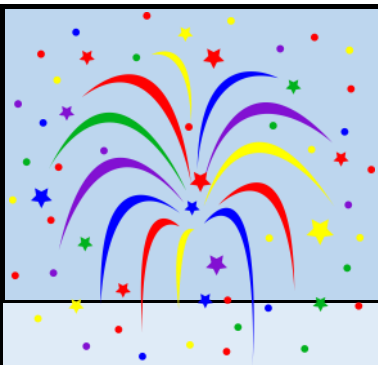
ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, YEAR 5 WENT ON THEIR TRIP TO COBBATON COMBAT COLLECTION. .



A CHILD'S WAR: WW2

WORLD WAR II DRESS UP DAY. THE CHILDREN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO STEP BACK IN TIME AND GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE LIFE OF AN EVACUEE DURING THE WAR.





Celebration Assembly

Friday 24th November

Handwriting Heroes

Edward 3LB, Emilia 5EC, Amelie 6MT

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Eva 3KD, Harry 3LB, Charlotte 5MR, Harriet 6SE

Work

Delphine—Giving her all in everything she does.

Imogen. R—Her amazing progress in year 3

Julia—Amazing art/history learning

George. P—for his positive attitude to learning and excellent Pen Pal letter

Charlie & Jack—fantastic ideas in shared writing

Halle & Shore—Fantastic writing in literacy with her flashback story

Contribution

Emma & George for their very kind book donation to the school.

Liam, Danny, Eddie, Emeilia, Isaac, Harriet, Lucy, Seth, Noah, and George
for representing the school in the TEAM Maths

Challenge

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 808 Neptune = 690

Mercury = 649 Jupiter = 749

YEAR 5 & 6 MATHS CHALLENGE



On Wednesday 22nd November, 8 TEAM schools came together to take part in a Year 5 and 6 maths challenge. They exercised their mathematical brains, solving tricky fraction problems on an orienteering course in order to code-break. Each participant received a 'Mathlete' badge. It was a fantastic afternoon and a real pleasure to see children from the schools working with each other.

The school started to get Christmassy this week, with the arrival of our tree, ribbons up in the hall, setting up our beautiful Nativity scene and the installing of our Christmas post box. If children would like to send cards to each other—we encourage them to use the post box in the foyer and these will be distributed to their classes—please make sure they put last names and classes on the envelopes!



The Free School Meal teams will be issuing vouchers worth £45 per child to families in receipt of Free School meals to support families over the Christmas and February half-term periods. Regarding new eligibility, the cut-off date for families to receive support for this scheme will be **Friday 15th December 2023** so if you feel your family is entitled to Free School Meals please make an application today.

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

Friday Sports - Autumn 2023

| Friday's Date | | Planning | Swim | Dance | Volleyball | Football |
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| 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 | | | | | |



- 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 |
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| Mon | Hot dogs V - Vegetarian hot dogs Crispy potatoes & seasonal veg |
| Tues | Spaghetti Bolognese V - Vegetable bolognese Garlic bread & seasonal veg |
| Weds | Roast of The Day - Gammon V - Baked homity pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg |
| Thurs | Hunters chicken V - Cheese & bean wrap Rice & seasonal vegetables |
| Fri | Salmon or cod fish cakes V - Vegetarian nuggets Golden fries & seasonal veg |

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

Dates for your diary, 2023

| Date | Event |
|----------------------------|---|
| Weds 29th & Thurs 30th Nov | Family 1:1 Consultations |
| 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 |
| 6th January 2024 | Exeter Chiefs Experience |

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**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



November Dates

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

Find us on [Facebook](#)



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

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



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



@ ST MARY'S CHURCH, PILTON

Saturday 2nd December 2023



10.30 to 12noon

Please come along and bring
your friends and neighbours



MUSEUM OF THE MOON by LUKE JERRAM

**SAT 16 DECEMBER - SAT 6 JANUARY
BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET
OPEN 10 - 8 DAILY*
FREE ENTRY**

*OPENING TIMES VARY SO PLEASE CHECK BEFORE VISITING.
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY.



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TICKETS HERE**

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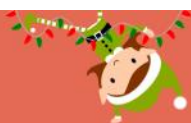


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CIRCUS BERZERCUS

**THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2023
2PM**

Circus Berzercus - The Magical Elves Christmas Show

A perfect family Christmas show packed full of comic
mishaps, great circus skills and lots of audience
participation.

Gerald the senior elf in the circus department, has to train
up Wallace, an apprentice transferred from the magical
department due to "elf cuts", with hilarious results.

Suitable for ages 3-93
£5 per person - booking essential



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Simon our school Diamond!

This morning we presented Simon and the children who have worked in our school garden with a certificate from RHS awarding us with a rating of OUTSTANDING. There are 5 levels and after Simon working with us for just over a year we have reached the level of OUTSTANDING already which is an incredible achievement in our first year.

We also handed Simon a gift voucher. All the staff had to vote for who deserved to be awarded the voucher which was gifted to us from Bray Leino. Simon won the vote and his name was the only name that people put forward.

WELL AND TRULY DESERVED!