



Newsletter

26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Let's start off with: Mr Turner's Inspiration – "Just a little bit more each day"

This week, we were lucky to be inspired by Mr Turner, who proudly represented Great Britain in a triathlon held in Turkey this summer, finishing an incredible 6th place for his country!

Mr Turner spoke passionately to the children about the preparation, discipline and resilience it took to train, emphasising the importance of setting goals, facing challenges head-on, and always pushing yourself to do "just a little bit more each day."

He linked this powerful message to our PE curriculum, where we focus on Head, Heart and Hands, helping pupils understand that success isn't just about physical skill, but also mindset and attitude. It was a truly uplifting session that left the room inspired, and we are so proud to have Mr Turner as part of our team.

At Pilton Bluecoat, we invest above and beyond in sport because we know the value it brings to both physical and mental health. This week is a shining example of that.

Straight after Mr Turner's inspiring talk, a team of children from all year groups set off to Pilton Community College for a cross-country competition. The children represented our school brilliantly, showing outstanding teamwork, resilience, and perseverance, true sporting values.

We were thrilled to welcome them back with medals in hand and proud smiles on their faces. Well done to every child who took part, you did us proud!

Our Year 3 pupils had an unforgettable Stone Age Day this week! From building shelters to exploring Stone Age food and hunting techniques, the children fully immersed themselves in prehistoric life. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and creativity were infectious.

It's experiences like this that bring learning to life and help build a lifelong love for history

A big thank you to all families who came to our recent 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. It was fantastic to welcome you into classrooms, share the environment your children learn in every day, and give you a glimpse of the books, routines, and activities ahead.

We are committed to continuing these opportunities throughout the year. Strong partnerships between home and school help your child thrive, and we are so grateful for your support.

As the wet weather approaches, we're asking if you could please send in a pair of named wellington boots for your child, placed in a carrier bag.

We're preparing to open the Welly Boot Store, which will allow children to continue using the field and Forest School area even during the winter months. Let's keep outdoor learning going all year round!

We believe communication is key and are committed to sharing information with families as promptly and clearly as possible. Sometimes, events may come up at short notice, but we will always follow up with key information and ensure you have every opportunity to ask questions or discuss any concerns.

Please remember, respectful communication is essential. We are all working towards the same goal, doing our very best for your children. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Our attendance currently stands at 96%, which is above national average, thank you! But we want to keep pushing forward. Just one day off a fortnight adds up to nearly four whole weeks of lost learning across the year. Gaps quickly form and can impact not just academic progress, but confidence and friendships too.

Thank you for another fantastic week at Pilton Bluecoat. From national athletes inspiring our children, to prehistoric adventures and team success in sport, it's clear we are truly Building Brighter Futures.

Enjoy your weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Warmest Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathew Harts', written on a light yellow background.

Mathew Harts, Head of School

WHAT'S ON?

COMING UP....

Spain Visit - 19th -24th October

Music Sharing Assembly - 14th
November

Parents Evening - 12th&13th
November

Flu Vaccinations 25th
November

Year 4 Escot Park - 25th
November

Go Beyond - 24th - 28th
November

LETTERS SENT

Year	Topic
All Years	Curriculum Newsletters and Knowledge Organisers
All Years	Flu Vaccinations
All Years	Pupil Premium



Pilton Bluecoat
Academy



2025 - 2026

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day: 4th Sept 2025	First Day: 6th January 2026	First Day: 20th April 2026
Half-term: 27th Oct – 31st Oct 2025	Half-term: 16th Feb – 20th Feb 2026	Bank Holiday: 4th May Half Term: 25th May -29th May 2026
Last Day: 19th December 2025	Last Day: 2nd April 2026	Last Day: 21st July 2026

Non pupil days

2nd & 3rd September 2025

5th January 2026

1st June 2026

22nd July 2026



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Handwriting Heroes

3KD- Imogen, **4BC** - Will, **5MR** - Lilly,
6SE - Robert

Reading Champions

3JH - Emily, **4AB** - Harvey, **5MH** - Riaan,
6MT - Mirella, **6SE** - Franklyn

Work

3KD - Jakob - For amazing attitude to Bluecoat
3JH - Fletcher - Great effort with his maths learning
Tilly - Always being ready to learn and giving everything her best effort.
4AB - Anya - Excellent story writing
4BC - Jonathan - For his amazing ideas and input during writing sessions
5MR - Jasper - For his excellent descriptive poem and handwriting effort
5MH - Evie - Excellent character description
6SE - Ava and Esther - For putting 100% into everything they do.
6MT - Ashlee - Excellent effort and engagement in all areas of her learning

Contribution

3KD - Ollie and Rocco - for going that extra mile to help out our class

All of 4AB - for being kind and considerate

All of the children who went to Newton Abbot Racecourse last Friday - fantastic behaviour and patience throughout the day

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

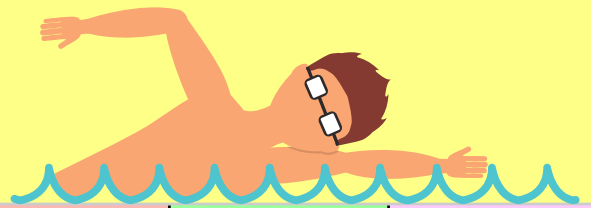
Saturn = 368 Neptune = 421

Jupiter = 399 Mercury = 425

FRIDAY SPORTS

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PE DAYS



Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	TBC	Football
3 Oct 2025	UPPER	5MH	6MT	5MR	6SE
10 Oct 2025	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3JH
17 Oct 2025	UPPER	5MH	6MT	5MR	6SE
24 Oct 2025	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3JH
31 Oct 2025	HALF - TERM				

PE Days	
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Tuesday

Newton Abbot

RACE COURSE

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out at Newton Abbot Racecourse. The children had the chance to see the horses up close and take a fascinating tour of the weigh room, learning about how jockeys prepare for their races. They also walked part of the track, where they discovered how hurdles are set up and learnt about furlong distances.

A real highlight of the day was watching a live race, which brought all their learning to life with plenty of excitement and atmosphere. To make the experience even more special, the children had the opportunity to meet Champion Jockey Sean Bowen, who kindly shared his experiences and answered their questions.

It was a brilliant day full of learning, fun, and unforgettable memories!





**KAPOW! IT'S
SUPERHERO BURGER
DAY!**

This Thursday, the dining hall transforms into Hero Headquarters... and only the mightiest meal will do!

Fuel up with a Super Burger – packed with the power you need to leap, run, and zoom through the day!

Join the League of Lunchtime Heroes – every bite is a mission to save the day from hunger!

Beef Burger (in a Bun)
Quorn Burger (In a Bun)
Lattice Fries, Sweetcorn/Beans
Jam Sponge and Custard

☀ POW! BAM! ZAP!

Don't miss out – sign up for a school dinner and power up with your Superhero Burger!



AUTUMN TERM

DINNER MENU

	Week 2: 08/09, 29/09, 20/10, 17/11, 08/12
Monday	Toad in the Hole V – Vegetarian Sausages Crispy/cubed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy Fruit and Yoghurt
Tuesday	Minced Beef Soft Taco V – No meat Mince Taco Sweetcorn and Wedges Fruit Jelly
Wednesday	Roast of the Day - Beef V - Homity Pie Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Doughnut and fruit slices
Thursday	Beef Burger (In a Bun) V - Quorn Burger (in a bun) Lattice Fries, Sweetcorn/ baked beans Jam Sponge and Custard
Friday	Oven Baked Fish V – Quorn Nuggets Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Oaty Cookie (various flavours)

Wellies

As the weather begins to turn wetter and muddier, we kindly ask that all children bring a pair of wellies into school.

This will help keep their feet warm and dry during outdoor play and learning activities. Please make sure your child's wellies are clearly named to avoid any mix-ups.



CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, under beautiful sunshine, pupils from Years 3 to 6 took part in an exciting cross country event hosted at Pilton Community College. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to put into practice the skills and stamina they've been developing during recent PE lessons.

It was a joy to see so many of them demonstrating outstanding effort, resilience, and team spirit – all while clearly enjoying the challenge. A huge well done to everyone who took part. You represented the school brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of you!





OTHER FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

AUTISM AND US

Support from the Communication & Interaction Team for Devon parents or carers children (5-16) who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

TOPIC	DATE
Autism overview	Tuesday 23 September 10am – 12pm
Sensory	Tuesday 30 September 10am – 12pm
Communication	Tuesday 7 October 10am – 12pm
Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tuesday 14 October 10am – 12pm

HOW TO BOOK?

Apply direct by email to educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk to secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

Four weekly 'live
online' sessions

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.



ADULTS BABIES CHILDREN

*chat, friendship, support, play, songs,
craft, bible stories, coffee and cake*

Thursdays 10.00 - 11.30

In
Pilton Church Hall
83 Pilton Street

only £2 per family

Term time only

Libraries Unlimited

BARNSTAPLE LIBRARY



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BARNSTAPLE LIBRARY COMIC-CON
2025

**SATURDAY 27TH
SEPTEMBER 2025**

10.00am - 4.00pm

All Ages Welcome!
Something for everyone!




**WHAT'S
ON**

**Saturday 27th September 2025
10AM - 4PM**

- 10AM - 12PM - Stormtroopers
- 10AM - 12PM - Face Painting with Magic Times
- 10AM - 12PM - Skate Molton (Outside on the library square)
- 10AM - 2PM - Dungeons & Dragons (Booking Required) - FREE
- 10AM - 3PM - Badge Making
- 10AM - 3PM - Wizefloor Games
- 10AM - 3PM - Green Screen Photography
- 10AM - 3PM - Retro Gaming
- 10AM - 4PM - Treasure Hunt Around the Library
- 10.30AM - 11.15AM - LARP Weaponry Workshop with Gideon 'Old Wyvern'
- 10.30AM - 12.30PM - Spiderman
- 11.30AM - 12.47PM - Film Screening 'The Red Turtle' (PG) £2.00PP
- 11.45AM - 12.30PM - LARP Weaponry Workshop with Gideon 'Old Wyvern'
- 1PM - 2PM - Manga Drawing / Graphic Novel Design Workshop
- 1.30PM - 3PM - Zine Making Workshop
- 2PM - 3PM - Fantasy Storytelling with Gideon 'Old Wyvern'
- 2PM - 4PM - Flight Simulation with TAOFLIGHT

AND LOTS MORE!
**Cosplaying encouraged,
but not necessary.**

**EASTSIDE UNDER 9'S ARE
LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS**



Are you looking for a friendly
and supportive football club
for your age 8-9 child?

Eastside AFC under 9's welcome children of all abilities in school
years 3 & 4

Weekly training Monday 6-7pm at Rock Park (change to Park School
astro from October) and a fun programme of matches already in
place for the season

Get in touch if your child wants to have fun,
develop their skills and be part of a team!

Contact Charlotte on 07547 113270 for more
info and to book a taster training session.



**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, Pottington

Tuesday 6.30pm

Pilton Bluecoat School

Friday 10.00am

The Venue, Pottington



*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