



Pilton Bluecoat
Academy

Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of former Pilton Bluecoat student Danny Southworth, who picked up his first international rugby cap for Wales over the weekend. This is a remarkable achievement, and we know the whole Pilton community will join us in celebrating his success.

Last year, Danny kindly returned to school to speak with the children about his journey into professional rugby. His message of dedication, perseverance, passion and hope truly inspired our pupils, and continues to do so.

Well done, Danny. We are all behind you!

We are very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Fayre this weekend. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, pick up a few festive treats, and of course, meet Father Christmas! We hope you can join us for what promises to be a fantastic event.

Communication is really important to us, and we are always looking for ways to enhance how we share information with families. Facebook continues to be a key platform for updates, so please keep an eye on our page for news, reminders, and celebrations.

As we head into the final weeks of term, please do take time to talk with your children about compassion, kindness, and supporting others. Christmas is a joyful period for many, but it can also be a challenging time for some families. Emotions can run high, and we continue to work closely with our pupils to support their well-being.

Attendance remains crucial at this time of year. We are proud to be above national figures, and maintaining strong attendance helps ensure that every child has consistent support and full access to learning.

A huge well done to Laura, who opened her Cake Shed business this week. We know how much hard work and passion she has poured into it, and we can confirm the cakes are amazing! It has been a privilege to be the chief taster, and we are confident her new venture will be a great success.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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



8th December	Year 6 - Pilton Farm
10th December	Year 5 and 6 - Girls Football (Tarka)
	Christmas Craft and Coffee Morning
11th December	Year 6 SATs Meeting - 5pm
12th December	Lower School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
15th December	Lower School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
16th December	Afternoon Nativity Performance - 1.45pm
	Choir - Portmore Court
17th December	Evening Nativity Performance - 6pm
	Christmas Dinner
	Christmas Jumper Day
18th December	Rock Steady Concert -9am
19th December	Break up for Christmas
	Christmas Church Carol Service - 9:30am
5th January	Non-Pupil Day
6th January	First Day Back at School

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Handwriting Heroes	Reading Champions
3KD - Levin, 5MH Ava, 6MT - Logan	3JH - Harrison, 4BC - Ella, 5MR - Lilly, 6SE - Esther

Work

3KD Elsie and Amiya - Consistently kind, helpful and hardworking members of our class.

3JH - Lexi - excellent organisation and hard work.
Ezra - great progress with his learning powers.

4BC Will - for his outstanding attitude to work throughout the term.

5MR - Amelia - for working so well with others and giving her best at all times

5MH - Josh - for his wonderful curiosity and effort this week.

6SE - Zara - for all the things she remembered about our trip to the Tiverton Museum.

6MT - Finley - excellent contribution and engagement in our trip to Tiverton Museum.

Contribution	Golden Welly Award
5MR - Lottie and Evie - Dance Competition 6MT - Manuel - excellent home learning based on our trip to Tiverton Museum earlier in the week.	3JH - Cora

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 1,232 Neptune = 1,259

Jupiter = 1,407 Mercury = 1,176

A SPARKLING HONOUR FOR OUR YEAR 4 STAR!



We are delighted to share that one of our Year 4 students - Elena, was invited to switch on the Christmas lights at North Devon Hospital last Friday.

It was a truly magical moment, and we are incredibly proud to see Elena representing such a special community event.

Well done for bringing some festive cheer to everyone at the hospital, what a wonderful achievement!



FRIDAY SPORTS

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PE DAYS



Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	TBC	Football
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

CHRISTMAS GET- TOGETHER

Warm Mugs, Warmer Smiles: Join Us for a Chat

**TEA/COFFEE, MINCE PIES AND
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

All parents and guardians from across Bluecoats
and Pilton Infants are invited

10TH DECEMBER 2025

14:00 - 15:15



PILTON BLUECOAT ACADEMY, ABBEY ROAD, PILTON, EX31 1JU

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
Tuesday	Minced Beef Soft Taco V – No meat Mince Taco Sweetcorn and Wedges Fruit Jelly
Wednesday	Beef Burger in a Bun V - Quorn Burger Lattice Fries Sweetcorn/Beans Doughnut and fruit slices
Thursday	Hidden Veg Chicken Curry V - Hidden Veg Quorn Curry Naan Bread and Rice Fruit Sponge and Custard
Friday	Oven Baked Fish V – Quorn Nuggets Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Oaty Cookie (various flavours)

Did you know that we also offer Jacket Potatoes with either Beans or Tuna and Tomato Pasta every day

CELEBRATING DANCE SUCCESS IN YEAR 5!

We are delighted to share the fantastic achievement of Evie and Lottie in Year 5, who were crowned winners at Unlimited Dance Company's Choreography Competition on Sunday 30th November.

Their brilliant performance of "Revolting Children" won 1st place in the Musical Theatre category! This is an outstanding accomplishment and a true reflection of the girls' dedication, teamwork, and creativity.

We are incredibly proud of them both.
Here they are in their wonderful costumes!



TEAM Vacancies

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We currently have 5 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Trustee with Financial Expertise

EDV/2025/TMT/20736

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

55 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER LEAD

EDV/2025/U/PA/05739

Umberleigh Primary Academy

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Umberleigh and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ £13.26 Hourly
- Grade C | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM – 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

Administrative Assistant

EDV/2025/HBCEPA/44963

High Bickington Church of England Primary Academy

We are seeking to appoint a flexible and committed administrative assistant to support the Head of School and Trust Business Manager in the daily operation of our school front office and reception...

- 📍 High Bickington, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AY
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £13.26 Hourly
- Grade C | 20 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:30AM -12:30PM)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER

EDV/2025/U/PA/66770

Umberleigh Primary Academy

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Umberleigh and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ £12.84 Hourly
- Grade B | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM – 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

Cook

EDV/2025/WCEPA/75406

Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

Witheridge C of E Academy are looking for someone special to lead our school kitchen and provide nutritious, delicious meals for our pupils and staff.

- 📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8AH
- 🕒 Permanent/Term Time Only | Full-Time
- £ £13.26 Hourly
- GRADE: C | 32.5 HPW (MONDAY - FRIDAY) | 38 Weeks

New • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 10th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January

Christmas Key Dates



**THE SLEEPY STARGAZER
CHRISTMAS
PERFORMANCE**

Tuesday 16th
December 2025
1.45pm - 2.45pm

Wednesday 17th
December 2025
6pm - 7pm

£1 Per Ticket

Tickets to be purchased through the school shop on Arbor

 All proceeds go to Care For Kids - North Devon

Pilton Bluecoat, Abbey Road, Pilton, EX31 1JU

Christmas Performance

- 12th December - Dress Rehearsal
- 15th December - Dress Rehearsal
- 16th December - Afternoon Performance
- 17th December - Evening Performance



**Christmas
DINNER**

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025

ROAST TURKEY DINNER WITH PIGS IN BLANKETS
V- QUORN FILLET
SAGE AND ONION STUFFING
BUTTON SPROUTS
ROAST POTATOES
CARROTS
PEAS
GRAVY
CRANBERRY SAUCE

CHOCOLATE YULE SUICE

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER VIA
ARBOR**



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER
DAY**

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO
SCHOOL DAY
WE DON'T EXPECT ANYONE TO RUSH
OUT AND SPEND MONEY ON A NEW
JUMPER. GET CREATIVE AND CRAFT YOUR
OWN FESTIVE MASTERPIECE INSTEAD!
THE MORE IMAGHATIVE, THE BETTER!

17th December

- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Jumper Day



CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

**FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER
9:30AM**

ST MARYS CHURCH, PILTON STREET, PILTON,
BARNSTAPLE, EX31 1QP

19th December

- Church Carol Service
- Last Day of Term



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.

Christmas 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 - 13 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £15 per day or two children for £25 (Siblings or Friends)

Dates

Monday 22nd December - Barnstaple

Tuesday 23rd December - 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

www.devonshiretennisacademy.com



*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

Gracie and Molly's Christmas Toy Drive

My name is Gracie, and I go to Pilton Community College, and my sister Violet goes to Pilton Bluecoat. My friend Molly and I were Barnstaple Carnival Queen's this year and as part of our role we are doing a toy/present drive for the Children's Hospice this Christmas time as we believe everyone deserves a happy Christmas even in the hardest times.

We are looking for donations of toys/books/treats/socks/blankets, anything a child or their family staying at Little Bridge House might appreciate, which we will be taking up to the hospice closer to Christmas. If you feel you could donate, please contact my mum Lucy on 07805308941 and we can arrange to collect your donations at school pick up or drop off.

Thank you in advance and I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Gracie Roper