

19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Monday's assembly focused on determination, emphasising the importance of perseverance and giving their best effort. I inquired about the children's future aspirations, and their responses were inspiring. For instance, one child expressed a desire to become a Panda Cuddler – a job I was surprised to learn actually exists! Our goal is to encourage our children to pursue their dreams. We discussed various celebrities who, despite facing challenges, have accomplished their goals.

As the week progressed, we witnessed numerous instances of children demonstrating determination and collaborating to overcome obstacles. We've also introduced "Worry Boxes," providing a discreet way for children to inform adults about their concerns and seek assistance. This initiative has already led to effective support across the school. I encourage you to discuss the "Worry Box" with your children, reassuring them that it's a tool for us to ensure their safety and happiness.

The Year 4 students enjoyed a wonderful time at the tennis festival at Tarka Tennis. Many have shared their positive experiences with me, highlighting how much they enjoyed the day.

With the temperature dropping, I must urge all parents to ensure that your children come to school wearing warm coats. We've noticed some children without coats struggling with the cold.

Recently, some older students have been coming to pick up their siblings and jumping over the school fence before the gates open. Please speak to any of your children involved in pickups, reminding them to exhibit appropriate behaviour while on school premises. Additionally, I kindly request that everyone vacates the site by 3:45pm at the latest. Thank you.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend, and I look forward to seeing you around the school next week

Warm regards,



Mathew Harts, Head of School

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.



**missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Devon
County Council

Each academic school year is 38 weeks (Sept-July) or 190 days. The following chart shows how missed days affects overall attendance.



| General Letters issued this week | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Year | Topic |
| All | Lockdown Procedure |
| 4 | Year 4 Tennis Festival Reminder |
| All | Proms auditions |

| PE Days |
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| Year 3 – Thursday Year 4 – Wednesday Year 5 – Monday 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 22nd January 2024?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Private Guitar Lessons
Go Beyond group departs

Tuesday

Private singing lessons
CEET Project small group
Farm small group
Pathfield buddies small group

Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Pilton House small group

Thursday

Rocksteady private lessons
Private drum Lessons

Friday

Upper school sports
Private woodwind lessons
Go Beyond group returns

Find us on;

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

DO YOU HAVE...?

Year 5s will perform "Hard Knock Life" from the film "Annie" in the upcoming Proms Music Concert. For this, we will need the following to use as props:

- ♦ Tea towels
- ♦ Mop
- ♦ Broom
- ♦ Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers)
- ♦ Bucket



If you are able to donate any of these items to school, please can you send them to the school office. Many thanks, Mrs Brayley



The final payment
for the Year 5
London Residential
is **TODAY**.

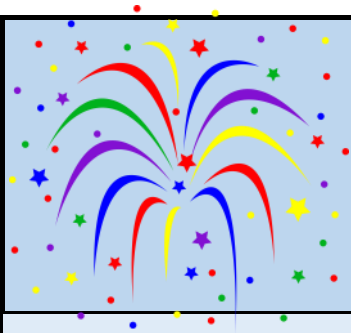
The Year 3 Lee Abbey Residential is now
open on Arbor and you have until
26th January to book a space.

Please check your emails for more details.

The final date to sign up for the Year 6
Heatree
Residential is
31st January.



Details for the
Year 4 residential
to the Ultimate
Adventure
Centre will be
sent out next
week.



Celebration Assembly

Friday 19th January

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Ivy, Year 4- Manuel,

Year 5 - Amaley, Year 6 - Lucy M

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Harry, Year 4 - Jacob,

Year 5 - Charlie H, Year 6 - Nelson

Work

Sofia for her outstanding writing choices

Stanley for his and concentration

Evie and Brylee for their amazing teamwork in maths.

Bree for her determination in maths which has increased her confidence and successes

Harry for his increase in effort across all areas of learning

Millie for her engagement in all aspects of her learning and support of learning partner

Oscar for his excellent attitude to many areas of his learning and also for being polite to members of staff.

Contribution

Scarlett for being kind and caring at lunchtime on Thursday to Mrs Arnold

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 526 Jupiter = 505 Saturn = 479 Mercury = 456



- 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.

THIS SCHOOL IS A



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.



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| | Week 1: 1/1, 22/1, 19/2, 11/3 |
| M o n | Sausage Rolls V – Vegetarian sausage roll Crispy potatoes & seasonal veg Pancake Monday with various toppings |
| T u e s | Beef Burgers in a bap V – Veggie burger in a bap Potato wedges, seasonal veg Jam sponge |
| W e d s | Roast of the Day - Gammon V – Vegetable bites Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream |
| T h u r s | Chicken pasta bake V – Cheese & tomato pizza Potato wedges & seasonal vegetables Fruit & yogurt |
| F r i | Oven Baked Fish V – Vegetarian nuggets Golden fries & seasonal vegetables Flapjack |

**Just a reminder to NOT let your child bring
Energy drinks into school. Thank you.**

Friday Sports

| Spring 2023 | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| Friday's Date | | Planning | Swim | Dance | Volley-ball | Foot-ball |
| 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 | <i>Change</i> | 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.



The team have introduced a pre-payment system which means we will no longer be collecting monies via Arbor. Instead payment can be paid at the point of booking. The club has registered for childcare vouchers and have set up a 50% discount for all pupil premium children —please just let them know.

Email: **north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk**

Website: **www.primary-sports.co.uk**

Please note: If you have money left on your breakfast or afterschool club account on Arbor—this will be refunded to you soon.

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 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 22nd —26th Jan | Go Beyond Residential |
| 1st February | Child Measurement Programme - Year 6s |
| 2nd February | Rising Stars Day 2 |
| 6th—9th February | Year 5 London Residential |
| 12th—16th February | Half-Term |
| 22nd February | TEAM Cross Country event |
| 6th March | Tempest Class Photos |
| 18th March | Proms Concert |

PROMS AUDITIONS

Tuesday 30th January: 3LB, 3KD

Thursday 1st February: 5MR, 5EC, 4AB

Monday 5th February: 6MT, 6SE, 4BC

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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

Preschool Cookery Classes

Starting in
January '24

TIME TO

COOK

LITTLE COOKS
BIG ADVENTURES

Monthly classes on
Fridays at 9:45a.m.
The Corn Store
Barnstaple Pannier
Market

Email - Claire@timetocook.uk

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS

LOCATION: PILTON INFANTS SCHOOL.
DATES: 12TH FEBRUARY, 13TH FEBRUARY,
14TH FEBRUARY.

TIME: 8:30AM - 3:30PM.

PRICE: £20 PER DAY.

INFORMATION

DAYS WILL CONSIST OF FUN ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING, FOOTBALL, TENNIS,
DODGEBALL, 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
FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS
FOR ANY FURTHER INFO PLEASE
CONTACT
TOM.POOLE@PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK

Mondays
Juniors: 3.20pm to 4.20pm



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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

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SAVE THE DATE

DAY OF ACTION

27th January 2024

Join an organised clean

*Keep an eye out for cleans
happening across North Devon*

Do your own clean

*Get outside, get active and clean
up as you go*

Businesses

*Organise a clean with or at your
work from 22nd-26th Jan*

Schools

*Organise a clean with or at your
school from 22nd-26th Jan*

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