

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Our Global Day – Building Brighter Futures Together

Dear Parents and Carers, at Pilton Bluecoat Academy, we are proud to announce the launch of our new vision: **"Building Brighter Futures."** The vision shows our commitment to ensuring every child thrives academically, socially, and emotionally. It is grounded in our Christian values and key drivers: Building Self-Esteem, Building Learning Power, Building Futures, and Building Communities.

Our exciting **Global Day** on Wednesday began with a whole-school assembly celebrating this vision. School Councillors shared what these principles meant to them and read a reflective prayer.

As part of the assembly, we recognised the importance of not only providing exceptional academic opportunities but also offering **Big Event experiences** that enrich our children's learning. These experiences are vital for fostering personal growth, social connections, and mental well-being, helping children develop the skills they need for life beyond the classroom.

Our **Global Day** was a vibrant celebration of culture, diversity, and community, allowing children to explore the wider world while deepening their understanding of their place within it.

- **Year 3** focused on understanding the United Kingdom and explored their local community of North Devon.
- **Year 4** dived into the history and culture of Segovia, Spain, and even had the chance to connect on a live Teams call with children from our partner school!
- **Year 5** embraced German culture by linking with our partners in Potsdam and enjoyed delicious traditional Lebkuchen.
- **Year 6** explored the richness of Indian culture by sampling authentic Indian cuisine and producing stunning artwork inspired by their learning.

These experiences were not just fun but deeply meaningful, broadening horizons and enhancing cultural awareness while fostering a sense of connection with our global community.

Why Does This Matter?

Opportunities like these are crucial for building **cultural capital**, helping our children gain a deeper understanding of the world around them. They learn to appreciate diversity, develop empathy, and build confidence—all vital traits for their futures. Through these experiences, we're not just teaching them about geography or culture; we're preparing them for life.

Attendance Matters!

Our current attendance stands at **95%**. Consistent attendance is essential to ensure that children can fully participate in the exciting opportunities and high-quality learning we offer. When children are in school, they don't just learn; they grow socially, emotionally, and academically, equipping them for a brighter future.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us realise our vision of **Building Brighter Futures**.



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
All	Christmas Art Project
All	Pre-booking Christmas Dinner
Choir	Choir performances
All	Invitation to OPAL workshop
All	Friday Sports reminder

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 November 2024?
Monday Private Guitar, Violin & Keyboard lessons Music Sharing Assembly 2pm
Tuesday Pathfield buddies small group Private singing lessons Year 4 Eden Project Trip
Wednesday Private Violin & Keyboard lessons Pilton House small group
Thursday Rocksteady private lessons Private Drum lessons 5ET Guardian 1:1 consultations
Friday Private Woodwind lessons Lower school sports

<p>Find us on;</p> <p>Website: www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk</p> <p>Facebook: @Pilton Bluecoat Academy</p> <p>Twitter: @teammatceo</p> <p>Email: office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk</p>
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<p>Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/</p>
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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>



Workshop

Tuesday 10th December

Time Options

1.30-3pm or 3.30-5pm

**Please sign up for spaces via Arbor
under school shop and in the notes
specify the session time you would
like to be part of.**

Come along and learn more
about the benefits of OPAL



Global Visioning Day

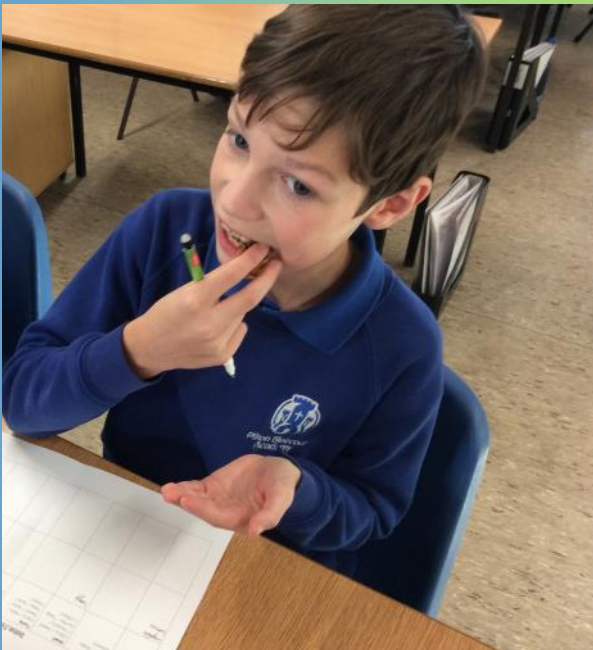
A vibrant celebration of diversity and discovery. Pupils across the school engaged in activities like geography, art, cooking and food-tasting, exploring different cultures from around the world, including their own. These hands-on experiences fostered a global perspective and a deeper respect for the richness of other cultures, perfectly aligning with our vision of *Building Brighter Futures*.



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Global Visioning Day



Christmas Shopping? easyfundraising feel good shopping

Did you know that Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group are registered with easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

This is a great opportunity to raise much needed funds for the school! When you shop online, with over 8,000 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, and eBay, you will raise FREE donations for Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway. You can also encourage your family, friends and workplace to sign up and get a referral bonus!

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piltonbluecoatfg/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much!



Adorn your front door with a beautiful homemade wreath this Christmas, made by YOU!



Pilton Bluecoat Academy School, Abbey Road,
Barnstaple, EX31 1JU

Saturday 7th December
6pm to 8.30pm

£45 including materials, drinks and nibbles

Please call into the school office, or call 01271 345952/
email office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk to book your place.



Our Parentgroup are asking for donations of soft toys for the Christmas Fair, these can be brought into the school office and if you are able to donate cakes for the fair that would be very much appreciated. These can be brought in on Thurs 5th & Fri 6th Dec.

Christmas Card Project



Order deadline is 25th November



- 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!



Autumn Term Dinner Menu

Meal price is £2.55 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.

**We can cater for most
allergens, please let the
school office know.**

	Week 3: W/C: 16/09, 07/10, 04/11, 25/11, 16/12
Mon	Toad in the hole V: Vegetarian toad in the hole Crispy potatoes, peas & broccoli Pancakes with various toppings
Tues	Bolognaise (hidden vegetables) V: Arrabiata pasta (hidden vegetables) Garlic bread & cucumber batons Fruit Muffin
Weds	Roast chicken V: Homity (cheese & onion) pie Roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables Sorbet
Thurs	Caribbean Chicken V: Rice 'n' peas Sweetcorn Apple sponge & custard
Fri	Salmon/Cod Fish Cakes V: Cheese wheels Golden fries, baked beans & peas Homemade biscuit

Celebration Assembly

Friday 22nd November

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3—Tilly, Year 4—Kit, Year 5—Ava, Year 6—Beth

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3—Evan, Year 4—Josh,
Year 5—Manuel, Year 6—Barnaby

Work

Henry for fantastic contribution to lessons and great commitment to his own learning.

Daisie for perseverance and effort in all her learning

Ophelia for her fantastic art work

Sammy for his consistent hard work and focus on presentation.

Kacie and Charlie ~ for making a lovely Christmas card for our friends at Potsdam School

Konni for fabulous potato printing artwork, showing great creativity and concentration and for helping another child who was finding it tricky.

Charlie & Miley for their fantastic Warli art

Eliza for her fantastic Warli art this week.

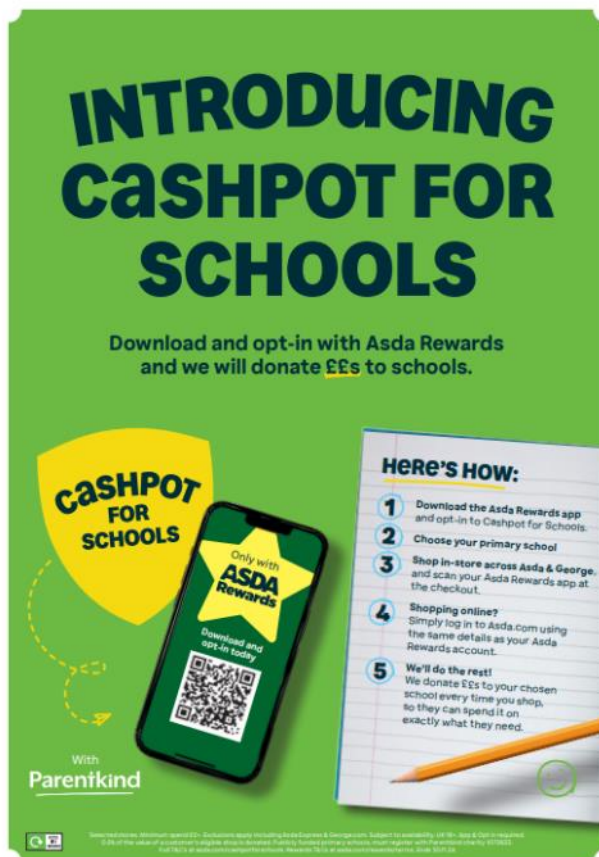
Contribution

Mia nominated Eden for showing her kindness and being a lovely friend, especially during challenging times.

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Jupiter = 624 Neptune = 553

Saturn = 482 Mercury = 455



Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs – have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, until 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn’t stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Tempest School Photos



Links to the children’s individual & sibling photos have been sent out, there is no obligation to purchase them but if you do so they offer free p&p to school if ordered by 28th November.

Music Sharing Assembly

Monday 25th November



2pm





A pre booked Festive Roast dinner, served in our school hall by our teaching staff which also includes Christmas music, Christmas Crackers, Christmas Tables Cloths and a Christmas sing along.

Cost £2.55

Please sign up on Arbor under school trips by 2nd December.

HAMPERS

Our pastoral team will be putting together hampers to help some of our families who would appreciate some extra cheer this year.

They are asking for donations of the following items if you are able to; cereals, pasta, pasta sauces, squash, tin beans & spaghetti, soups, biscuits, tinned tuna, tinned sweetcorn, rice, part baked rolls, tinned tomatoes, toilet rolls, shower gel, toothpaste, tooth brushes, coffee, tea bags, sugar, tinned hot dogs, Christmas treats.

Items can be left in the practical areas of each year group. Thank you.

Friday Sports

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these dates .

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.

Autumn 2024						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Basketball	Football
08-Nov		UPPER	5ET	6MT	5MR	6SE
15-Nov		LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3JH
22-Nov	<i>Change</i>	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5ET	5MR
29-Nov		LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
06-Dec		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5ET	5MR
13-Dec		LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
20-Dec	Last day of Term - No Friday Sports					

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed towards our pyjama day in school. We have so far raised £302.55, thank you!

The item will be left open on school shop until 29th November if you are still yet to make a contribution.



A message from Pilton Bluecoat Parent Group School Christmas raffle donation request.

Can your business or the company you work for offer us a raffle prize? If so, please get in touch, we would be glad to hear from you, email: piltonbluecoat.parentsgroup@gmail.com or phone the school on 01271 345952.

Thank you very much.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day: 5th Sept 2024	First Day: 7th Jan 2025	First Day: 22nd Apr 2025
Half-term: 28th Oct - 1st Nov 2024	Half-term: 17th - 21st Feb 2025	Half Term: 26th - 30th May 2025
Last Day: 20th December 2024	Last Day: 4th April 2025	Last Day 22nd July 2025

Dates for your diary, 2024

Date	Event
22nd November	Teachers Rock Concert at Exeter Cathedral
25th November	Music Sharing Assembly 2pm
26th November	Year 5 day trip to Eden Project
5th December	Last choir session—parents invited at 4pm
6th December	Christmas Fair 3.20pm
10th December	OPAL workshops
17th December	Lower School Nativity Performance Afternoon
18th December	Choir to Portmill Court
18th December	Christmas Dinner Day
18th December	Lower School Nativity Performance Evening
19th December	Rocksteady Concert 9am
20th December	Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Pilton

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.

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING ON FRIDAY!!

Pilton Christmas Market

In Pilton Church Hall
Barnstaple

**Late Night Friday 22nd
& All Day Saturday 23rd
November 2024**

**Late night Friday 5-9pm
Saturday 9-5pm**

Come and enjoy the friendly Christmas atmosphere. Browse our many stalls.

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Grotto times vary.

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CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT

Tables of 2 or 4
£40 per couple for sharing platter and 6 games of bingo
Raffle and games throughout the night

Please contact Abi to book your tickets!
piltoninfantsschoolptfa@gmail.com

 Friday 29th November 2024 7pm- late
 Nellie's Coffee Bar Gammon Walk, Barnstaple

In aid of Pilton Infants' School PTFA



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SUNDAYS 10.30 - 11.45am
In Term-Time



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



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Monday 7.00pm
YMCA South Molton
Tuesday 8.00pm
Pilton Bluecoat School
Thursday 7.00pm
Ilfracombe Academy

Mondays

Juniors: 3.20pm – 4.20pm

Toddlers # Kids # Teenagers # Adults



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SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

10-4pm

BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET

GRAND RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, BOTTLE IN A BAG, GAMES, CRAFT, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, MUSIC, THORNE'S DELIGHTS CAKES, NALU BEADS, SCARLETT'S CREATIONS, CHOIR PERFORMANCES FROM PILTON BLUECOAT, WOOLACOMBE PRIMARY & SOUTHMEAD PRIMARY.
















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Was your child born between
1st September 2020 and
31st August 2021?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details
to a primary school, you must apply
for a place through the Admissions
Team. This is the only way to apply;
other forms or lists held by schools
will not count.

Devon
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**CHRISTMAS
ACTIVITY DAYS**

DATES:
- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

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