

15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to extend greatest apologies for the delay in delivering our latest newsletter.

Regrettably, I must address a serious incident that occurred at the end of the school day, (Friday) involving some of our children being approached by unidentified adults in a vehicle while on their way home. Please be assured that the situation is under thorough investigation and, most importantly, all children involved are safe. We will provide further updates as more information becomes available. In light of this, I strongly encourage those with children who walk alone to have a conversation about personal safety, potential risks, and strategies for staying safe.

Shifting to a brighter note, I am thrilled to report that our prom rehearsals have been exceptionally successful. We are eagerly anticipating the upcoming performance this Monday at the Queens Theatre, which promises to be a delightful event.

Moreover, we have just completed our Spring term Assessments and I am extremely proud to say that our children have shown real dedication and hard work.

The Pilton Mile event was another highlight, with all participants demonstrating great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. It was a joy to witness the sea of smiling faces at the finish line.

Excitingly, we have welcomed some new members to our school community – African land snails! Both children and staff are delighted with these unique additions, and we are currently in the process of choosing names for them.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your continued support and cooperation. It is through our collective efforts that we create a nurturing, secure, and stimulating environment for our children..

Have a wonderful weekend.



Mathew Harts, Head of School

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.

missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS




Each academic school year is 38 weeks (Sept-July) or 190 days. The following chart shows how missed days affects overall attendance.



General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
4-5	Potsdam Germany letter
All	Red nose day correction
Various	U11 indoor athletics
All	Reminder we are a nut-free school
5	Bikeability
Choir	Date of last session this term

PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Wednesday
Year 5 – Monday
Year 6 – Tuesday
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 18th March 2024?
Monday Private Piano & Violin lessons Private Guitar Lessons Proms at the Queens Theatre
Tuesday Private singing lessons Farm small group Pathfield buddies small group
Wednesday Private Piano & Violin lessons Pilton House small group
Thursday Rocksteady private lessons Private drum Lessons Last choir session (this term)
Friday Lower school sports Private woodwind lessons

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<p align="center">Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group</p> <p align="center">https://www.facebook.com/</p>
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<p align="center">Breakfast Club & Afterschool club</p> <p align="center">Please contact Tia or Jemma on</p> <p align="center">north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk</p> <p align="center">Website: www.primary-sports.co.uk</p>

Friday Sports

Spring 2024						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Volleyball	Football
22-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
29-Mar	EASTER HOLIDAYS					
19-Apr		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
26-Apr		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
03-May		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
10-May		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3LB	4AB
17-May		UPPER	5MR	5EC	6SE	6MT
24-May	Change	LOWER	3LB	3KD	4AB	4BC

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these dates as well as their usual PE day. To cover the cost of the swimming we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child per lesson please, this can be paid via Arbor under school shop.

Choir club

Just a reminder that the last choir club session for this term is Thursday 21st March

Easter Service

At St Mary's Church, Pilton

Tuesday 26th March

9.30am

All welcome



YEAR 3 & 4 MATHS CHALLENGE



On Monday 11th March, 6 TEAM schools came together to take part in a Year 3 and 4 maths challenge. They put their mathematical brains to the test to solve some tricky Egyptian-themed fraction problems. What a lovely opportunity to work with children from across the Trust! Each child received a 'Mathlete' badge to mark their involvement in the event.

YEAR 5 & 6 MATHS CHALLENGE



On Wednesday 22nd November, 8 TEAM schools came together to take part in a Year 5 and 6 maths challenge. They exercised their mathematical brains, solving tricky fraction problems on an orienteering course in order to code-break. Each participant received a 'Mathlete' badge. It was a fantastic afternoon and a real pleasure to see children from the schools working with each other.

PROMS CONCERT

Monday 18th March

The event is almost upon us!

To avoid costumes getting covered in mud at break time, please can children wear usual school uniform to school (Year 5 will need to wear their PE kit), and bring their proms costume in a bag to change into later.

Children will also need to remember to bring anything else that they will need for the concert (guitars, recorders, music etc).

AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE: 1:30pm – 3:00pm

All year groups will walk with their teachers to the theatre for the afternoon performance. After the concert, children and staff will walk back to school. We will endeavour to be back at school for the usual pick up time of 3:20pm, but please bear with us if we are a bit late.

EVENING PERFORMANCE: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Please can parents bring children back to the theatre at 5:10pm. When you arrive, please bring your child into the theatre where teachers will be waiting to register children in the stalls. Parents can then leave their child with their teacher.

Parents will need to pick children up from the theatre at 7:00pm. You will need to make your way to the stalls downstairs and make sure that a member of staff knows that you are taking your child.

At the time of going to print there were still a few tickets left for the afternoon performance.

We hope you all have a wonderful time!

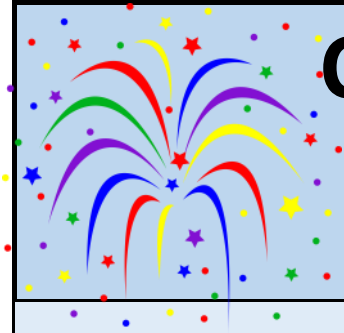
RED NOSE DAY



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Well done to everyone who took part in our Pilton Sports Mile and wear it red day, we have so far raised £140.55 for Comic Relief. Payments can still be made on Arbor under school shop.



Celebration Assembly

Friday 15th March

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 - Vanessa, Year 4 - Summer, Year 5—Luna, Year 6 - Jake

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3 - Flynn, Year 4 - Eva, Year 5—Ellie-Mae, Year 6 - Rachael

Work

Sammy for his amazing leadership in orienteering

Edward and Jacob for their fantastic partnership during PE.

Ryan for his perseverance and general effort at everything especially times tables.

Elna for making a great start and instantly becoming a part of the Bluecoat family

Miley for her amazing art work.

Evie for showing perseverance in all areas of learning and making exceptional progress in Maths this term.

Kayla for closely observed water-colour painting

Axel for his contributions to class discussions

George S and Seth G for fantastic editing in their story writing.

Contribution

Harry W, Molly R, Alfie, Kit, Emily, Madi, Ava, Grace, Noa, Pippa
- Y3/4 Mathletes

Indoor athletics team for their fantastic effort and teamwork in a range of disciplines in the finals at Kingsley School.

Seth G for his generous book donation

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 798 Jupiter = 753 Saturn = 735 Mercury = 726

School Photos



Please find the links to the recent class and Year 6 photographs. Tempest offer a free “deliver to school” for all orders placed within the next 14 days, after that time, home delivery is available at a cost of £5.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the “contact” button on the website home page (htempest.co.uk).

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- If your child is poorly please report their absence to the school office on 01271 345952 by **9.30am**.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance please to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.
- Please supply your child with a refillable drinks bottle every day.
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!
- Parking Permits for use in Fairview carpark are available from the school office. Two per family.

THIS SCHOOL IS A



Spring Term Dinner Menu

Meal price is £2.53 per day,
payable on Arbor please

Tomato & Basil Pasta and Jacket
Potatoes with a choice
of toppings are available every
day. Fresh fruit and salad are
available daily.



	Week 2: 8/1, 29/1, 26/2, 18/3
Mon	Pork Sausages V – Vegetarian sausages Hash browns & seasonal veg Pancake Monday with various toppings
Tues	Spaghetti bolognese V – Vegetarian bolognese Garlic bread & seasonal veg Lemon drizzle
Weds	Roast of the Day – chicken V – Homity pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & ice cream
Thurs	Hunters chicken V - Macaroni Cheese Rice and seasonal veg Fruit & yogurt
Fri	Cod or salmon fish cakes V – Cheese wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg Homemade cookie

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Spring Term

Last Day: 28th March 2024

Summer Term

First Day: 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024

Half-term: 27th - 31st May 2024

Non Pupil Day: 3rd June 2024

Last Day: 23rd July 2024

Dates for your diary, 2024

Date	Event
18th March	Proms Concert
21st March	Rocksteady Concert 9am
26th March	Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Pilton
29th March - 12th April	Easter Holidays
1st—3rd May	Year 3 Residential
23rd-24th May	Year 4 Residential

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FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday Club

Crafts, Games,
Snacks, Faith, Fun!

SUNDAYS 10.30 - 11.45am
In Term-Time




MEET IN ST MARY'S CHURCH,
PILTON @10.30AM & THEN WE
WILL GO OVER TO THE HALL

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FOR MORE INFO



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ZUMBA
fitness

Fun dance workout to
music from around the world.

Monday 10.00am
The Venue Barnstaple
Tuesday 6.30pm
Pilton Bluecoat School
Friday 10.00am
The Venue Barnstaple



Clubbercise

Fun dance workout in a disco
atmosphere with glow sticks.

Monday 7.00pm
YMCA South Molton
Tuesday 8.00pm
Pilton Bluecoat School
Thursday 7.00pm
Ilfracombe Academy

North Devon Music Centre

If your child plays an instrument, they are welcome to join one of the groups at the North Devon Music Centre. The details are as follows:

Venue: Pilton Community College (in the maths classrooms)
Cost: £41 per term (if they do a 2nd group, the 2nd fee would be half price)
When: The groups meet once a week during term time on Wednesday evenings
What: The following groups are available to join:

5pm - 6pm session:

Next Steps Orchestra (Any instrument, beginners welcome)
Flute Choir (From grade 1 upwards)
Clarinet Choir (From grade 1 upwards)
Brass ensemble (All standards welcome)
Junior Strings (For violin, viola, cello & double bass. From beginners up to grade 4)

6pm - 7pm session:

String Orchestra (For violin, viola, cello & double bass. From grade 4+)
Guitar Ensemble (Grade 1 upwards)
Wind Band (Woodwind, brass & percussion. Grade 1 upwards)

Contact details: northdevonmusiccentre@outlook.com

Here is there website for more details: <https://www.northdevonmusiccentre.co.uk/>



Friday
29th



March



Popup café with Easter fun for kids
In Pilton Church Hall

10.30-12pm



The fun is free but there is a small
charge for refreshments!



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PRIMARY
SPORTS & EDUCATION

Sticklepath
Community Primary Academy

Easter Activity days

Dates:
Tuesday 2nd April
Wednesday 3rd April
Thursday 4th April
Tuesday 9th April
Wednesday 10th April
Thursday 11th April

Ages:
5-11 Years old

Venue:
Sticklepath
Primary school
EX31 2HH

TIME:
8.30am-3.30pm

To book:
• Visit - www.primary-sports.co.uk
• Click on the "Book now tab"
• "Sticklepath EASTER activity days"
• Complete the online booking form

Contact us: north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk

Primary sports and education (North Devon)

centre stage school

Easter Workshops

TUESDAY 2 April	5-8s	SINGING WORKSHOP with Emma Come and learn some fun action songs including 'There once was an Elephant', 'I Love the Flowers' and 'Dem Bones'. Also, play some rhythm games and accompany the songs using body percussion and hand-held percussion instruments.
THURSDAY 4 April	9-16s	MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP with Liv The chance for the children to create and learn a number from a well known musical. They will be encouraged to work and create characters within the number. Plus a physical warm up and technical exercises.
TUESDAY 9 April	9-16s	SINGING WORKSHOP with Emma Come and learn songs from classic Broadway/West End shows including the musicals of Andrew Lloyd Webber and 'Les Miserables' by Claude-Michel Schoenberg. Working on expression, technique, and simple costuming to bring these classic songs to life. Ensemble and solo work included.
THURSDAY 11 April	5-8s	DANCE WORKSHOP with Helen Have fun learning rhythms and dances from around the world. Learn Bollywood, african, Irish dancing and more. Fun props to enjoy dancing with.

All 10am to 1pm £18 per Workshop

To Book: email csschool2020@gmail.com or via facebook @cssbarnstaple www.centrestageschool.org

FOOTBALL FUN EASTER CAMP

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL AT PILTON BLUECOATS SCHOOL

Age 4 - 11yrs old, 10.00am-2.00pm
GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

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Children must bring along their own water bottle, packed lunch, football boots, shin pads and clothing for all conditions.

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