

5th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful festive season. As we step into the new year, I'm thrilled to report that our students have returned to school with remarkable enthusiasm and have seamlessly adapted to school routines. Your support in this transition is greatly appreciated. We also identify that some children will come back and find it harder to transition. Should you notice any challenges your child may be facing, please feel free to reach out to their class teacher or the school for support.

Our recent assembly delved into the story of Nehemiah, emphasising the essence of being part of a community. The students' insights into the characteristics of a supportive community and the role of rules in its success were impressive. I encourage you to discuss with your child their understanding of community and what they learned from the assembly. As 'Building communities' is one of our Key Drivers, this topic will play a significant role in our journey ahead.

We've embarked on new school topics this week, and the buzz of learning is palpable in every classroom. A highlight was witnessing the Year 5 and 6 students engage in their tree-planting activity, a testament to their resilience and the dedication in battling the elements goes out to all involved!

I'm pleased to report that our attendance this week was around 96%. Seeing the children so positive and supportive of one another around school, just shows how much they enjoy being in school. Remember, it's crucial to inform us if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. This ensures their safety and allows us to keep track of their wellbeing.

Lastly, we're excited about the upcoming school rugby trip to see Exeter Chiefs vs. Northampton Saints this Saturday. As you can see from the table below, both teams are top contenders, promising an exhilarating match. We look forward to sharing our experience with you all.

Premiership Rugby standings							
MATCHES		NEWS				TABLE	
Team		P	W	D	L	PD	Pts
1  Northampton		10	7	0	3	18	34
2  Exeter		10	7	0	3	103	33

It has been really nice to catch up with many of you this week on the playground and I hope to see more of you as the weeks go on.

Have a great weekend.



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Welcome back with menu & Friday sports
5&6	Tree Planting reminder
All	Proms concert
4	Tennis festival
All	Change to PE days
3	Recorders

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

What's on week commencing 8th January 2024?
<p><u>Monday</u> Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Year 3 residential meeting - 3.35pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> Private singing lessons CEET Project - Small group</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> Private Piano & Violin lessons</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons Aladdin Panto Production</p> <p><u>Friday</u> Upper school sports Private woodwind lessons</p>

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Website: 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

Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group

<https://www.facebook.com/>

Breakfast Club & Afterschool club

Please contact Tia or Jemma on

north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk

Afterschool Clubs in January

Clubs are being sorted, please wait until you receive an email to confirm whether your child has a space in any of our school clubs. Start dates will be advised. Only Karate will start next week.

PE DAYS

Please note the ongoing change to our PE days,

Years 4 & 5 have swapped

MONDAY - Year 5

TUESDAY - Year 6

WEDNESDAY - Year 4

THURSDAY - Year 3



Thursday 11th January

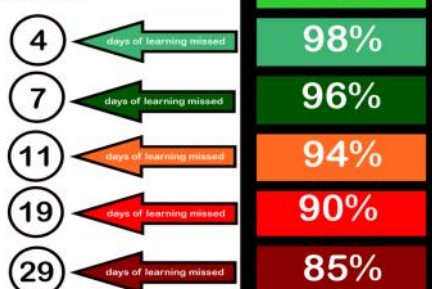
We have organised a Panto performance of Aladdin to be enjoyed by the whole school.

Attendance Ladder

THIS SCHOOL IS A



In a school year, this equates to:



Perfect!

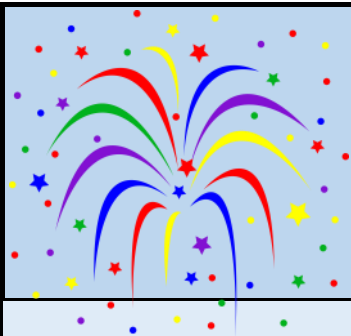
Very good

Good

Improvement
required

Concerns

Very
concerned



Celebration Assembly

Friday 11th December

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Emilie, Year 4- Mirella, Year 5 - Bodhi, Year 6 - Alex

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Elsie, Year 4 - Akul, Year 5 - Eddie, Year 6 - George H & George C

Work

Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performers

Nate and Logan - amazing personal journeys since starting Bluecoat this term.

Isaac W-M - for working consistently hard this term and for his excellent attitude to learning.

Ted - excellent biography writing

Kai C - For excellent progress in his reading.

Amelia C - Excellent attitude and effort in her learning.

Contribution

Esther & Anja for their generous book donations

Robert for his TTRS Exceptional Effort

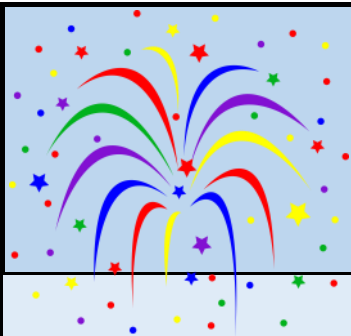
Effie - for always working hard, contributing to lessons, working well with others and showing kindness.

Girl footballers for winning the Barnstaple Football Tournament .

Medals for the top 3 at the PCC cross country earlier in the year.

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Well done to Saturn House who won the most house points this half term



Celebration Assembly

Friday 5th January

In the Celebration Assembly this week, each teacher celebrated the achievements each child has made to their class community and how that has impacted the school ethos of Building Communities. Across the teaching group it was celebrated how children have come back to school calmly, settled, showing politeness to others, accepting new children starting in school, serving their community through the tree planting and how members of the public have commented how their actions will serve their community for years to come. How acts of kindness have been displayed across the school and simply how each child has positively contributed to their community. Even for myself, I went into Year 3 and 4 where the children had been introduced to their new class book. Within the book the word, 'ferroequinologist' was used which even had me confused! However, we learnt it together, children engaged in discussion, shared ideas and did not worry about making mistakes and we eventually worked it out! This just shows the positive environments they are in and how they are fully engaged in the learning process. So please do ask your child if they can remember the meaning of the word!

Overall, I have given each House Group 50 points which reflects our Christian values, Building Learning Power and how they have enacted the schools Code of Conduct to ensure we are in a safe, caring and supportive community.

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 141 Jupiter = 123

Saturn = 121 Mercury = 119



- 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.

	Week 2: 8/1, 29/1, 26/2, 18/3
M o n	Pork Sausages V – Vegetarian sausages Hash browns & seasonal veg Pancake Monday with various toppings
T u e s	Spaghetti bolognaise V – Vegetarian bolognaise Garlic bread & seasonal veg Lemon drizzle
W e d s	Roast of the Day – chicken V – Homity pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
T h u r s	Hunters chicken V - Macaroni Cheese Rice and seasonal veg Fruit & yogurt
F r i	Cod or salmon fish cakes V – Cheese wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg Homemade cookie

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.

Fairview Car Park Autumn Term 2023

Permit No: PB.....

6th September 2023 – 15th December 2023

Excluding 23rd – 27th October 2023

Valid from 8.25am – 9.40am 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 this term are 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.

Year 4 Tennis Festival










Weds 17th January

Details were emailed out earlier this week. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child towards the cost of this event, please can you make payment via Arbor under school trips.

Thank you.

Instrument Lessons

- At Pilton Bluecoat Academy we have six peripatetic music teachers who offer private instrument lessons; either one to one or in small groups
- Teachers come into school once a week during term time and lessons are during the school day
- Please contact the teacher directly for the cost of lessons and availability
- If your child is interested in learning but doesn't have an instrument, the teacher may have an instrument that they can borrow or hire – please ask
- If your child receives pupil premium funding, you are entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of lessons. Please let the instrument teacher know this when you are arranging lessons so that you are charged the correct amount

Guitar <i>Acoustic guitar taught individually or in groups.</i>		Hannah Woollacott hannahwoollacott@hotmail.co.uk	Monday Morning
Keyboard/Piano <i>Lessons will be taught on a keyboard or piano depending on availability.</i>		Rebecca Barrow 07828 601778 rebeccabarrowmusician@gmail.com	Monday or Wednesday
Voice/Singing <i>Individual or small group lessons available</i>		Rhiannon Wright rhiwright92@gmail.com	Tuesday afternoon
Violin		Rebecca Barrow 07828 601778 rebeccabarrowmusician@gmail.com	Wednesday
Rock Band <i>Keyboard, electric guitar, drums, voice. Taught in groups. ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE PROVIDED BY STUART</i>		Stuart Snelling- Rocksteady https://www.rocksteadymusic.school.com/primary/ 0330 113 0330	Thursday Morning
Drums <i>Lessons will be taught on an electric drum kit in school.</i>		Martin Bradshaw 07974 849303 imsnorthdevon@gmail.com	Thursday
Flute		Susan Northrop 07890 022264 Susan.e.northrop@googlemail.com	Friday Morning
Clarinet		Susan Northrop 07890 022264 Susan.e.northrop@googlemail.com	Friday Morning
Saxophone		Susan Northrop 07890 022264 Susan.e.northrop@googlemail.com	Friday Morning

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Spring Term

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: 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
17th January	Year 4 Tennis Festival
18th March	Proms Concert

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
In Term-Time



MEET IN ST MARY'S CHURCH,
PILTON @10.30AM & THEN WE
WILL GO OVER TO THE HALL

EMAIL PILTONSUNDAYCLUB@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFO

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.



Devon
County Council

Mondays
Juniors: 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Pilton Bluecoat Academy

UNION KARATE DO

More than just a club we are a martial arts FAMILY

Confidence, Fitness, Self Defence, Flexibility whatever your Goal is we are here to help YOU achieve it.

Resilience
Equality
Self-confidence
Perseverance
Excellence
Courage
Teamwork

To BOOK and secure your place all you must do is book via the website or Facebook page.

If you are having any issues booking, please email the club and we will be more than happy to assist
tel: 07736936738
e-mail: unionkaratedoclub@gmail.com
web: www.unionkaratedo.com
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@ Caen Primary School @ Buckland Brewer Village Hall