

8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a fantastic week at school, filled with numerous examples of our students embodying our core values of service and compassion. It's heartening to see such empathy in action. We also recognise that this time of year can be challenging for some children, and I want to reassure you that our team is dedicated to supporting both students and families. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you're facing any difficulties. Our pastoral team, alongside our teaching staff, is always here to assist children and families across the school.

A highlight of the week was the performances by the children in Rock Steady. They were truly sensational! It was inspiring to watch the older students mentor and support the Year 3 children, culminating in a cohesive and impressive band performance. A special thank you to Stuart for his tireless efforts and dedication. Also, a little secret: the staff have been quietly rehearsing for a surprise performance for the students! Their excitement was palpable, and who knows, this might just be the start of a comeback tour. Stay tuned!

This evening is our Christmas Fayre, an event we eagerly anticipate. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who have contributed to making this community event a success. Remember, all proceeds will be reinvested into the school to enrich our children's learning experiences and resources.

We are also grateful for the generous donations towards our hampers. Your contributions make a significant difference in our community.

Regarding our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) initiative, we are on the lookout for items like pallets, guttering, scaffolding boards, and sturdy old toys. If you have any of these items to spare, we would greatly appreciate your donation. Enhancing our children's play experiences is a priority, and your support helps us continually improve this aspect of our school.

Lastly, we are seeking volunteers with experience in radio technology and media. If you have this expertise and are willing to lend a hand, please contact me at the school. Your involvement could greatly benefit our community.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
6	Heatree
All	Online Safety Newsletter
All	Saturn House Non-Uniform day
All	Christmas Fayre
3&4	Show tickets reminder

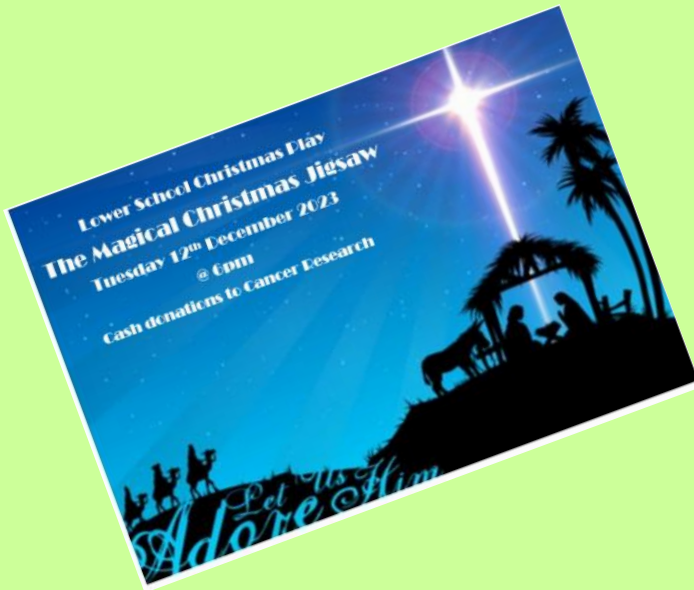
PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Monday
Year 5 – Wednesday
Year 6 – Tuesday
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 11th December 2023?
Monday Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Nativity 2pm
Tuesday Appletree Farm small group Nativity 6pm
Wednesday Private Piano & Violin lessons Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day Choir to Portmill Court
Thursday Rocksteady Lessons Private Drum Lessons
Friday Carol Service at Pilton Church 10.30am End of Term

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Lower School Christmas Play

The Magical Christmas Jigsaw

Monday 11th December @2pm

Tuesday 12th December @ 6pm

Tickets sales via Arbor are now closed, if you want more tickets please contact the school office, the evening performance is almost full but we have a few more for the afternoon show.

Retiring Collection after each performance in aid of Cancer Research if you please.

Debts on Arbor

Please can you make sure that all outstanding dinner and wraparound care debts are fully paid by the end of term. Thank you.

Afterschool Clubs

With the exception of tennis all our clubs finished this week. Tennis will finish on Thursday 14th.

Year 6 Heatree House Residential sign up is now open on Arbor.

Wednesday 13th December Christmas Dinner and Jumper day

Wearing our jumpers to raise money for Cancer Research, donations can be paid via Arbor under School Shop. No need to buy a jumper if you don't have one, just decorate one you already have with tinsel! If your child has not signed up for a Christmas Dinner please send them in with a packed lunch.



- 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
Mon	Burger in a bun V – Veg burger in a bun Crispy potatoes & seasonal veg
Tues	Beef lasagne V – Macaroni cheese Garlic bread & seasonal veg
Weds	Christmas Dinner Day!
Thurs	West country sausages V – Vegetarian sausage Mashed potato, seasonal veg
Fri	Fish Fingers V – Cheese wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg

Saturn House Non-Uniform Day

On

Friday 15th December

For having the most housepoints last half-term!

Well done Saturn house.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you so much for the kind donations you have brought in for our hampers so far, we are still taking donations up until the middle of next week; in particular we are looking for tins of soups, beans, pasta sauces, part baked bread rolls, multipack crisps, tins of veg. Thank you all for your support.

Join us for our
School Carol Service
Friday 15th December
10.30am
At St Mary's Church, Pilton

Fairview Car Park Autumn Term 2023

Permit No: PB.....

6th September 2023 – 15th December 2023

Excluding 23rd – 27th October 2023

Valid from 8.25am – 9.10am and 3.00pm – 3.45pm, Monday to Friday, term-time only

- This permit is for dropping off/collecting children from the named schools only
- Conditions of the carpark apply at all times (see signs for details)
- Misuse will result in this permit being withdrawn.



Please
display on
the
dashboard of
your vehicle



Parking Permit's for next term are now available from the school office, please email us your child's name, car registration number and we will send them home with your child. Alternatively please call into the school office. There is a limit of two per family.

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>

Choir - Exeter Cathedral Teachers Rock Concert

Wow! I was blown away by the children's performance in Exeter Cathedral on Friday evening; I am so proud of every child who took part. The cathedral is a very big daunting venue to perform in and some of the children were extremely nervous, but they all got onto the stage and performed so a huge well done to all of them. Mrs Brayley



Choir - South Molton Fatstock Show

A huge well done and thank you to all the children who came to sing at the South Molton Fatstock Show on Sunday. It was lovely to see so many happy faces wearing Christmas jumpers, singing festive songs and I was lucky enough to dance with Father Christmas! Mrs Brayley



Academy Choir - BBC Spotlight

Did you spot the 6 Academy choir children on BBC Spotlight on Friday?? It was very exciting to be filmed by the BBC during a live stream event last week, celebrating our trip to Abbey Road.

Mrs Brayley



Choir - Pilton House

Well done to my gorgeous choir for spreading even more festive joy at Pilton House!

The residents were all smiling by the time we left! Mrs Brayley



Rock Steady Concerts

A big well done to all our bands who performed in yesterday's concert, they have all worked hard this term and it was a lovely way for them to showcase their talents and what they had learnt. The audience was also treated to a special performance by the "Chemical Pronouns" made up of teaching staff in our school. They're waiting for the call up to rock stardom any day now.....



Christingle service

This week, Sharon from Grosvenor Church led a Christingle service. First of all, she talked about the Children's Society and how Christingle celebrations have raised funds to support children across the world. We then created a huge Christingle to remind us of what the different elements represent before lighting the candle of each of our class Christingles.



School Term Dates 2023/2024

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 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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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

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Christmas Activity Days

WHEN?
MONDAY 18TH
DECEMBER-
THURSDAY 21ST
DECEMBER

TIMINGS
STANDARD DAY
8.30AM-3.30PM
EXTENDED DAY
8.00AM- 5.30PM

WHERE?
STICKLEPATH
COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

AGES 5-11

HOW TO BOOK:

- VISIT OUR WEBSITE- PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK
- CLICK ON THE TAB 'BOOK NOW'
- SCROLL DOWN TO STICKLEPATH PRIMARY SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL
- CHRISTMAS DISCO
- CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS
- CHRISTMAS BINGO
- SANTA AND ELF VISIT

Merry Christmas

Christmas holiday Activity days

Location: Pilton Infants School.
Dates: 18th December, 19th December, 20th December.
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm.
Price: £20 per day.

Information
Days will consist on fun activities including, Football, Tennis, Dodgeball, Christmas Arts & crafts, team games and so much more!

Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch, morning snack, water bottle and is wearing sports kit with trainers.

To book head to:
www.primary-sports.co.uk/events
And click on Pilton Infants Christmas Holiday Activity Days

For any further info please contact
tom.poole@primary-sports.co.uk



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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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THE MAGICAL ELVES
CHRISTMAS SHOW

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Christmas at Pilton

@ St. Mary's Church

Carol Service:

Sun 17th Dec @ 6.30 pm

Seven carols and readings

with mince pies & mulled wine afterwards

Christmas Eve Celebration

Carols & Craft

Starting @ 3.00 pm all ages together!

A 40-minute service with crafts beforehand and the Christmas story with carols

Christmas Day @ 10.30 am

Christmas Communion service

All welcome!

Christmas at St'Mary's, Pilton

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Sunday 17th December

@ 6.30 pm

Seven carols and readings

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER: Festive children's clothes swap in the children's library.

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Wednesday 6th December: Orchard Vale school choir
11.30am - 12pm in the foyer.
Drop in

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Saturday 9th December: Drop-in Christmas crafts
10am - 12pm
Drop in

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Tuesday 12th December: Festive story time and hot chocolate under the tree.
4pm - 5pm
Suitable for children 3-8 years old. Drop in

Wednesday 13th December: Festive Fun for grown-ups around the tree followed by hot chocolate.
3.30-4.30pm
Drop in

❄️

Saturday 16th December: E-Christmas card making sessions
Morning: 10am - 12pm
Afternoon: 2pm - 4pm
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Thursday 21st December: Circus Berzercus - 2pm
£5 per person to look at the library

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