

9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reflecting on the past week, it's astounding to realise the breadth of experiences and growth our school community has undergone in just five days!

Our assembly theme centered on the value of 'service' to others, illustrated through Bear Grylls' work with children from diverse backgrounds on a challenging camping adventure. The focus was on mutual support, kindness, overcoming personal and collective challenges, and the importance of a supportive community. This theme resonated deeply with our students, reflecting our ongoing efforts to foster a safe, caring environment within our school.

In preparation for the Exmoor Challenge, Mr. Turner and Mrs. Bowles led a group of intrepid students on an 85-mile trek, braving the elements with unwavering spirit. Their resilience, teamwork, and positive attitude were commendable, embodying the essence of our community spirit.

Our children on the London trip have experienced an enriching week, immersing themselves in cultural activities. The teamwork and care they extended to each other have been truly heartwarming. Such experiences are invaluable in broadening our students' horizons and understanding of the world. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for making this possible.

Children who remained at school also had a week filled with learning and exploration, delving into the landmarks of London, the culture of Potsdam, and the natural wonders at Rosemoor. Their presentations were a testament to their creativity and engagement with the subject matter.

Safer Internet Day prompted insightful discussions on digital citizenship, emphasising the importance of age-appropriate online content. We've distributed resources to support you in this area and encourage you to reach out with any concerns.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce parental consultations on the 5th and 6th of March. Further details on the booking process will be shared when we return.

After half-term we are very excited to be working with staff and children from Pilton Infants and Pathfield school. It is really important to work in close partnership so we can ensure the best possible outcomes for children within our community.

Have a lovely half-term and please take time to spend quality time together.

I look forward to seeing you all safe and well on the 19th February.

Warmest regards,



Matthew 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.

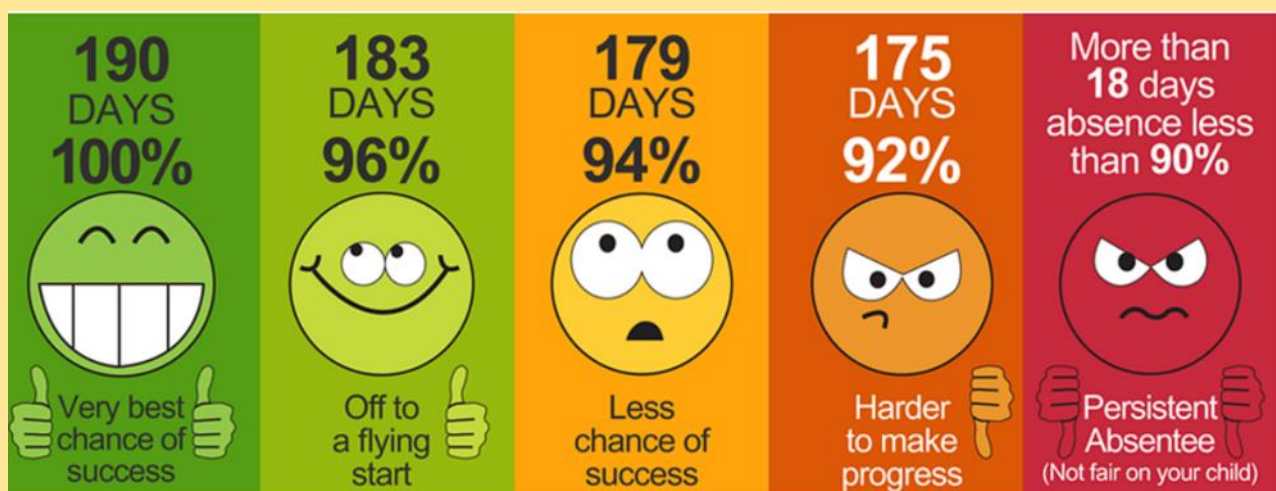


**missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

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
6	Exmoor Challenge Training
4	Change to Friday Sports
All	Safe Internet Day
All	Proms Music Concert
All	Friday Sports Timetable

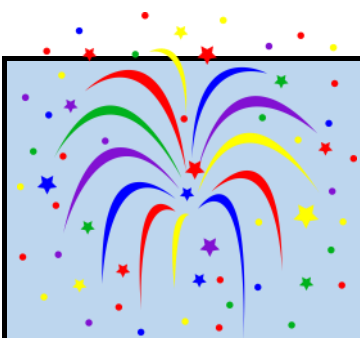
PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Wednesday
Year 5 – Monday
Year 6 – Tuesday
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 19th February 2024?
Monday Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Tuesday Private singing lessons Farm small group Pathfield buddies small group Wednesday Private Piano & Violin lessons Pilton House small group Dance Festival at PCC Thursday Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons Team Cross Country Friday Lower school sports Private woodwind lessons

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<p>Breakfast Club & Afterschool club</p> <p>Please contact Tia or Jemma on</p> <p>north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk</p> <p>Website: www.primary-sports.co.uk</p>



Celebration Assembly

Friday 9th February

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Eva, Year 4 - Zara, Year 6 - Lillye

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Jasper, Year 4 - Ernie, Year 6 - Lidia

Work

Delphine for her incredible attitude to work, an amazing writer too!

Aldrich for his kindness and caring for others

Bryn for his enthusiasm, smile and calmness which brings such positivity to the class room

Ellie for a great learning attitude

Jack for his fantastic progress in his maths arithmetic

All Exmoor Challenge children for their perseverance on their practice hike.

Contribution

Jasper for being a supportive partner in maths

Emmie for her great ideas in writing and excellent presentation in book. Great work all week

All year 5 non-London group - For being all round superstars! They have worked really well together and have produced some fabulous work on London and Potsdam, Germany

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 1129 Jupiter = 1100

Saturn = 1034 Mercury = 966

Please can we ask that you check your child has their own school uniform and that all items are clearly labelled with their names. If lost items are named they can easily be returned to the rightful owner.

In particular we have children who are missing their PE hoodies so please can you check these as well and return any thing that isn't your child's.

We appreciate that items of clothing can accidentally get muddled up.

The deadline for the Year 4 residential to the Ultimate Adventure Centre is 18th February.



We are currently looking for donations of:

- . Toy cars, trucks**
- . Plastic animals and dinosaurs**
- . Dolls, prams, cots etc.**

Any donations are greatly appreciated!



Year 5 Non-London Group's Adventures!

Some of our year 5's spent some time at Rosemoor earlier this week, where they took part in a sculpture workshop which involved making sculptures out of things they found in the gardens. They also spent some time exploring and playing in the grounds. Later in the week, they studied some of London's landmarks and put together a presentation which they then showed to Mr Harts.



On Thursday, the group braved the rain and mud to do some gardening at the allotments as well as planting 50 strawberry plants in the school gardens which was fast work with 15 pairs of hands. Huge thanks to Simon the gardener for taking the group out. On Friday, the group were busy making crowns to fit in with their London theme and then were in the galley kitchen making beautiful cakes all morning. After lunch, they curled up in their pajamas and with their teddies to watch a film after a long week of hard work where they ate their yummy creations from earlier. It's been a fun week for all. Huge well done to all the them for their hard work and great behaviour all week.





- 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 1: 1/1, 22/1, 19/2, 11/3
Mon	Sausage Rolls V - Vegetarian sausage roll Crispy potatoes & seasonal veg Pancake Monday with various toppings
Tues	Beef Burgers in a bap V – Veggie burger in a bap Potato wedges, seasonal veg Jam sponge
Weds	Roast of the Day - Gammon V – Vegetable bites Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
Thurs	Chicken pasta bake V – Cheese & tomato pizza Potato wedges & seasonal vegetables Fruit & yogurt
Fri	Oven Baked Fish V – Vegetarian nuggets Golden fries & seasonal vegetables Flapjack

Friday Sports

Spring 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volley-ball	Foot-ball
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.**

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

We have a variety of pre-loved uniform now available to buy at the school office.



Items include trousers, jumpers, t-shirts etc.

All items are available at a low price of 50p - £1



Come & visit the pre-loved shop!

Life, Love & Learning to the Full

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, 2024

Date	Event
12th—16th February	Half-Term
22nd February	TEAM Cross Country event
6th March	Tempest Class Photos
15th March	Pilton Sports Mile
18th March	Proms Concert
1st—3rd May	Year 3 Residential
23rd-24th May	Year 4 Residential

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

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

Table Top Sale

Saturday 17th February

10-12pm

In Pilton Church Hall

£7 per table

Sellers from 8.30am—please book in advance with

Julie on 07855 660362

With refreshments

Have a clear out or grab a bargain!

Proceeds to Joe Wells Edinburgh Uni Journey

February Half Term Tennis Camps



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Junior Camp

5 - 14 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

Mon 12th Feb	Rock Park
Tues 13th Feb	Braunton
Wed 14th Feb	Rock Park
Thurs 15th Feb	Braunton
Fri 16th Feb	Rock Park

Teens Camp

3 - 16 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

Tues 13th Feb- Braunton
Thurs 15th Feb- Braunton

Locations

Barnstaple	Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH
Braunton	Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP

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Monday 10.00am

**The Venue
Barnstaple**

Tuesday 6.30pm

**Pilton Bluecoat
School**

Friday 10.00am

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Barnstaple**



Clubbercise

*Fun dance workout in a disco
atmosphere with glow sticks.*

Monday 7.00pm

**YMCA
South Molton**

Tuesday 8.00pm

**Pilton Bluecoat
School**

Thursday 7.00pm

**Ilfracombe
Academy**