



# Newsletter

22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. I'd like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and admiration to all the children of Pilton Bluecoat Academy for their exceptional performances at the Proms this past Monday. Their display of talent was nothing short of inspirational, reflecting not just their individual skills but a profound commitment to teamwork, friendship, and passion for the performing arts. Their excellence on stage was a testament to their hard work and dedication, and they truly deserve our collective applause.

In the same breath, it's crucial to acknowledge Mrs. Brayley's extraordinary dedication. Her unwavering support and commitment played a pivotal role in making this event memorable. Mrs. Brayley's passion for nurturing our children's musical talents and her involvement in their artistic development were key ingredients to the event's success.

Furthermore, I'm thrilled to highlight the performances by our Rock Steady group's this Thursday. Watching our children perform in front of their peers and families, was simply brilliant. We all truly enjoyed it! A special thanks to Stuart for his invaluable support and guidance to our budding musicians.

I'm also pleased to report that our school attendance rate is holding steady at around 95%. This is a wonderful indicator of how much our children enjoy school. Please remember, if you ever have concerns regarding your child's attendance or health, do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to offer advice and support in any way we can.

Your unwavering support and the vibrant attendance at Monday's Proms were deeply appreciated. Thank you for continuing to be an integral part of our school community.

Finally a reminder to please not send your child to school with any nut based products in their packed lunches or as a snack due to some of our children and staff having nut allergies.

With warm regards,

Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
6	Leavers hoodies—on sale now
4 & 5	Potsdam—Germany—last chance to book
All	After school incident
Various	Exmoor Challenge training
Various	Football tournament
FSM	Easter vouchers
5	Bike ability letter 2

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 25th March 2024?
<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Private Piano &amp; Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Exmoor Challenge training walk—8.30am</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Easter Service at Church 9.30am Private singing lessons Farm small group Pathfield buddies small group Upper school football tournament</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Celebraton Assembly Private Piano &amp; Violin lessons Pilton House small group</p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Rocksteady private lessons After school sweet sale &amp; Easter fun Last day of term</p>

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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**

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

**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)

# Friday Sports

Spring 2024						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volleyball	Football
22-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
29-Mar	EASTER HOLIDAYS					
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. 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.

## Choir club

Just a reminder that the last choir club session for this term was Thursday 21st March

### Easter Service

At St Mary's Church, Pilton

Tuesday 26th March

9.30am

All welcome



# PROMS CONCERT

I thought my heart might actually burst with pride on Monday! I know there were a lot of nervous children who made their way to the theatre at lunchtime, but you couldn't tell as they performed with such energy, enthusiasm and confidence. Thank you to all the children for their determination, teamwork and creativity this term and thank you to all the families and friends who came to watch. Mrs Brayley

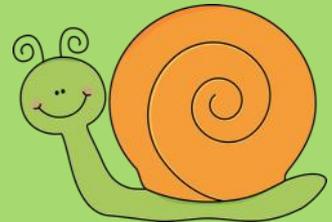


# PROMS CONCERT



# RED NOSE DAY

We have so far raised  
£167.55 for Comic Relief.  
Payments can still be  
made on Arbor under  
school shop until the end  
of the term.



Our two African land snails are looking for a holiday home for the Easter break, if you and your child would like to do this please can you contact the school office.

The care will involve:

Feeding them Daily, Cleaning them out once, Being in a calm environment, Not being in direct sunlight

We can provide Vegetables/soil etc for the care, an information sheet and instructions of care.

Thank you!



## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Here is a reminder of the link;

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/pilton-bluecoat-academy--year-6-2024-leavers>

The shop is open until 7th April.

## 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.



## Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition



After winning the previous round, we took our Year 5/6 indoor athletics team to Kingsley School to compete against the best schools in North Devon. The standard of competition was really high and the children did themselves and Pilton Bluecoat proud. The range of events tested the children in a range of disciplines including a 1-lap and 2-lap relay race, speed bounce, standing long jump, chest push and a vertical jump. Overall we finished ....

**Well done to our fantastic athletics team!**

# **Save the date!**

## **Thursday 11th July**

### **E-safety day with “The 2 Johns”**

This is for parents, children and staff across all of our schools, these sessions will be live and fully interactive. More details to follow but please put this date in your diaries.

# School Photos



**Please find the links to the recent class and Year 6 photographs. Tempest offer a free “deliver to school” for all orders placed within the next 14 days, after that time, home delivery is available at a cost of £5.**

**If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the “contact” button on the website home page ([htemptest.co.uk](http://htemptest.co.uk)).**

<https://htmp.st/PiltonBluecoat24-3LB>

<https://htmp.st/PiltonBluecoat24-3KD>

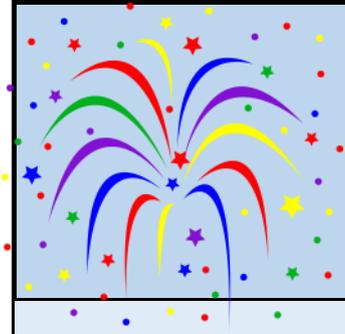
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<https://htmp.st/PiltonBluecoat24-Y6Leaver>



# Celebration Assembly

Friday 22nd March

## Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Luca, Year 4 - Brylee, Year 6 - Halle

## Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Ida, Year 4 - Zayan, Year 5—Nevaeh, Year 6 - Gilda

## Work

Evie N for her super commitment to her work. Whilst ill she has created her own non-chronological report about tonsillitis.

Henry for his amazing skill in the weaving lessons. Showing great perseverance, and dedication.

Ophelia for her determination in learning.

Akul for his art work

Blossom for her resilience and perseverance with her learning

Alistair for his fantastic poetry writing

Jake F for his progress in reading

## HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 1020 Jupiter = 929

Saturn = 917 Mercury = 884



- If your child is poorly please report their absence to the school office on 01271 345952 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 3:</b> 15/1, 5/2, 4/3, 25/3
<b>M</b> <b>o</b> <b>n</b>	<b>BBQ pizza</b> V – Cheese & tomato pizza Potato wedges & seasonal vegetables Pancake Monday with various toppings
<b>T</b> <b>u</b> <b>e</b> <b>s</b>	<b>Meat balls &amp; pasta</b> V – Vegetarian meatballs & pasta Seasonal veg Spiced apple sponge
<b>W</b> <b>e</b> <b>d</b> <b>s</b>	<b>Roast of the Day – beef &amp; Yorkshire pudding</b> V – Vegetarian roast Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
<b>T</b> <b>h</b> <b>u</b> <b>r</b> <b>s</b>	<b>Fish Fingers</b> V – Cheese & bean wrap Golden fries with seasonal veg Shortbread biscuit

**NB; please note the change to Thursday 28th (last day of term)**

# 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
26th March	Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Pilton
28th March	After School sweet sale & Easter fun 3.20pm
29th March - 12th April	Easter Holidays
1st—3rd May	Year 3 Residential
13th—16th May	Year 6 SATS week
23rd-24th May	Year 4 Residential
27th May—31st May	Half-Term
3rd June	Non-Pupil Day
13th June	Olympic Legacy
27th & 28th June	Move up/Transition Days
1st—5th July	Year 6 Residential
10th July	Sports Day
11th July	E-Safety with "The 2-Johns"
12th July	Essex Dance
18th July	Rocksteady Concert
23rd July	Schools out for Summer!

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/>



Friday  
29th



March



Popup café with Easter fun for kids  
In Pilton Church Hall

10.30-12pm



The fun is free but there is a small  
charge for refreshments!



## Easter Holiday Tennis Camps



DEVONSHIRE  
TENNIS ACADEMY

*Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.  
Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.*

### Junior Camp Tuesday 2nd - Friday 12th April

5 - 12 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

#### Week 1

Tues 2nd Apr Braunton  
Wed 3rd Apr Rock Park  
Thurs 4th Apr Braunton  
Fri 5th Apr Rock Park

#### Week 2

Mon 8th Apr Braunton  
Tues 9th Apr Rock Park  
Wed 10th Apr Braunton  
Thurs 11th Apr Rock Park  
Fri 12th Apr Braunton

### Teen Camp - 2nd, 4th & 8th April

13 - 16 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

#### Dates

Tues 2nd Apr Braunton  
Thurs 4th Apr Braunton  
Mon 8th Apr Braunton

#### Locations

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

To book email:

[bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com](mailto:bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com)

[www.devonshiretennisacademy.com](http://www.devonshiretennisacademy.com)



# FOOTBALL FUN EASTER CAMP

**THURSDAY 11TH APRIL AT PILTON BLUECOATS SCHOOL**

Age 4 - 11yrs old, 10.00am-2.00pm  
GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Fun packed football days with qualified coaches.  
Children must bring along their own water bottle, packed lunch, football boots, shin pads and clothing for all conditions.

**JUST £15.00**  
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

**11TH APRIL**  
PILTON BLUECOATS SCHOOL

EMAIL: [ROSS@THEGOALGETTERS.CO.UK](mailto:ROSS@THEGOALGETTERS.CO.UK) // FACEBOOK: [@THEGOALGETTERSND](https://www.facebook.com/THGOALGETTERSND) // [WWW.THEGOALGETTERS.CO.UK](http://WWW.THEGOALGETTERS.CO.UK)

**LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

## ROMAR 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

Book online TODAY  
[www.romarsports.com](http://www.romarsports.com)

More Information  
e: [info@romarsports.com](mailto:info@romarsports.com)

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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

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

**Ages:**  
5-11 Years old

**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> 2 April	<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> 4 April	<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> 9 April	<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> 11 April	<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](https://www.facebook.com/cssbarnstaple) [www.centrestageschool.org](http://www.centrestageschool.org)