



# Newsletter

10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **World Mental Health Day**

It was wonderful to see so many children wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day, a bright reminder that we are part of a caring community that supports one another with our worries and concerns.

In our Celebration Assembly, we talked about how we can help others with their mental health, but also how we can take care of ourselves. We discussed the importance of sharing our worries, using our Worry Box, and talking to the many wonderful adults we have around school. The children embraced the day beautifully, engaging in activities and showing kindness, empathy, and understanding for one another.

A special thank you to the parent who kindly gifted me positive affirmation cards, they are now being placed around school for staff to discover and enjoy. These small reminders can make such a big difference to our wellbeing.

Please remember, we are here for you too. Our school community includes a great team of experienced adults who can listen, support, and help if you ever need to talk.

## **Our Spain Trip to Segovia**

We are getting ready for our exciting trip to Segovia during the week of 20th October.

A huge thank you to Miss Gregory, Mrs Bater, and Mr Turner who will be accompanying the children on this fantastic learning experience.

If you need any support during that week, please contact the class teacher covering, teaching assistant, or office who will be happy to help.

## **A huge thank you to Simon and his amazing gardeners**

We are thrilled to share that Simon and his incredible team of young gardeners have achieved Level 5 – Outstanding for the third year in a row!

Simon is a volunteer who gives up his time to nurture our gardens and support our children. Being out in nature, working with their hands, and seeing plants grow from seed to flower or food is such a valuable experience. We are so proud and grateful to have him as part of our Pilton Bluecoat community.

## **Attendance Update**

I want to take this opportunity to say how fantastic everyone has been in ensuring children are in school and learning. Our current attendance stands at 96.1%, which is superb!

We understand that challenges arise from time to time, and we are always here to listen and support. Working together is key to keeping our children happy, healthy, and thriving in school.

At Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Harvest is a time to come together and support our local community. If you are able, we warmly welcome donations of non-perishable food items, which we will pass on to our local food bank to help families in need. Your generosity makes a real difference, and together we can show care and kindness to those around us.

Thank you everyone,

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....

**Stephen Sheilds Cross Country** - 16<sup>th</sup>  
October

**Claire Barker (Children's Author)**  
**Assembly** - 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Eden Project** - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Spain Visit** - 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> October

**Music Sharing Assembly** - 14<sup>th</sup>  
November

**Guardian Consultations** - 12<sup>th</sup>&13<sup>th</sup>  
November

**Tempest School Photos** - 19<sup>th</sup>  
November

**Go Beyond** - 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Flu Vaccinations** - 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 4 Escot Park** - 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 4 Flu Vaccinations** - 26<sup>th</sup>  
November

## LETTERS SENT

Year	Topic
Year 4	Escot Park
All	Our Parent Group
Various	Stephen Sheilds Cross Country





# 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

## Non pupil days

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3rd September 2025

5th January 2026

1st June 2026

22nd July 2026



# Outstanding Achievement

## South West - Britain In Bloom

We are thrilled to share that our school has been awarded '**Outstanding**' in the South West Britain in Bloom - It's Your School Award!

A special thank you goes to the children who came in during the school holidays to meet the judges and proudly showcase all of our wonderful work, you were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

We would also like to give a huge thank you to Simon for his ongoing help, guidance, and dedication. His passion and hard work have been a big part of this achievement, and we are so grateful for everything he has done to help our school bloom!

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who helped make our school such a vibrant, green, and inspiring place to learn and grow.





# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

## Handwriting Heroes

3KD - Shardul, 4BC - Ayaana, 5MR - Emily, 6SE - Shannon, 6MT - Ayden

## Reading Champions

4AB- Ginny, 5MH - Sophia, 6MT - Eva

## Work

**3KD - Xander** - AMAZING inquisitive nature to learning in every subject. Participating and sharing knowledge brilliantly.

**3JH - Cora and Luca** - great effort with their RW work on caring for creation and being ready to learn.

**4AB - Jacob** - excellent effort in learning times tables and using TTRS.

**4BC - Rose** - For her amazing effort in writing. Great vocabulary choices and stunning presentation.

**5MH - Donny** - For displaying excellent learning behaviours and being a role model.

**5MR - Alma** - for her excellent cliffhanger writing and general learning behaviour

**6MT - Pippa**- excellent editing in her diary writing

**6SE - Ivy** - Her perseverance and motivation in her diary writing and editing

## HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

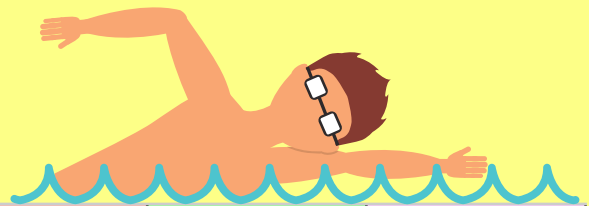
**Saturn = 677 Neptune = 790**

**Jupiter = 756 Mercury = 761**

# FRIDAY SPORTS

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# PE DAYS



Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	TBC	Football
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

<b>Monday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Friday</b>

<b>Week 1:</b> 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 10/11, 01/12
<b>Sausage Breakfast</b> V -Vegetarian Breakfast Potato Waffles, Beans, Peas, Tomatoes & Mushrooms <b>Fruit and Yoghurt</b>
<b>Beef Pasta Bolognese</b> V - Mac and Cheese Garlic Bread & Salad Sticks Fruit Jelly
<b>Roast of the Day - Turkey</b> V - Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Doughnut and fruit slices
<b>Hunters Chicken</b> V - Hunters Quorn Rice and Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard
<b>Cod or Salmon Fingers</b> V - Cheese and Bean Wrap Golden Fries and Seasonal Vegetables Flapjack



# Join our Pilton Bluecoat Parent Group!

We're a small team of parents who help raise funds for extra activities and experiences for our pupils.

You can do as much or as little as you like – every bit helps!

Supported by Mr Harts who meets regularly with our team. Come along, share ideas and make a difference!

Contact the school  
office to  
get involved!

## FREE SEND FAMILY FUN DAY

SEND Family Fun Day on Exmoor by Champions for Change and Calvert Trust. Running 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00 & 14:00.

[More information and to book](#)

## STAY INFORMED ABOUT SEND SERVICES IN DEVON

There are several ways you can get news about the **Devon SEND services** and their **transformation**.

- They publish [news about SEND services on the website](#).
- There is a monthly newsletter, Devon SEND Partnership news, by email. You can [subscribe to receive the email here](#).
- Devon also post information on our [Devon SEND Local Offer Facebook page](#).



## NEW CFHD OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVICE LINE

This **FREE** service is open to anyone, including parents, carers, teachers, social workers and the young people themselves, and is designed to offer advice and guidance in a simple, accessible way.

If the young person is aged between 0-18 years and has a GP in Devon or Torbay, please call **03332 341123**

Tuesdays 1:30pm – 4:00pm


Fridays 9:30am – 12:00pm



# 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:

Cover Supervisor at Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy.

Teaching Assistant (Maternity Cover) at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England 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**

## October Half Term Tennis Camps



Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.  
Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.

**Junior Camp**  
5 - 12 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £15 per day or two children for £25 (Siblings or Friends)

**Dates**  
Tues 28th Oct - Braunton  
Weds 29th Oct - Barnstaple  
Thurs 30th Oct - Braunton  
Fri 31st Oct - Barnstaple

**Teen Camp**  
12 - 16 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £15 per day or two children for £25 (Siblings or Friends)

**Dates**  
Tues 28th Oct - Braunton  
Thurs 30th Oct - Braunton

**Locations**  
Barnstaple Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH  
Braunton Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP

To book email: [bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com](mailto:bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com)

[www.devonshiretennisacademy.com](http://www.devonshiretennisacademy.com)

# ENGAGING WITH EDUCATION

## Skills Workshop with Parental Minds

An online support hub focused on learning practical strategies to support our children, improve their well-being, and encourage a positive return to education.

Parental Minds Community Interest Company. Developed through families' experiences, with input from professionals & researchers.



Online, Zoom

Monday 27th October 2025  
7.15pm - 8.45pm

[bit.ly/PMSWEducation25](https://bit.ly/PMSWEducation25)



**FREE**

Tarka 3G, Barnstaple  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1pm

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