

15th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

I am thrilled to share with you the results of our recent Ofsted inspection. It brings me great pleasure to announce that we have achieved an overall rating of 'Good'. This accomplishment reflects our exceptional performance in all areas, with two areas nearly reaching 'Outstanding'. Alongside this, it was identified how safeguarding was a strength, that children felt safe and happy at school and how the Trust and Governors supported the school incredibly well. The dedication and hard work of our team have been instrumental in ensuring our pupils achieve their fullest potential. Their success is also a testament to our incredible children and the unwavering support from families like yours. It was heartwarming to hear from the inspectors that 99% of parents would recommend this school to others. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

This week, our Year 3 and 4 students outdid themselves with a spectacular Nativity production. Witnessing their collaboration and the seamless integration of our Year 3 students into Pilton Bluecoat Academy was truly heartwarming. Their performance was not just a show, but a celebration of their growth and unity. I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff for guiding and supporting our students.

Our Christmas dinner day was a wonderful experience, strengthening the bonds within our school community. The joy and excitement of the children, especially being served by the staff, made the occasion all the more special. I would like to express my gratitude to our kitchen team for their commitment and effort in making the afternoon perfect.

Today, as we attend the Carol service at the church, we embrace another opportunity to unite and celebrate our community's spirit. These moments are what make our school truly special.

As we approach the Christmas holiday, I want to acknowledge the unique and vibrant community that is Pilton Bluecoat Academy. To all our families, I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with joy and success.

Warm regards,



Mathew Harts, Head of School

**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
from us all at Pilton Bluecoat.**

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Singing Lessons
3&4	Nativity information
All	Reminders re clubs and headlice info
3	Residential Meeting

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 1st January 2024?
<u>Tuesday</u> Non-Pupil Day
<u>Wednesday</u> First day of term
<u>Thursday</u> Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons
<u>Friday</u> Private woodwind lessons Lower school Friday sports

Find us on;
Website: www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk
Facebook: @Pilton Bluecoat Academy
Twitter: @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

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 in January

A new letter will go out at the beginning of next term with new information regarding the afterschool clubs on offer. There will be no clubs running until week commencing 15th January but please wait until you have an email confirmation that your child has a space, even if they are in a club this term.

A big well done to the girls football team who represented the school at a football tournament last Friday and came first to take the cup!





- 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.

Spring Term Dinner Menu

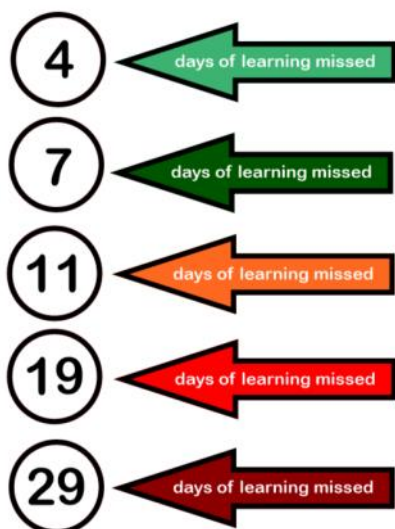
Meal price is £2.53 per day,
payable on Arbor please

Tomato & Basil Pasta and Jacket
Potatoes with a choice
of toppings are available every day.
Fresh fruit and salad are
available daily.

	Menu First week back
Weds 3rd Jan	Hot Dogs Veggie Hot Dogs Crispy potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
Thurs 4th Jan	Chicken pasta bake V – Cheese & tomato pizza Potato wedges & seasonal vegetables Fruit & yogurt
Fri 5th Jan	Oven Baked Fish V – Vegetarian nuggets Golden fries & seasonal vegetables Flapjack

Attendance Ladder

In a school year, this
equates to:



Friday Sports

Spring 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volley-ball	Foot-ball
05-Jan		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
12-Jan		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
19-Jan		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
26-Jan		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
02-Feb		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
09-Feb		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
16-Feb		HALF - TERM				
23-Feb	Change	LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
01-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
08-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these dates as well as their usual PE day. **Swimmers**; please ensure that your child brings in a swimming costume or shorts/trunks and a towel. Swimming hats are useful for long hair or it needs to be tied up. Goggles are optional, please no talcum powders. 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.

Thank you to everybody who came along and enjoyed the lower school nativity show, we raised £80 for our chosen charity, Cancer Research and thank you to everyone who made a contribution towards Christmas jumper day, we raised a further £53.

That's a total of £133 so far and we can still take donations on Arbor under school shop until the end of the year if you are yet to make a contribution.

Thank you.

Another big thank you for everyone who supported our Christmas Fair last week, we hoped everyone had fun. We are extremely grateful to our Parentgroup who work hard to make these events happen. We are told that they are pleased that they raised a substantial amount of money but do not yet have a final figure.

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.

CHOIR

The choir did their final performance of the term at Portmill Court Retirement Home on Wednesday morning and they were their usual wonderful selves! A big thank you to all of them. Mrs Brayley



Please can we ask that over the Christmas break you check that your child has their own school uniform and that it is clearly labelled with their name. If you have anything that belongs to another child please can you return it to school where we can return it to it's rightful owner. We appreciate that items of clothing can sometimes get muddled up. Thank you.

Christmas Festivities



Thank you so much for your kind donations towards our hamper appeal, we managed to put together six hampers for some families in our community.



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
6th January 2024	Exeter Chiefs Experience
8th January 2024	Year 3 Residential Parents/Guardians Meeting 3.35pm
11th January	M&M Productions bringing us an Aladdin Panto

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.

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

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 of 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

PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION
WWW.PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK

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

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

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

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

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
Book at the library

Thursday 21st December: Circus Berzercus - 2pm
£5 per person book at the library

Christmas at St Mary's Pilton

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 at St Mary's Pilton

Christmas Day @ 10.30 am

Christmas Communion service



HIGH-FLYING BASKETBALL ACTION
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LIVE PREMIER LEAGUE
BASKETBALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
PLYMOUTH CITY PATRIOTS.COM



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LEAGUE



PATRIOTS

Was your child born between
1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

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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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CIRCUS BERZERCUS

PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE MAGICAL ELVES
CHRISTMAS SHOW



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**Your Library with a
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FREE HOT SOUP

Wednesday 29th November
Wednesday 6th December
Monday 11th December
Wednesday 20th December

Soup served from 12pm
whilst stocks last



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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!

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

**FREE
CHRISTMAS
RAILWAY CRAFTS**

16TH-20TH DECEMBER | 10AM-2PM
@THE SHAMBLES



Christmas at St'Mary's, Pilton

Carol Service:

Sunday 17th December
@ 6.30 pm

Seven carols and readings

with mince pies & mulled wine afterwards



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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MUSEUM OF THE MOON EXTRA EVENTS



REST & DE-STRESS

M 18 DEC & TH 4 JAN @ 7.00pm

A RELAXED YOGA SESSION



Ticket (including refreshments) £20.00



NORTH DEVON SINFONIA

TH 21 DEC @ 6.30pm

SOLD OUT!



HOWL AT THE MOON SILENT DISCO (18+)

F 22 DEC @ 8.30pm



Tickets £15.00



NEW YEAR'S DAY FAMILY SILENT DISCO

M 1 JAN @ 3.00pm



U16 £8 / Adult £10 / Family £30

PANNIER MARKET STALLS

Don't forget an eclectic range of stalls will be present in the market in the lead up to Christmas - so why not tie in your trip to the moon with some Christmas shopping or tasty refreshments from local traders

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Booking fees apply to these events



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