



**Pilton Bluecoat
Academy**

Newsletter

12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Fayre. It was a truly lovely atmosphere, and wonderful to see families together enjoying the stalls, crafts, and festive spirit. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team, who took part in a recent tournament. The girls won 5 out of their 6 games, securing a place in the qualifiers. We are super proud of you all, well done, girls!

In Year 6, the children have been creating their own models of Anderson Shelters linked to their curriculum topic. The effort, creativity, and detail they have shown is incredible. Also, thank you to the Year 6 parents who were able to attend the KS2 SATs information meeting, it was wonderful to see you, and we hope you found it supportive. It is always a pleasure working together to help our children reach their full potential.

Next week is a busy and exciting one as we move closer to Christmas. We have our Year 3 and 4 Christmas production, which is shaping up beautifully. We also have Christmas Dinner Day, our Christingle, Rock Steady concert, and finally our Christmas Church Service on Friday, where we hope you will be able to join us as we head into the Christmas break.

As we approach the final week of term, please do keep attendance at the forefront, it makes such a difference in ensuring the children continue to thrive right up to the holidays.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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

Mathew Harts, Head of School

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

We are excited to share that Pilton Bluecoat Academy hosted its very first Christmas Wreath Making Workshop this week! Five parents were invited to join us for this special pilot event, designed to create a relaxed, friendly space for families to get creative together.

The workshop offered a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to enjoy some quality time before the festive season begins in full swing.

Alongside the crafting, guests enjoyed a selection of hot and cold drinks and a festive treat.

The hour flew by in a warm, joyful atmosphere, and the finished wreaths were truly beautiful, perfect for hanging on a front door or decorating a Christmas table. Most importantly, the session created lovely shared memories between parents and children.



Dates for your Diary



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
3JH - Mia, 4BC - Evan, 6SE - Owen	3KD - Sienna, 5MH - Max and Harry, 6MT - Ashlee

Work

3KD - Alex and Arthur ~ Incredible development of sketching skills leading to a wonderfully detailed Lion Man sketch.

3JH - Amelia - oodles of perseverance with her writing this term. Bruce- tremendous effort and a big improvement in his learning powers.

4BC - Jesse and Violet - perseverance and hard work to progress through their current phases in a rapid catch up phonics program.

5MR - Flynn~ for working hard across all areas and always giving his best (particularly PE!)

5MH - Elsie - incredible perseverance and resilience shown this week.

6SE - Robert & Kylin- for excellent vocabulary choice in a setting description

6MT - Saanvi for her excellent progress in her reading. Emma for her excellent writing of a setting description.

Contribution	Golden Welly Award
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<p>Mrs Lain and Mrs Kiff - for stepping into 4AB during Mrs Bater's absence and doing a fantastic job!</p> <p>Sammy- Amazing achievements outside of school in sport and a very exciting opportunity to star in a new audiobook!</p> <p>Girl footballers who got to the ¼ in the North Devon Girls' Football Tournament.</p>	<p>Magda - 6SE</p>
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HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 1,523 Neptune = 1,499
Jupiter = 1,721 Mercury = 1,439

HANDS ON LEARNING : MAKING BIRD FEEDERS

This week, some of our children have been busy creating their own bird feeders!

They worked carefully with a mix of natural and recycled materials, learning about local wildlife and how small actions can help support the birds in our community.

The children loved getting hands-on, and we can't wait to see which feathered friends come to visit their feeders over the next few weeks.



FRIDAY SPORTS

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PE DAYS



Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	Basketball	Football
19 Dec 2025	Last day of Term - No Friday Sports				
9 Jan 2025	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5MH	5MR
16 Jan 2025	LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
23 Jan 2025	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5MH	5MR
30 Jan 2025	LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
6 Feb 2025	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5MH	5MR
13 Feb 2025	LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
20 Feb 2025	HALF - TERM				

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

OUTSTANDING DEFENCE EARNS JACKSON TOURNAMENT SUCCESS!

Jackson in year 3 had a fantastic week at a hockey tournament in Exeter, where he represented North Devon Hockey Club.

His team won all five of their games, and Jackson played a key role in their success with strong defending and several game-changing tackles.

Well done Jackson!



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
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

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

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

59 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

1.1 SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT

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Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support pupils to engage with their learning. In-service training will be provided where...

- 📍 Beaford, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8LJ
- 🕒 Fixed Term | Part-Time
- 🏠 £13.26 Hourly
- Grade: C | 30 Hours per week (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:45AM - 3:30PM) | Fixed Term | 38 weeks Term Time Only

New - Apply by Midday, Monday 5th Jan, 2026 - Job start: ASAP

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- 🏠 £13.26 Hourly
- Grade: C | 27.5 Hours per week (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:45AM - 3:30PM) | Fixed Term | 38 weeks Term Time Only

New - Apply by Midday, Monday 5th Jan, 2026 - Job start: ASAP

Meal Time Assistant

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Umberleigh Primary Academy

The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Dorrige Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- 🏠 £12.45 Hourly
- 3 Hours per week | (12PM - 1PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH DAY)

25 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Monday 5th Jan, 2026 - Job start: ASN

Cleaner

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Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy

This is a part-time, permanent cleaning position, working 13.75 hours per week (2 hours 45 minutes per day Monday to Friday). Hours are to be worked outside of the school day from 3:30pm.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- 🏠 £12.84 Annually (Actual)
- GRADE: B | 13.75 HPW (2 HOURS 45 MINUTES EACH DAY | 3:30PM - 6:15PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY) | 41 WEEKS

New - Apply by Midday, Friday 2nd Jan, 2026 - Job start: 12TH JANUARY 2026 OR AS SOON AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE



Apply Now

Cook

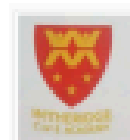
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Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

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

25 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Monday 5th Jan, 2026 - Job start: ASAP



Apply Now

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

19th December

- Church Carol Service
- Last Day of Term



CHURCH CAROL SERVICE



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

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



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21st December Classic Carols
@ 6.30pm
with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Christmas Eve Carols & Crib
Service @ 3pm
with dress-up Nativity!
Bring your angels & shepherds!

Christmas Day
Communion Service
@ 10.30am

Jesus is born - we have hope!