

19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful break. It's been delightful to see the children settling back into school so well. Understandably, for some, adjusting to new routines and transitioning away from family time has been challenging. Please remember, we are here to support you and your children through any difficulties. Your partnership is invaluable, and together, we can make a positive impact.

In our assemblies this week, we focused on managing emotions and maintaining positivity. The children shared insightful examples of their experiences with challenging situations, which we further celebrated in our Celebration Assembly. Observing their positive interactions, both during OPAL play and throughout the school, has been impressive—they truly are a credit to both you and our school community.

We are enhancing our focus on Building Learning Power to foster confident and empowered learners. On the school website, on the front page is a Building Learning Power section. We will be adding a video on there shortly to give you more of an understanding as to its approach and impact.

Additionally, we have recently distributed this term's 'knowledge organisers' and 'curriculum newsletters' via email as well as putting them onto the school website. These resources will provide a clearer weekly insight into your child's learning, making it easier for you to engage with them about their school day.

**Important Reminder: After-School Safety.** Please ensure that children do not play with the OPAL equipment after school. This is a safety measure, especially following a recent incident where a child, not from our school, suffered an injury. The equipment must be left untouched to ensure it is ready for the next day. I will be discussing this with the children next week and appreciate your cooperation in reinforcing this message at home.

We are excited to introduce new OPAL equipment next week and are confident it will enhance our students' play experiences.

I hope you enjoy the sunshine this weekend, and here's to more beautiful weather!

Warm regards



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Sumer Term Clubs
All	Summer term menu
All	Curriculum Newsletter

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  
22nd April 2024?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons  
Private Guitar Lessons  
Exmoor Challenge Training Walk

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons  
Pilton House small group

Thursday

Rocksteady private lessons

Friday

Private Woodwind lessons  
Lower school sports

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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
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>	<b>LOWER</b>	<b>3LB</b>	<b>3KD</b>	<b>4AB</b>	<b>4BC</b>

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.

## Afterschool clubs

The new term clubs are still being collated.

We have however sent emails today informing those who have spaces in origami, boys football, girls football, athletics and book club.

You will hear directly from tennis, goal getters and karate.

The choir was very popular so we are still looking at numbers.

Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group

More details to follow  
over the weekend!

# PYJAMA PARTY AT JUNGLAROO!

Upper School - Saturday 4th May

Lower School - Saturday 11th May

6:30pm to 8:30pm

**Tickets £10 per child (includes squash and treat)**

Funds raised will help support Pilton Bluecoat School.  
Adult supervision is required but capacity is limited so please arrange to  
share responsibility with friends where possible.

Tickets will go on sale via the school Arbor app from 6pm on  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, please book early to avoid disappointment.



**Parentkind**  
Member Association



## 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.**

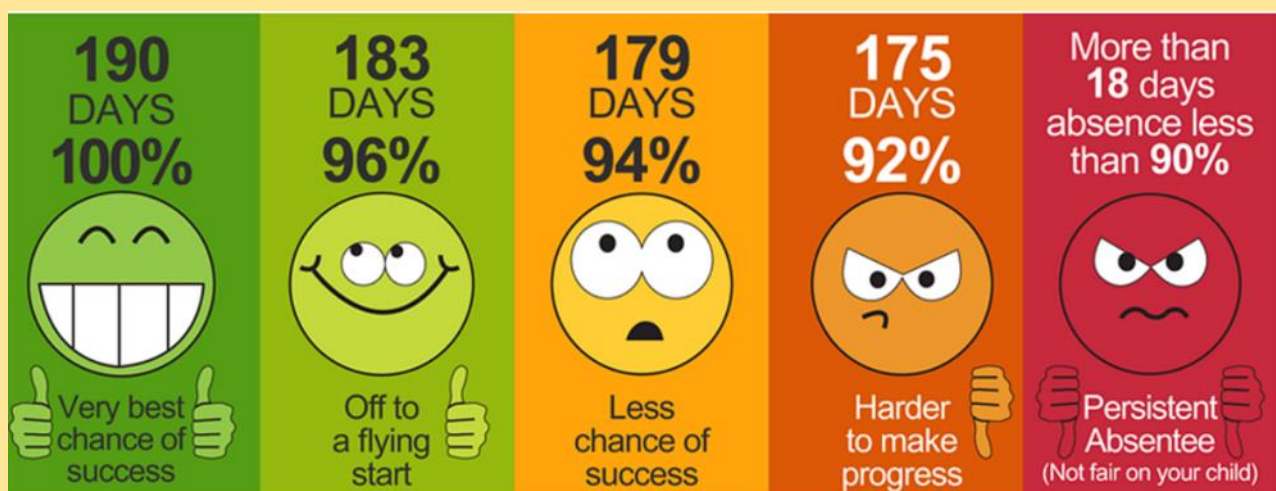


**missed minutes =  
missed learning  
= missed opportunities!**

**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.





# PILTON COMMUNITY CHOIR



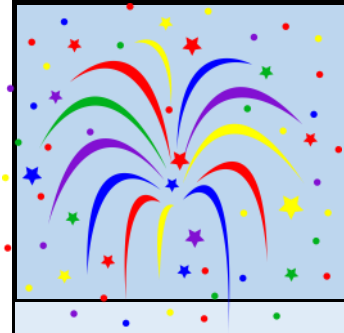
Parents we need you! Please come and join  
our choir for the summer term on Thursdays  
after school!

**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.



# Celebration Assembly

Friday 19th April

## Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Ede, Year 4 - Bella, Year 5 - Danny, Year 6 - Seth

## Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Evie, Year 4 - Mihrimah, Year 5 - Beth, Year 6 - Jack

## Work

Vienna for an incredible commitment to their reading homework Donny for settling into class so well and showing great Learning Power Behaviours

Cassius for his amazing orienteering skills in PE.

Sadie, Zara, Myles, Kingsley for great team work and ideas whilst making an advert.

Ernie for his hard work, effort and concentration over the week

Eddie for an amazing attitude to learning, completes everything with a smile!

Paige for her beautiful presentation of Geography allotment write up

Lincoln for a fantastic effort in Maths

Jack for his engagement in learning

Rose for an improved confidence in maths learning

Rachael for her improved concentration in her maths learning.

## HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 175 Jupiter = 149

Neptune = 146 Mercury = 127



- 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.



## Summer 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 2: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07
Monday	<b>Toad in the Hole</b> V – Vegetarian Toad in the Hole Crispy Potatoes & Peas and Carrots Pancake Monday (various toppings)
Tuesday	<b>Mild soft TACOS</b> V – Quorn TACOS Rice and Sweetcorn Fruit and Yoghurt
Wednesday	<b>Roast of the Day - Pork</b> V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Fruit Salad/Ice Cream
Thursday	<b>Hunters Chicken</b> V - Vegetable Bites Rice and Mixed Veg Carrot Cake
Friday	<b>Cod or Salmon Fishcakes</b> V – Veggie Nuggets Golden Fries & Cucumber/Carrot Batons Cookie/Biscuit



# School Term Dates 2023/2024

## Summer Term

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
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](mailto: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



**ZUMBA®**  
fitness

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



**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

Preschooler Class

TIME TO COOK  
THE LIGHTHOUSE  
KEEPER'S LUNCH

TIME TO  
**COOK**®  
LITTLE COOKS  
BIG ADVENTURES

- Make a delicious  
Flapjack
- Craft your own  
Cheeky Seagull
- Make a Picnic Basket

Wednesday 24th April  
10:00a.m.  
Pilton Church Hall

# SEND COOKERY SESSIONS FOR KIDS



**TUESDAYS AT PILTON  
CHURCH HALL, BARNSTAPLE**

**12:00PM - 1:00PM**



Time to Cook



Time to Cook North Devon



**COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR SEND KIDS  
COOKERY SESSIONS WHERE EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME!**

- **SMALL CLASS SIZES**
- **SIMPLE RECIPES**
- **TIME FOR BREAKS**
- **SPACE TO MOVE**

Email [claire@timetocook.uk](mailto:claire@timetocook.uk) to book your space!

Spaces must be pre-booked.

Classes cost £10 per child which includes all the ingredients and equipment plus your child's bake to take home and enjoy!



## Home Ed Classes

**At Pilton Church Hall  
Tuesdays at 10:00a.m.**

Spice up your homeschool routine with our cookery classes for kids!

From mastering measurements to exploring new flavours, our classes offer educational fun that boosts creativity and confidence.

Get your little chefs excited about exploring ingredients while bonding over delicious bakes.

Reserve their spot today and let's cook up some unforgettable memories together!

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Time to Cook



Time to Cook North Devon



Sunday 21st April 11-3pm

**EARTH DAY  
2024**

@ Braunton Countryside Centre

**Time travel to 2030 with us  
to create a positive future!**

Activities to Include:

- Time travel to 2030
- Sustainable living workshops, including 'Surviving life in a plastic system'
- Nature recovery activities
- Repair café taster sessions
- Pop-up bird watching on the Tarka Trail
- And much more!

Free event. Donations welcome to support involved charities.

Be part of the solution!

Everyone welcome  
Workshops running throughout the day  
Cycling & sustainable travel to & from event encouraged!










## Pilton Green Man Festival

The Pilton Green Man Festival is back this year! So put the date in your diary:

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

If any local food or craft vendors would like to book a pitch for either Pilton Street or Rotary Gardens, you can find application forms and further information on the website:

<http://www.piltonfestival.co.uk/Stall%20Application...>

