



Newsletter

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We know how important regular reading opportunities are, both in school and at home, to help children develop fluency, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books. We are really keen to revive and grow our Rotary Readers programme, which has seen fewer volunteers in recent years. If you (or a grandparent!) could spare just one hour a week on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, we would love to hear from you. Supporting a child with reading can make a huge difference, and it's incredibly rewarding too. Please contact the school office if you're interested.

This week, we welcomed colleagues from Team Multi-Academy Trust for a school review with a focus on phonics and maths. The review involved learning walks, book looks, and talking to pupils about their learning. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our strengths and explore ways we can further enhance the learning experience for all our children.

We were incredibly proud to see how engaged our pupils are. Children across the school spoke with real clarity and pride about their maths learning. It was inspiring to hear how much they understand and how confidently they could explain what they've been learning and why.

This term we launched our brand-new writing scheme: Ready Steady Write. Although we're still in the early stages of implementation, it has already sparked enthusiasm and creativity across the school. One child shared with me, "I really enjoy it as I can be myself." We look forward to seeing how this scheme helps develop confident, passionate writers.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Superhero Burger Day on Wednesday! The kitchen team were true heroes themselves, cooking over 220 meals! The excitement in the dining hall was fantastic, and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying the special day. I'd like to note, I helped to serve up but I'm not sure how effective I was!

We have also uploaded our latest Online Safety Newsletter to the school website. This edition highlights current online trends, how to spot potential risks, and what parents and carers can do to keep children safe online. Please take a moment to read it, it's an important part of our shared responsibility in supporting children in the digital world.

Finally, we are pleased to share that our school attendance is currently over 96%, which is a really positive achievement. Good attendance is closely linked to children's academic success and social development. Thank you for your continued support in making sure children are in school every day, ready to learn and thrive.

Have a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathew Harts', written in a cursive style.

Mathew Harts, Head of School

WHAT'S ON?

COMING UP....

World Mental Health Day - 10th October

Spain Visit - 19th -24th October

Music Sharing Assembly - 14th
November

Parents Evening - 12th&13th November

Tempest School Photos - 19th November

Flu Vaccinations - 25th November

Year 4 Flu Vaccinations - 26th November

Year 4 Escot Park - 25th November

Go Beyond - 24th - 28th November

LETTERS SENT

Year	Topic
All	Afterschool Club Cancelations
All	Walk 'N' Talk
Year 4	Flu Vaccinations
Year 5	Eden Project
Year 4 & 5	Homework



**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

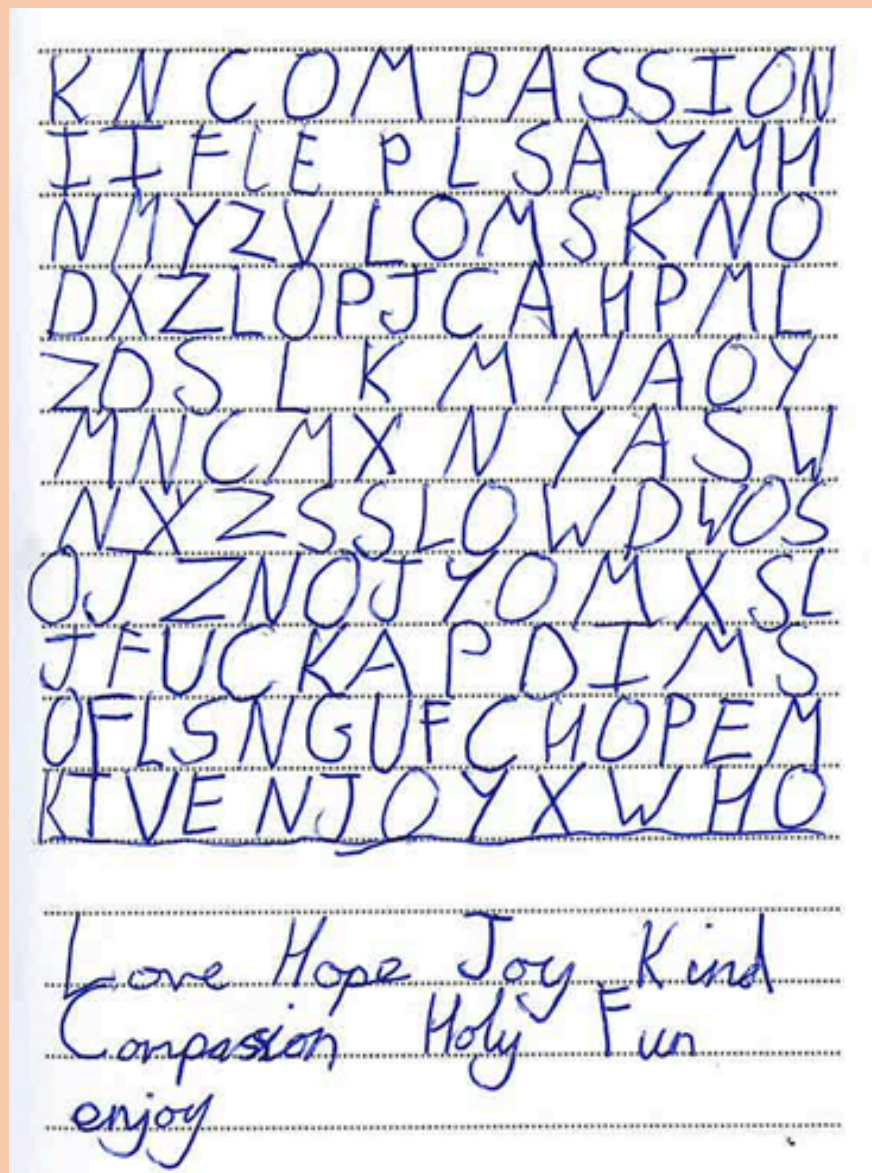
Word Search

CHALLENGE

A big well done to Lottie, one of our talented Year 5 pupils who has created their very own word search!

Even more impressively, it includes some of our school values hidden inside.

You can find the word search below – why not have a go and see if you can spot them all?





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Handwriting Heroes

3JH - Shaunak, **4AB** - Oscar, **5MH** - Fred,
6MT - Ayden

Reading Champions

3KD - Levin, **4BC** - Dylan, **5MR** - Daniel,
6SE - Imogen

Work

3KD - Aysha and Jack - great learning partnership which has supported them to produce fantastic setting descriptions.

3JH - Erin - great learning powers, organising her learning and working well with others.

4AB - Lily - great participation in all lessons, always ready to learn.

4BC - Charlie - for his perseverance in all his learning. Great attitude in the classroom and engaging in all the classroom activities.

5MR - Ivy ~ for showing sportsmanship and leadership skills with kindness during PE and for her commitment to her learning.

5MH - Ezra - for his increased participation in class and the amazing effort he is putting into his work.

6SE - Stanley - fantastic ideas in his diary writing

6MT - Manuel - excellent diary writing to really create an atmosphere in his writing.

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 524 Neptune = 589

Jupiter = 572 Mercury = 591



Parking Reminder for Parents and Carers

We kindly remind all families that parking directly outside the school is **not permitted at any time.**

The "No Stopping" signs apply at all times—not just during school hours—to help keep our pupils safe and ensure clear access for emergency vehicles.

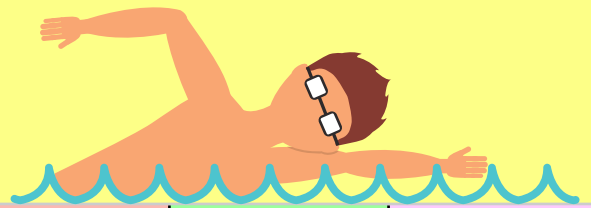
To support parents and carers, permits are available for Fair View Car Park, which provides a safe and convenient place to park when dropping off or collecting children.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

FRIDAY SPORTS

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PE DAYS



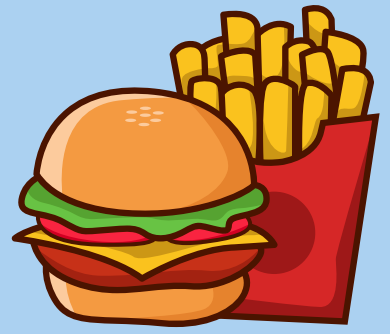
Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	TBC	Football
10 Oct 2025	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3JH
17 Oct 2025	UPPER	5MH	6MT	5MR	6SE
24 Oct 2025	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3JH
31 Oct 2025	HALF - TERM				

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

AUTUMN TERM

DINNER MENU

	<p>Week 3: 15/09, 06/10, 03/11, 24/11, 15/12</p>
Monday	<p>Butchers Hotdog V – Quorn Dog Potato Wedges, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn Fruit and Yoghurt</p>
Tuesday	<p>Minced Beef Pie V – Cheese and Broccoli Bake Cubed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg Fruit Jelly</p>
Wednesday	<p>Roast of the Day – Pork V – Quorn Bites Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Doughnut and fruit slices</p>
Thursday	<p>Caribbean Chicken V – Caribbean Quorn Rice ‘n’ peas and Corn Ginger Cake and Custard</p>
Friday	<p>Fish Fingers V – Cheese Wheel Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Shortbread Biscuit</p>



SUPERHERO BURGER DAY - A SUPER SUCCESS!

Our recent Superhero Burger Day was a huge hit! The kitchen team went above and beyond, serving up an incredible 220 meals to our hungry heroes.

We even had to draft in Mr Harts, our Head of School, to help serve lunch as there were so many superheroes ordering!

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and to our amazing kitchen staff for their super efforts – you really saved the day!



Young Minds

#HelloYellow

On Friday 10th October we will be marking World Mental Health Day in school.

As part of the Young Minds #HelloYellow campaign, children are welcome to wear something yellow – a t-shirt, socks, hairband, or even just a small splash of yellow.

This is completely optional and there's no need to buy anything new.

The day will focus on kindness, understanding emotions, and knowing where to find support when things feel difficult.

Thank you for supporting this important day.





OTHER FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

DIAS MAKING SENSE OF SEND

If you are a parent carer of a child or young person with SEND, this training is for you (and it's free!). It's based on the questions commonly asked on our enquiry line. The aim is to help parent carers understand important information and develop useful skills needed when supporting a child with SEND.

- Making Sense of SEND covers information about special educational needs, SEN support and how the SEND system works. It also helps parents to feel more confident about speaking up for their child and working with professionals. There are online and in-person training sessions every term.
- Making Sense of EHC plans helps parent carers understand their child's EHC plan and what's in it, how it is used and how to take part in the review process. There are online sessions every term.



HOW TO BOOK?

For details of this terms dates and to book go to:

<https://devonias.org.uk/events>

DiAS
Devon Information
Advice and Support
for Special Educational Needs and Disability



OTHER INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

CFHD SLEEP WEBINAR

This free workshop will explain why sleep is important, what gets in the way of sleeping and aims to help those attending to come away with strategies that can improve sleep.

Date: Thursday 25 September 2025

Time: 6pm-7pm

Location: MS teams

[For more information and to book, visit the CFHD website.](#)

ERIC BLADDER AND BOWEL WEBINARS

Join the experts at ERIC for a week of webinars on bowel and bladder health, tackling the issues your children are facing and signposting you to sources of support.

If your child struggles with wee or poo, you're not alone. Over 1.5 million children in the UK (that's 1 in 9) are currently living a bowel or bladder issue.

To help support these families and answer some of the most common questions, ERIC is hosting a week of online activities where you'll be able to get advice and information directly from the experts.

[For more information and to sign up](#)

TEAM Vacancies



TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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For more information and how to apply directly with My New Term please visit our website
<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>

We currently have 2 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

TEACHING ASSISTANT & MTA at
Horwood and Newton Tracey
Community Primary School

Teaching Assistant at Pilton
Infants' Academy.



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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

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- Perform to an audience
- Make new friends
- Have fun

Wednesday evenings at Pilton School

Ages 4 to 18




Music Centre
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BARNSTAPLE LIBRARY

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Claire Barker Book signing

Saturday 4th October 2025
Barnstaple Library Foyer

Claire will be signing copies of her new book *Hettie Nettle's Handbook for Hedgewitches*
Books supplied by Waterstones



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Meet The Author: Claire Barker

Saturday 4th October 2025
11AM - 12PM
Suitable for ages 5-12
£2.00 Per person
Booking Required

Calling all young hedgewitches, boys and girls...

You're invited to a magical seasonal event with author Claire Barker, chat with Claire and make a wish stick.

Fun and magic abound at this marvellous event!

Copies of Claire's new book '*Hettie Nettle's Handbook for Hedgewitches*' will be available to purchase at the event.

