



# Newsletter

8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This past week has been extraordinary at our school, highlighted by the vibrant celebrations of World Book Week. Our staff and students delved into the joy of storytelling, creating an environment where literature truly came to life. We were thrilled to see such enthusiastic participation in family reading sessions and the creative flair displayed during the dress-up competition, where students embodied their favourite literary words. These moments not only brought our school community together but also showcased the transformative power of reading.

We are also excited to announce a budding partnership with Evangelische Grundschule in Potsdam, Germany. This collaboration, culminating in an exchange program set for October 2024, promises to enrich our curriculum and broaden their cultural opportunities, fostering personal growth and potentially lifelong friendships. Our thanks go out to everyone who attended the meeting yesterday.

A gentle reminder for those unable to attend the Parental/Guardian Consultations this week: please feel free to contact us to reschedule. These meetings are a vital link in our shared commitment to your child's educational journey.

Our focus on Home Learning continues to be a priority, as we believe it plays a crucial role in reinforcing classroom learning. We kindly ask for your support in setting aside dedicated time for your child to engage with these activities. For our Year 6 students, in particular, this engagement is crucial not only for SATs preparation but also in smoothing the transition to secondary education.

In other news, we had the pleasure of discussing Outdoor Play and Learning opportunities and reviewing school attendance with one of our Governors. Our attendance rates are surpassing national averages—a testament to our collective efforts. Should you have any obstacles affecting attendance, we encourage you to reach out.

Hopefully the sun holds out for the weekend, so please take time to get out and enjoy some family time.

Warmest 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	Proms name on programme
Various	Tempest photos reminder
Various	Exmoor Challenge Training
FSM	HAF letters for Easter
4 & 5	Germany reminder meeting
5	PE kit reminders for Mon 11th & Mon 18th

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 11th March 2024?
<b>Monday</b> Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Proms rehearsals Trust Maths Event Years 3 & 4
<b>Tuesday</b> Private singing lessons Farm small group Pathfield buddies small group
<b>Wednesday</b> Private Piano & Violin lessons Pilton House small group U11 Indoor athletics team event
<b>Thursday</b> Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons
<b>Friday</b> Lower school sports Private woodwind lessons

Find us on;

Website: [www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk](http://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](mailto:office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk)

**Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group**

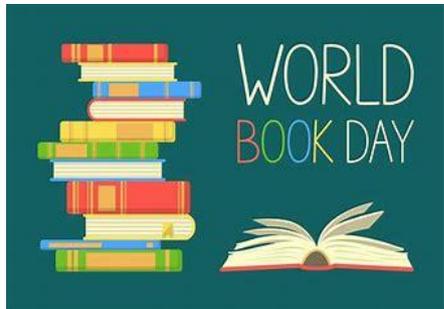
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**Breakfast Club & Afterschool club**

Please contact Tia or Jemma on

[north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk)

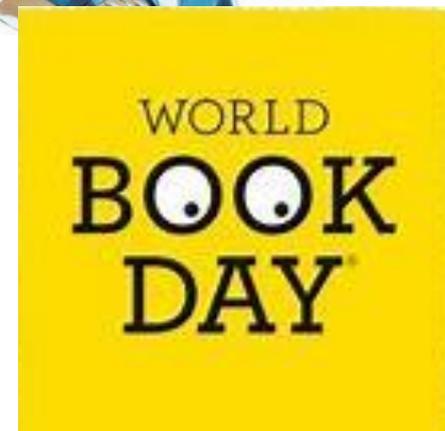
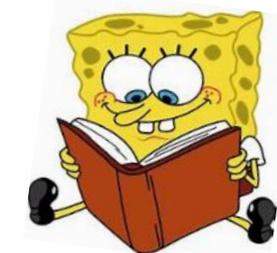
Website: [www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)



# World

# Book Day

We have been celebrating our love of books all this week; from our staffing team reading to small groups of pupils across the school at the same time, parents coming in to listen to their child read and the dressing up as a “word” day yesterday. Thank you to everyone who has supported this wonderful week.



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## Friday Sports

Spring 2024						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volley-ball	Foot-ball
08-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
15-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
22-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
29-Mar	EASTER					
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	<i>Change</i>	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.**

## Job Vacancies across the Trust

### We are currently looking for:

- Mobile Catering Assistant at High Bickington
  - Catering Assistant at Pilton Bluecoat
- Head of School at Horwood and Newton Tracey
  - Cleaner at Beaford

Please see attachments with your newsletter.

# Exmoor Challenge 2024

On Tuesday 5th March, our aspiring Exmoor Challenge participants from Witheridge and Pilton Bluecoat combined with Petroc College's Outdoor Adventure students for a day of navigation skills. An enthusiastic group of second year students tested their teaching skills on our eagerly anticipating children. The children learned about grid references, mountain safety, compass bearings and pacing whilst working in small groups to replicate how the Exmoor Challenge is set up. A huge thank you to Mike & Jo Bazley and the students from Petroc Barnstaple for helping us out and we are looking forward to developing this working relationship in the future

**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**

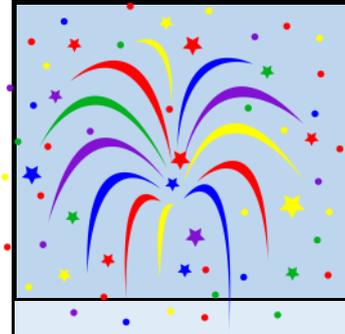
**Friday  
18th  
March**

**Wear it red day and Pilton Sports Mile  
for Comic Relief**

We are asking everyone to dress up in red clothes and make a donation via Arbor—under school shop for being allowed to wear red today!!

It is also the Pilton Sport Relief mile, where children will run a circuit around the back of Pathfield school and Pilton College and then back along the cycle path.

Please make sure clothing is school appropriate and suitable for running in. If your child doesn't want to wear red, they can wear their normal school uniform. Please do support our children with your donations towards a great cause.



# Celebration Assembly

## Friday 8th March

### Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Harry, Year 4 - Emma, Year 5—Effie, Year 6 - Harry

### Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Ezra, Year 4 - Stanley, Year 5—Edgar, Year 6 - Ben

### Work

Emily for her perseverance in Orienteering

Harry for his 100 book library certificate

Billy for asking questions and using his imagination during lessons.

Sadie for her poetry writing

Scarlett for really engaging in her learning this week. Head teacher sticker for her work in geography and helped to write an amazing acrostic poem.

Eddie for commitment to his learning across everything he does.

Thomas for his perseverance in Maths and great writing in literacy

Anja for writing a fantastic setting description

Owen for writing a fantastic setting description

### Contribution

Tilly, Edie, Ruby & Harriet for being overall team winners in an out-of-school cross country competition

Head of School awarded excellent leadership to Leo for forsaking his place in an event this week.

### HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 632 Mercury = 581

Jupiter = 572 Saturn = 565



- 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.

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

# 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
15th March	Red Nose Day/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

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

## DANCE ENERGY NORTH DEVON



Dance Yourself Fit and Feel Energized  
with these Fun Dance Exercise Classes  
for Adults

For information contact Helen  
(Certified Zumba & Clubbercise Instructor)  
Tel: 01271 379756 / 07930 386727  



Fun dance workout to  
music from around the world.

Monday 10.00am
The Venue Barnstaple
Tuesday 6.30pm
Pilton Bluecoat School
Friday 10.00am
The Venue Barnstaple


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

## North Devon Music Centre

If your child plays an instrument, they are welcome to join one of the groups at the North Devon Music Centre. The details are as follows:

**Venue:** Pilton Community College (in the maths classrooms)  
**Cost:** £41 per term (if they do a 2nd group, the 2nd fee would be half price)  
**When:** The groups meet once a week during term time on Wednesday evenings  
**What:** The following groups are available to join:

5pm - 6pm session:

**Next Steps Orchestra** (Any instrument, beginners welcome)  
**Flute Choir** (From grade 1 upwards)  
**Clarinet Choir** (From grade 1 upwards)  
**Brass ensemble** (All standards welcome)  
**Junior Strings** (For violin, viola, cello & double bass. From beginners up to grade 4)

6pm - 7pm session:

**String Orchestra** (For violin, viola, cello & double bass. From grade 4+)  
**Guitar Ensemble** (Grade 1 upwards)  
**Wind Band** (Woodwind, brass & percussion. Grade 1 upwards)

**Contact details:** [northdevonmusiccentre@outlook.com](mailto:northdevonmusiccentre@outlook.com)

Here is there website for more details: <https://www.northdevonmusiccentre.co.uk/>


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**PRIMARY**  
 SPORTS & EDUCATION


**Sticklepath**  
 Community Primary Academy

## Easter Activity days

**Dates:**

**Tuesday 2nd April**  
**Wednesday 3rd April**  
**Thursday 4th April**  
**Tuesday 9th April**  
**Wednesday 10th April**  
**Thursday 11th April**

**Ages:**  
 5-11 Years old

**Venue:**  
 Sticklepath  
 Primary school  
 EX31 2HH

**TIME:**  
 8.30am-3.30pm

**To book:**

- Visit - [www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)
- Click on the "Book now tab"
- "Sticklepath EASTER activity days"
- Complete the online booking form

Contact us: [north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk)


 Primary sports and education (North Devon)


**Centre stage school**

# Easter Workshops

<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>2 April</b>	<b>5-8s</b>	<b>SINGING WORKSHOP with Emma</b> Come and learn some fun action songs including 'There once was an Elephant', 'I Love the Flowers' and 'Dem Bones'. Also, play some rhythm games and accompany the songs using body percussion and hand-held percussion instruments.
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>4 April</b>	<b>9-16s</b>	<b>MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP with Liv</b> The chance for the children to create and learn a number from a well known musical. They will be encouraged to work and create characters within the number. Plus a physical warm up and technical exercises.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9 April</b>	<b>9-16s</b>	<b>SINGING WORKSHOP with Emma</b> Come and learn songs from classic Broadway/West End shows including the musicals of Andrew Lloyd Webber and 'Les Miserables' by Claude-Michel Schoenberg. Working on expression, technique, and simple costuming to bring these classic songs to life. Ensemble and solo work included.
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>11 April</b>	<b>5-8s</b>	<b>DANCE WORKSHOP with Helen</b> Have fun learning rhythms and dances from around the world. Learn Bollywood, african, Irish dancing and more. Fun props to enjoy dancing with.



**All 10am to 1pm £18 per Workshop**  
**To Book:** email [cssschool2020@gmail.com](mailto:cssschool2020@gmail.com) or via facebook @cssbarnstaple [www.centrestageschool.org](http://www.centrestageschool.org)


**ROMARS SPORTS**

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us for a fun filled Easter of football, games, competitions & prizes  
 Girls & Boys  
 Ages 4 - 15 years  
 9am - 4pm

**APRIL 2ND - 5TH 2024**

<b>EARLY BIRD OFFER</b> £25 PER DAY Offer closes 10th March	<b>FULL WEEK OFFER</b> £90 Best Price
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**APRIL 8TH - 12TH 2024**

<b>EARLY BIRD OFFER</b> £25 PER DAY Offer closes 10th March	<b>FULL WEEK OFFER</b> £110 Best Price
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£30 Per day after the 10th March

**TARNA LEISURE CENTRE 3G**  
 Barnstaple, North Devon EX31 2AP

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