

**7th March 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **World Book WEEK!**

We have had an incredible World Book Week, celebrating our love of reading beyond just one day! On Monday, adults kicked off the week by sharing a chosen book with children during collective worship. Throughout the week, children enjoyed the opportunity to visit different areas during break times to listen to adults reading, creating a wonderful atmosphere of storytelling and excitement. A huge thank you to all our staff for dedicating their time to inspire a love of reading and bring stories to life for our children!

## **The Importance of Home Learning**

At Pilton Bluecoat Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Home learning plays a vital role in supporting children's progress by reinforcing what they learn in school, helping to close learning gaps, and developing independence. We understand that children need free time to relax and enjoy activities for their well-being, but striking the right balance between home learning and downtime is essential for their development. Encouraging regular engagement with home learning helps to build good habits, develop resilience, and boost confidence in their own abilities.

## **Internet Safety Newsletter**

We have uploaded the latest safeguarding newsletter to our website under the 'Safeguarding and Child Protection' folder, in the 'Safeguarding Newsletters' section. This edition includes important information on AI, TikTok, and the NSPCC's PANTS initiative, which helps children understand their bodies. It also features details on LEGO Arcade, which offers online games. Please take a look—I hope you find it helpful.

## **Year 6 Dance Festival**

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who recently participated in the Dance Festival at Pilton Community College. The event was a fantastic experience, allowing children to express themselves creatively, work as a team, and develop confidence in performing. The positive impact of this opportunity has been clear to see, with children feeling a great sense of achievement and enjoyment from taking part. Well done to everyone involved!

## Support Plan Meetings

A huge thank you to all families who attended their child's 'Support Plan' meetings. We truly value the opportunity to work closely with you to review and plan the best ways to support your child's learning and well-being. These meetings are an important part of ensuring that each child receives the tailored support they need, and we appreciate your continued partnership.

## Family Meetings

Next week, we will be holding our Parent/Family Meetings, and we encourage all families to book their appointment. This is an invaluable chance to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements, and look at next steps in their learning journey. If you haven't already, please ensure you secure your time slot via Arbor.

## Attendance on the Rise!

We are pleased to see a positive increase in attendance across the school. High attendance is key to children making good progress, engaging fully in their learning, and building strong relationships with their peers. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school and ready to learn each day.

## Parking

Around the site is becoming increasingly busy with traffic at drop-off and pick-up times. Please be aware that we can issue free parking tickets for Fairview car park. Therefore, please do see the office should you need one.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to your child's education and well-being. Thank you for being a valued part of our school community!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathew Harts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mathew Harts, Head of School**

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
Year 5	SATs Meeting
Various	Cancelled Clubs
Various	School Meals

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 10th March 2025?
<p><u>Monday</u> Private Guitar, Violin &amp; Keyboard lessons</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> Private Violin &amp; Keyboard lessons Pilton House small group</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> Rocksteady Private lessons Private Drum lessons Teachers Rock Youth Choir</p> <p><u>Friday</u> Private Woodwind lessons Rising Stars Day 2 Basketball Upper School Friday Sports</p>

<p>Find us on;</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk">www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk</a></p> <p>Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PiltonBluecoatAcademy">@Pilton Bluecoat Academy</a></p> <p>Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/teammatceo">@teammatceo</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk">office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk</a></p>
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<p><b>Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a></p>
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<p><b>Breakfast Club &amp; Afterschool club</b></p> <p><b>Please contact Tia or Jemma on</b></p> <p><b><a href="mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk">north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk</a></b></p>
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# Celebration Assembly

Friday 7th March

## Handwriting Heroes

3KD—Evan , 4BC—Henry, 5ET—Bella, 6MT—Holly

## Reading Champions - Book Token!

3JH—Lily, 4AB—Daniel, 5MR—Isaac, 6SE Liam

## Work

**3KD—Ava & Evie** ~ an amazing art piece created during World Book Week

**3JH—Poppy** - excellent effort and a very high standard of work in everything she does.

**4AB—Alma** - Beautiful World Book Day work in her sketch book.

**4BC—Eva** - for her commitment to her learning; especially in maths and her enthusiasm about our new topic.

**5MR—Owen** ~ for his commitment to his learning. He always works incredibly hard and shows determination and perseverance to succeed.

**5ET—Maddie** - Brilliant diary entries based around the book 'The boy, the mole the fox and the horse' and for showing her understanding of the text through fantastic answers in class.

**6SE—Eddie** - For a well-constructed introduction to his explanation text with sophisticated vocabulary.

**6SE—Kinga** - For her fantastic observations and interpretations of our book.

**6MT— Evelin** - Fantastic published non-chronological report about Antarctica.

## Contribution

**3JH—Charles** - for serving others and keeping the class tidy

**4AB—Theodore** and Ivy for perseverance and encouragement.

**6MT— Ruby and Beth and Edie** for helping a Year 3.

All the children who took part in the dance festival at PCC.

## HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

**Saturn = 322 Neptune = 372**

**Jupiter = 328 Mercury = 309**

# 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.**

Spring 2025						
Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Basketball	Football
14-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5ET	6SE	6MT
21-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
28-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5ET	6SE	6MT
04-Apr		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
		EASTER HOLIDAYS				

## Year 3 Residential

We are just finalising some details and then we will get the trip letters out and open it up on Arbor for you to start booking your child a space.

# WORLD BOOK DAY®

6 MARCH 2025

Our students had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day!

In preparation for the event, they decorated their own t-shirts at home with designs inspired by their favourite books. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine through as they proudly wore their unique designs in school.

A huge thank you to all the children, parents, and staff who helped make the day so memorable!





# COMPETITION



This year is a big year for railways, as they are celebrating **Railway 200!**

Railway 200 is a nationwide celebration of the **200th anniversary** of the birth of modern railways, which began with the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

To mark the occasion, Lynton and Barnstaple Railway are inviting local schools in North Devon to take part in a Railway 200 Poster Competition!

## Competition Details:

\* Posters must be in felt tip pen

Students are encouraged to design a poster based on themes such as:

- \* **Railway 200**
- \* **Railways and transport**

Winning posters from each category will be transformed into a **special Railway 200 sign**, which will be displayed at **Woody Bay Station**. Runners-up will have their work exhibited in the **tea-room**. At Woody Bay Station.

Age Categories:

- \* **Year 1 & 2 (Ages 5-7)**
- \* **Year 3 & 4 (Ages 7-9)**
- \* **Year 5 & 6 (Ages 9-11)**

## How to Take Part

If your child would like to join in, please ask them to let reception know by **Friday 21st March** so we can arrange for a poster template to be delivered to the school. The closing date for entries is will then be **16th May**.





## Cancelled Clubs — Monday 10th March

Due to Parents meetings, all of the following clubs will be cancelled this week—Mixed Football, Lego and Book Club.



## LOST & FOUND

A baby photo has been discovered on school grounds, and we'd love to reunite it with its owner!

If you or someone you know has lost a cherished baby picture, please check with the school office.

We hope to return this special memory to its rightful home soon!



- 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.



## Devon Family Hubs Monthly Newsletter - February 2025

### **In this month's issue...**

We'll look at **Tantrums vs Meltdowns** - what's the difference and give you some tips and advice on how to cope when they occur.

Also, it's **World Book Day** on the 6th March. We look at why reading is so important and signpost you to information and resources, (including where you can get FREE books).

We've also got our usual features - **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** - information about upcoming events the Devon Digital Team are running, **SEND, FEBRUARY AWARENESS DAYS** and much more, so grab a cuppa, sit back and enjoy this month's newsletter!

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# Spring 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: 20/1, 10/2, 10/3, 31/3
<u>Monday</u>  Cheese & Tomato Pizza V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake Potato Wedges and Vegetables Pancake Monday (various fruit toppings)
<u>Tuesday</u>  Beef burger V – Quorn burger Crispy Potatoes, Peas and Sweetcorn Fruit Jelly
<u>Wednesday</u>  Roast of the Day – Chicken V – Cheese and Onion Pie Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Fruit Salad
<u>Thursday</u>  Hunters Chicken V – Hunters Quorn Steak Rice and Mixed Vegetables Jam Sponge with Custard
<u>Friday</u>  Fish Fingers V – Veggie Fingers Golden Fries, Peas and Carrots Shortbread Biscuit

## School Meal Prices

We would like to inform you that from **22nd April 2025** the price of school meals will be increasing to **£2.58**. While we have worked hard to keep prices as low as possible this adjustment is necessary to continue proving high-quality meals for our students. Thank you

# 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:
Last Day: 20th December 2024	Last Day: 4th April 2025	Last Day 22nd July 2025

## Dates for your diary, 2025 .....

Date	Event
11th March	Tempest Class photos
21st March	Comic Relief Day
3rd April	Rocksteady Concert
7th—8th & 8th—9th May	Year 3 Lee Abbey Residential
12th—15th May	Year 6 SATS
23rd—27th June	Year 6 Heatree House Residential
30th June	Year 6 Pilton College Transition day
1st July	Whole school move up day
2nd—4th July	Year 4 UAC Residential
10th July	Rocksteady Concert

# TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>

We currently have 1 vacancy available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Meal Time Assistant at Umberleigh  
Primary Academy.





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**ABC**  
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chat, friendship, support, play, songs,  
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In  
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**only £2 per family**

**Term time only**

**Union Karate Do**  
# Toddlers # Kids # Teenagers # Adults

**Mondays**  
Pilton Bluecoat Academy  
Juniors: 3.20pm - 4.20pm

**Pilton Bluecoat Academy**  
Join us 2025

More than just a club we are a martial arts FAMILY

Confidence, Fitness, Self Defence, Flexibility whatever your Goal is we are here to help YOU achieve it.

**Resilience**  
**Equality**  
**Self-confidence**  
**Perseverance**  
**Excellence**  
**Courage**  
**Teamwork**

To BOOK and secure your place all you must do is book via the website or Facebook page.  
If you have any questions, please contact the club and we will be more than happy to assist  
**07736936738**  
**unionkaratedoclub@gmail.com**  
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**Believe and Achieve YOUR Goals Today**  
@ Pilton Bluecoat School @ Caen Primary School  
@ Croyde Village Hall @ Southmead Primary School @ Kingsacre School  
@ Ilfracombe Primary School @ Pilton Community College

**UNDER 9'S RUGBY**

**TRAIN FRIDAY EVENINGS  
AT SOUTH MOLTON RFC  
GAMES ON SUNDAY'S**

**ACTIVE  
FRIENDSHIP  
FUN  
TEAMWORK**

**NO MATTER YOUR ABILITY  
NO MATTER YOUR FITNESS LEVEL  
COME AND JOIN US**

**PLEASE CONTACT BARNABY, COACH U9'S:  
MOBILE 07792 670843**



# EASTER ACTIVITY DAYS

  
**Ofsted**

**5-11 YEAR OLDS**



Primary Sports  
and Education  
North Devon

**STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY ACADEMY**

**8.30AM-3.30PM**

**BOOK NOW**

*Monday 7th April*

*Tuesday 8th April*

*Wednesday 9th April*

*Thursday 10th April*

*Monday 14th April*

*Tuesday 15th April*

*Wednesday 16th April*



  
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