



Newsletter

24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week it has been, filled with enrichment activities and memorable educational experiences across the school! It is moments like these that truly bring our learning to life and reinforce our commitment to Building Brighter Futures for all of our pupils.

Segovia, Spain: A Cultural and Educational success!

Our recent trip to Segovia, Spain, was a resounding success! From in-depth educational experiences to invaluable cultural immersion, the children gathered so much from this adventure. They explored the ancient aqueduct, learned about Spanish history and culture, and challenged themselves in a new environment.

A huge, thank you goes to our incredible staff for the exceptional care, professionalism, and dedication they invested in ensuring this trip was safe, smooth, and extraordinarily enriching. Their commitment made all the difference!

Ambassadors and Community spirit

We are so proud of our Ethos Ambassadors who had a truly inspiring day at the Life Festival at Grosvenor Church. They returned to school incredibly excited and empowered, full of ideas and motivation to continue their important work.

They also did an outstanding job of taking your generous Harvest donations to the Freedom Centre. These donations will provide vital support to vulnerable members of our local community, demonstrating the compassion and citizenship we strive to instil in all our pupils. Thank you for your support of this important cause!

Bringing learning to life

We saw fantastic engagement and teamwork this week in a variety of activities:

- Year 3 took part in their first big group activity, attending the MultiSkills Festival at Pilton Community College. They were absolutely incredible, showcasing excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.
- Year 5 travelled to the amazing Eden Project to enhance their Topic surrounding the ancient Greeks. Experiencing the biomes and exhibits first-hand helps bring their learning to life and develops deeper knowledge retention.

These opportunities are a cornerstone of the curriculum we proudly offer. They allow our children to connect classroom lessons to the wider world and foster a lifelong love of learning.

A note on forest area and half-term

We are excited to announce that our wonderful forest area will be open during playtimes next half-term!

To ensure every child can access this fantastic site, we kindly ask if you could send in a spare pair of wellies or old shoes that can stay here at school. This will ensure children are prepared for all conditions and can safely enjoy the space.

Thank you and happy half-term!

None of these amazing experiences would be possible without the passion and dedication from the entire team here at Pilton Bluecoat Academy, and, just as importantly, your invaluable support as parents and carers.

We wish you and your family the very best break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the second half of the autumn term!

Thank you again for everything.

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

Mathew Harts, Head of School

Dates for your Diary

November 2025



3rd November	Nativity Auditions
5th November	Christmas project to be handed back in.
	Trust Cross Country event at High Bickington
	Family Numeracy Project
7th November	Remembrance Day
10th November	Music Sharing Assembly
12th November	Guardian Consultations
	Family Numeracy Project
13th November	Guardian Consultations
14th November	Children in Need
19th November	Tempest Photos
	Family Numeracy Project
24th November	UK Farmers Week
	Go Beyond
25th November	Flu Vaccinations
	Year 4 - Escot Park
26th November	Year 4 - Flu Vaccinations

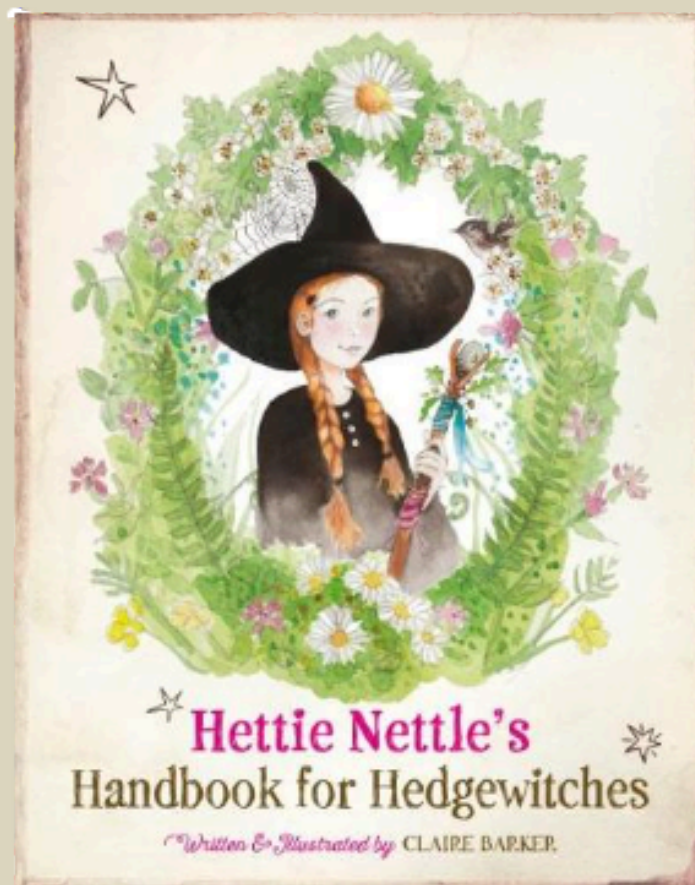
AUTHOR CLAIRE BARKER

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome children's author Claire Barker to our school for a special assembly. The children were thoroughly engaged and inspired as she talked about her books and what it's like to be an author. Everyone enjoyed hearing her stories and asking lots of brilliant questions!

After her visit, Claire sent us a lovely message:

“I'm just writing to thank you, all the teaching staff and – of course – the children, for making me feel so welcome this morning. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.”

If your child enjoyed meeting Claire, she will be at Waterstones in Barnstaple this Saturday for a book signing starting at 10am, followed by a craft workshop at 11am. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet her again and take part in a fun, creative activity!



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 - Ollie, 4BC - Mila, 5MR - Molly, 6SE - Scarlett

Reading Champions

3KD - Jackson, 5MH - Evie, 6MT - Emma

Work

3KD - Violet ~ A great addition to our class. She displays wonderful learning powers.

3JH - Abigail - great effort and infectious enthusiasm in all her learning this half term.

5MR - Tyler and Riley ~ for having a great day at Eden and their constant hard work and effort.

5MH - Emily - For a fantastic half term full of hard work and incredible participation in every subject.

6SE - Magda - working hard at everything she does and putting up her hand more and more in class discussions

6MT - Mirella - for achieving a goal she set at the beginning of the year 6- having the confidence to put up her hand up to give answers.

Contribution

All of year 3: Superb perseverance and listening skills at the Year multiskills festival. The Ethos Ambassadors for representing Bluecoat so beautifully at the Life Exhibition and taking the food to the Freedom centre.

Year 5 for having a great day out and successfully saving the village of Eden!

Whole of 6MT and 4AB for being amazing for the cover teachers whilst Mr Turner and Mrs Bater have been in Spain

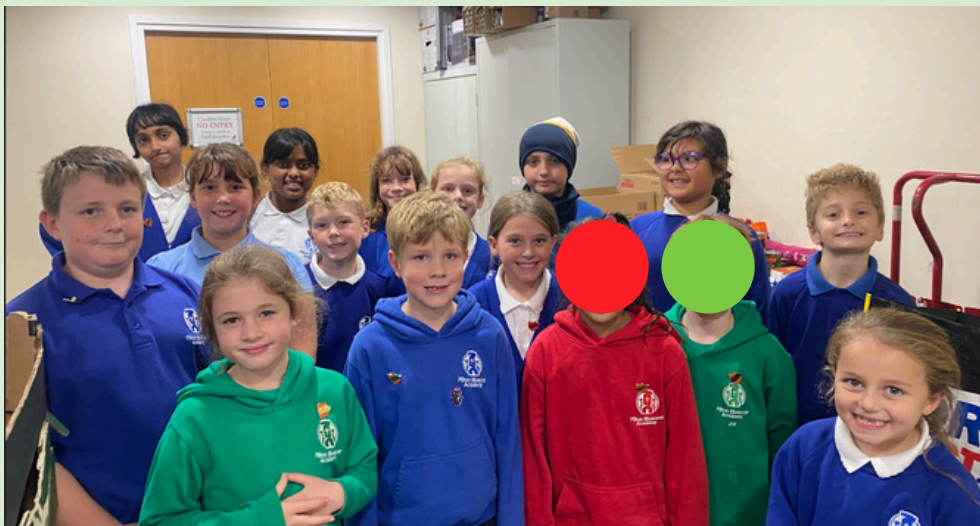
HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 1084 Neptune = 1188

Jupiter = Mercury =

ETHOS AMBASSADORS

This week our Ethos Ambassadors visited Grosvenor Church at the Festival of Life Event, they also delivered the generous gifts from Harvest to the freedom centre



FRIDAY SPORTS

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PE DAYS



Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	TBC	Football
31 Oct 2025	HALF - TERM				
7 Nov 2025	UPPER	5MH	6MT	5MR	6SE
14 Nov 2025	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3JH
21 Nov 2025	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5MH	5MR
28 Nov 2025	LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
5 Dec 2025	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5MH	5MR
12 Dec 2025	LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
19 Dec 2025	Last day of Term - No Friday Sports				

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



POPPY APPEAL

After the half term break, we will be supporting the annual Poppy Appeal by selling poppies in school.

Children will have the opportunity to purchase a poppy and make a donation to help support the Royal British Legion.

Poppies will be available each day during the week leading up to Remembrance Day.

Suggested donations start from 20p, but any contribution is greatly appreciated. There will also be a selection of larger items available from £1.



AUTUMN TERM

DINNER MENU

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

TEAM Vacancies

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



Life, Love and Learning to the Full



Part of TEAM MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

APPLY NOW DIRECT WITH **mynewterm**

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

We currently have 7 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Trustee with Financial Expertise

EDV2025/TMT/20734

Team Multi-Academy Trust

TEAM Multi Academy Trust are seeking a Trustee with Financial Expertise - Help Shape the Future of Education in North Devon

📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
💷 Voluntary

New - Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

Cleaner

EDV2025/PCEA/19951

Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy

The appointed person will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
💷 £12.84 Hourly
Grade B | 5HPW (1 HOUR PER DAY APPROX 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY) |

New - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV2025/PIA/13111

Pilton Infants' Academy

Pilton Infants' School is looking to appoint a 1.1 SEND TA to join our academy as soon as possible.

📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
💷 £13.26 Hourly
Grade C | 27.5 HPW | 38 Weeks | Term Time Only

8 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

Cleaner

EDV2025/PIA/13170

Pilton Infants' Academy

The appointed person's will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
💷 £12.65 Hourly
Grade A | 10HPW (2 HOURS PER DAY TO BE WORKED AFTERNOON/ EVENINGS) | 41 WEEKS

8 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

Specialist SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV2025/BCPS/14010

Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

We're looking for a caring, motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our school community and play a key role in supporting our pupils' learning and development.

📍 Beaford, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8LJ
🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Full-Time
💷 £13.90 Hourly
Grade D | 30 HPW (08:30AM - 3:30PM MONDAY - FRIDAY) | 39 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

8 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV2025/NANTCP/14913

Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support 2 children in year 3 to supervise throughout the day. In-service training will be...

📍 Lovacott, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3PU
🕒 Fixed Term | Part-Time
💷 £12.84 Hourly
Grade B | 9 HPW (MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 08:45AM - 12PM EACH DAY)

8 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

Cover Supervisor

EDV2025/WCEPA/06400

Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our team, working closely with class teachers to support pupils in engaging meaningfully with their learning. The successful candidate...

📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8AH
🕒 Permanent/Term Time Only | Part-Time
💷 £13.90 - £14.82 Hourly
GRADE: D | 27.5 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY) | 39 WEEKS | PERMANENT / TERM TIME

8 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP



Admissions policy for 2027-28: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2027-28. The Local Authority is also consulting on its arrangements – the admissions schemes through which you can apply. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>

Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
The consultation runs between 1 November and 16 January 2026.

Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2026 next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

The following change is being proposed by this school:
Oversubscription criteria - reducing the minimum period of attending regular worship from two years to one immediately prior to an application being made.

Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Care Service Training and Education

'Parent Pop Up Event'

Is your child
ready for
potty/toilet
training?



Want to find out
more how to
support your
child?

**Come and join a workshop presented by:
Debbie Richards Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Care
Specialist Nursery Nurse**

**For: Parents of reception to year 6 children at both the
Infants and Bluecoat Schools**

At: Pilton Bluecoat School

On: Thursday 13th November 2025

Time: 13.30 – 15.00



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS REMINDER

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2026, don't forget that the deadline to apply for a high school place is 31st October 2025.

Applications are to be made on the Devon County Council
website





**Pilton Bluecoat
Academy**

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