

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by expressing how immensely proud your children make both you and our school. This Monday, we had the pleasure of welcoming one of our governors to focus on Building Learning Power. During our visit to every classroom, it was heartwarming to witness the exceptional learning behaviours demonstrated by all children. Their engagement and enthusiasm were truly a delight to observe.

In our assembly, we highlighted the ongoing partnership between our children and staff with those from Pilton Infants and Pathfield School. On Tuesday, we were visited by some Year 2 children from Pilton Infants, who toured our school in anticipation of upcoming joint activities with our students. Furthermore, on Friday, Mr. Mortimer and I conducted an assembly for both Year 2 and Year 5 students, encouraging them to work together in small groups. The event was a wonderful success, demonstrating the importance of collaboration in supporting both children and parents during the transition from infant to junior school.

Regrettably, due to terrible weather, we had to postpone the planned lunchtime play session with some Year 3 students from Pathfield School. We are hopeful that conditions will improve next week, allowing us to warmly welcome these students for a time of enjoyable interaction and play with our own students.

On another positive note, our attendance rate to date stands at 95%, surpassing national averages. It is encouraging to see our students' genuine enjoyment of their school experience. Should there be any concerns or obstacles affecting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We follow Devon County Council's guidelines and have adjusted our 'absence request' procedures accordingly.

I am hopeful for better weather over the weekend and hope that you have a lovely time.

With 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.**

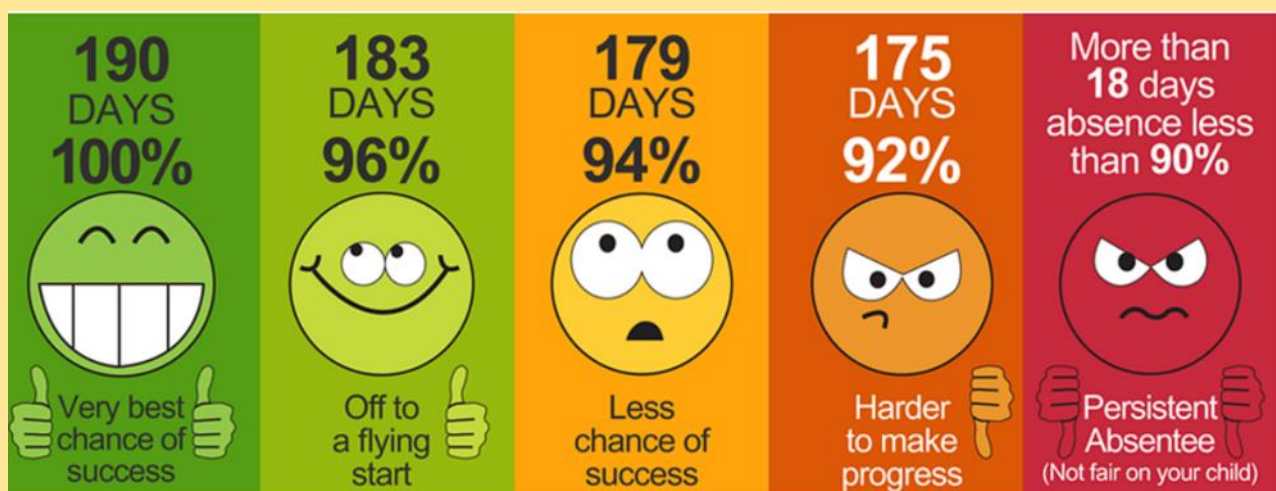


**missed minutes =  
missed learning  
= missed opportunities!**

**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
Various	Support Plan meetings
Various	Dance Festival
4	Residential—final chance to sign up
All	Tempest class photos
Various	Team Cross Country Festival
4	Multiplication Tables Check
All	World Book Day

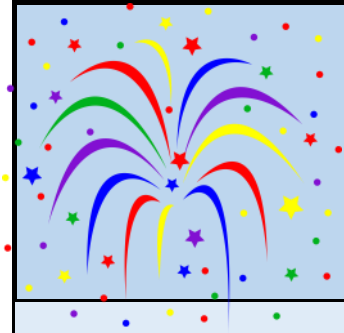
PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Wednesday
Year 5 – Monday
Year 6 – Tuesday
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 26th February 2024?
<b>Monday</b> Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons <b>Tuesday</b> Private singing lessons Farm small group Pathfield buddies small group <b>Wednesday</b> Private Piano & Violin lessons Pilton House small group Girls football Year 5—Art workshop with PCC <b>Thursday</b> Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons <b>Friday</b> Upper school sports Rising Stars Private woodwind lessons

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# Celebration Assembly

## Friday 23rd February

### Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Ophelia, Year 4 - Scarlett, Year 5—Vincent, Year 6 - Holly

### Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Riaan, Year 4 - Franklyn, Year 5—Jack G, Year 6 - Millie

### Work

Max for an amazing effort with writing

Elsie for her impressive reading attitude

Imogen R for breaking through barriers and showing determination in class.

Summer for her fantastic suspense writing and word choice in literacy

Henry B for working incredibly hard in our writing sessions and coming up with amazing ideas.

Evelyn for great participation in lessons, working hard in everything she does and supporting those around her.

Nevaeh for showing a positive 'can do' attitude in all areas of learning, great work in Maths on formal written method multiplication.

George for his progress in maths

Leo for challenging himself with dive deeper task in his maths learning

### Contribution

Henry S for his book and guitar contribution to the school.

Year 5 London group for being amazing!

Nancy for being a supportive learning partner to other children in the class.

## HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Jupiter = 261 Neptune = 249

Mercury = 217 Saturn = 214

## Friday Sports

Spring 2024						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volley-ball	Foot-ball
23-Feb	Change	LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
01-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
08-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
15-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
22-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
29-Mar	EASTER HOLI-					
19-Apr		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
26-Apr		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
03-May		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
10-May		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
17-May		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
24-May	Change	LOWER	3LB	3KD	4AB	4BC

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.**

**We are currently looking for donations of:**

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

**Any donations are greatly appreciated!**





# Proms Music Concert

**Monday 18th March**

**All children will perform in at least one act with their year group.**

## **YEAR 3 RECORDERS:**

Cowboy/Cowgirl outfits  
Blue denim bottoms (jeans, shorts, dress or skirt)  
Checked shirt if possible or any long sleeve top if not.  
Optional: cowboy/cowgirl hat

## **YEAR 4 SONG & DANCE:**

School PE coloured t-shirt and hoody (just the t-shirt is fine if they don't have a school hoody)  
Plain black bottoms (doesn't need to be school uniform)  
Any coloured trainers  
Optional: baseball cap OR sunglasses (not both as they won't have time to put both on)

## **YEAR 5 SONG & DANCE:**

1930's Clothes/Annie the Musical - could reuse their world war II costumes from last term  
Boys: Gray, brown, black shorts or trousers (not jeans), school shoes, shirt with a collar  
Girls: long dress or skirt, blouse, could wear a pinafore, school shoes

## **YEAR 6 DJEMBE DRUMMING:**

Plain black bottoms (doesn't need to be school uniform)  
Any shoes/trainers  
School will lend Y6 children a black music t-shirt to wear (to be given back to school after the concert)

## **CONCERT DETAILS REMINDER:**

**Date:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
**Times:** 2 x performances      Afternoon = 1:30pm – 3:00pm  
   Evening = 5:30pm – 7pm

## **TICKETS:**

School children taking part will **not** need to purchase a ticket; there will be no cost to children for taking part in the concert. Family and friends wanting to come and watch the concert will need to purchase a ticket directly from the Barnstaple Queens Theatre:

Online: <https://www.queenstheatre-barnstaple.com/>

By phone: 01271 316523

Or in person from the Queens Theatre box office: 100 Boutport Street, Barnstaple

Tickets will cost **£8.50** and will go on sale on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.**  
Please invite family and friends to come and watch!



- 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.

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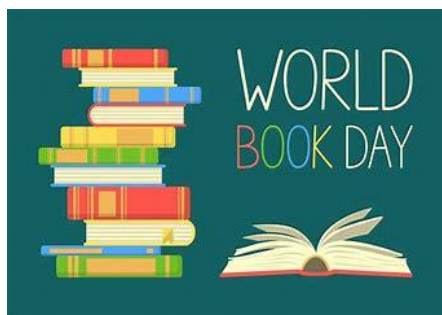
## Spring Term Dinner Menu

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

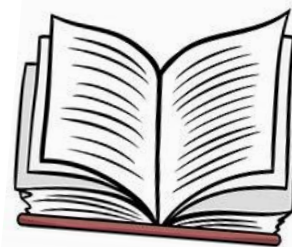
Tomato & Basil Pasta and Jacket  
Potatoes with a choice  
of toppings are available every day.  
Fresh fruit and salad are  
available daily.



	<b>Week 2:</b> <b>8/1, 29/1, 26/2, 18/3</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Pork Sausages</b> V – Vegetarian sausages Hash browns & seasonal veg Pancake Monday with various toppings
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Spaghetti bolognese</b> V – Vegetarian bolognese Garlic bread & seasonal veg Lemon drizzle
<b>Weds</b>	<b>Roast of the Day – chicken</b> V – Homity pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Hunters chicken</b> V – Macaroni Cheese Rice and seasonal veg Fruit & yogurt
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Cod or salmon fish cakes</b> V – Cheese wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg Homemade cookie

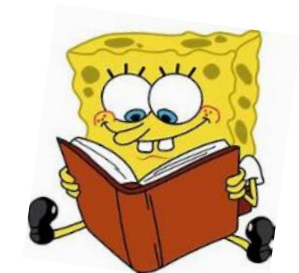


# World



# Book Day

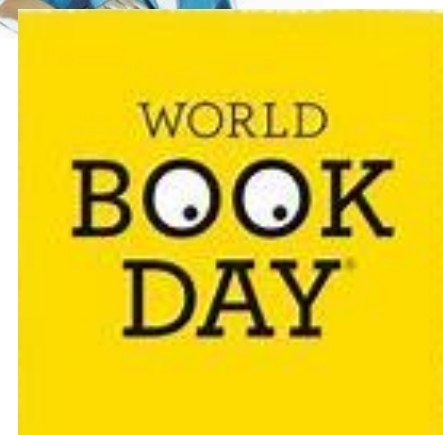
## Thursday 7th March 2024



We intend to celebrate our love for reading in a BIG way by holding a whole week of special reading events. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Read Your Way.'

However on World Book Day itself we are encouraging the children to come dressed as a 'word' on World Book Day itself. The children will need to know the word and what it means. The more interesting the word, the better! This will be a house group competition and prizes will be awarded for the most exciting word costume, please note we do not expect you to go out and buy new costumes for this event.

Alongside this, you are warmly invited to help make the most of our celebration of reading by joining us on Wednesday 6th March between 8:50 – 9:05am or on Monday 4th March, Thursday 7th March between 2:55 and 3:10pm to read with us. (Please enter through the school main entrance).





# London 2024



Earlier this month a group of our Year 5 children joined together with children from one of our other Trust schools, Brayford and spent a wonderful and busy four days in our capital city.

There was so much packed into the schedule that there was no time to lose with a prompt departure of 6.30am travelling up by coach straight to the Harry Potter studios where they enjoyed a media and film workshop before the tour. Then it was off to the accommodation for an evening meal and to send a postcard home. Bright and early the next day they were off to Westminster where they met with Selaine Saxby and posed some great questions, they also bumped into Matt Hancock and saw Rishi Sunak arrive with his police escort.

The afternoon started with a picnic and play in the park before heading off for a spectacular flight on the London Eye and a lovely time exploring the Aquarium, followed by a walk along the South Bank back to the Hostel. The evening was all about Matilda the musical, where they donned their smart outfits and described the experience as fantastic!

The next day was spent at the Natural History Museum and a trip to London zoo where they were entertained by monkeys, lions, rainforest animals and best of all the penguins.

An evening tour of London resulted in the learning of a lot of interesting facts and at Buckingham Palace they were given a warm welcome by the guards, who promised to say a hello from the children to the King.

Finally an informative visit to the Science Museum before the long journey home.

Thank you to all the children and our staff who took them, the children were a credit to us and we are so proud of them all, it was a busy and tiring week albeit a wonderful experience and they were all totally awesome! More photos can be found in the gallery tab of our website.

## **Family 1:1 Meetings**

**Those children with support plans have their meetings scheduled for next week.**

**If your child does not have a support plan you are invited to book your 1:1 meeting with your child's teacher for the following dates;**

**Tuesday 5th March (1.30-3.20pm) and  
Wednesday 6th March (3.30-6pm)**

**NB. Mrs Dadswell (3KD) meeting's will be held on  
Tuesday 5th March & Thursday 7th March.**

**Bookings are now open on Arbor under  
Guardian Consultations.**



## **School Photos**

**On Wednesday 6th March, Emily from Tempest will be here to take class photos and year 6 leaver photos.**

**Under Data Protection guidelines, GDPR, parental consent is required for a child's image to be taken by an external provider.**

**The image will be owned by H Tempest Ltd and retained on their records indefinitely.**

**Please make sure you have given specific permission recently on Arbor under school trips. Please see letter home for more information.**

# School Term Dates 2023/2024

## Spring Term

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
6th March	Tempest Class Photos
7th March	World Book Day
15th March	Pilton Sports Mile
18th March	Proms Concert
26th March	Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Pilton
29th March - 12th April	Easter Holidays
1st—3rd May	Year 3 Residential
23rd-24th May	Year 4 Residential



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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

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Tel: 01271 379756 / 07930 386727



# U7, U8 & U10 TRIALS

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REGIONAL TALENT CENTRE



**FRIDAY  
23RD FEB  
17:00 - 18:00  
TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G**

TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TEXT 07850341374  
OR EMAIL  
[NORTHDEVONRTC@JUNIOR-PREMIER.CO.UK](mailto:NORTHDEVONRTC@JUNIOR-PREMIER.CO.UK)

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# U9 & U11 TRIALS

NORTH DEVON  
REGIONAL TALENT CENTRE



**FRIDAY  
1ST MARCH  
17:00 - 18:00  
TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G**

TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TEXT 07907098755  
OR EMAIL  
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