

14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome author Joffre White to Pilton Bluecoat Academy. His visit and workshops with children was truly inspiring, and it was wonderful to see so many children enthused and engaged with reading and storytelling. Experiences like these are invaluable in sparking a love for literature and learning—exactly what 'Building Brighter Futures' is all about!

Our Year 4 children have been busy in Design Technology, building their own aqueducts inspired by Segovia's famous Roman structure. Working in teams, they demonstrated fantastic cooperation, dedication, and problem-solving skills to create aqueducts that were not only beautifully constructed but also incredibly effective—watching the water flow down them was a true highlight! This hands-on project is a great example of how we bring learning to life, making meaningful links between

history, geography, and engineering. Providing these cross-curricular opportunities helps children deepen their understanding and see the real-world impact of their learning.

This week, we also held Internet Safety Day, which provided our children with important knowledge on staying safe online. We hope you found the internet safety information on our website equally helpful in supporting your efforts to keep children safe in the digital world.

Our **'Book and a Biscuit'** event was a great success! It was fantastic to see families engaging with their children's learning and encouraging them to 'speak like experts.' Thank you to everyone who attended—we truly value these opportunities to bring our school community together.

Additionally, I hope you have all received the **Parents and Carers Code of Conduct and Communication Chart**. Our goal is to ensure that lines of communication are clear and appropriate so we can best support your child's educational journey.

Building further on this, we will shortly open the Arbor booking slots for **Support Plan meetings** and **Family Meetings**. These meetings provide valuable opportunities to collaborate and ensure that your child receives the best possible support and outcomes.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break!



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
6	SATs Preparation
All	Building Brighter Futures
All	Parent Communication Chart

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 24th February 2025?
Monday Private Guitar, Violin & Keyboard lessons
Tuesday Private singing lessons Pathfield Buddies
Wednesday Private Violin & Keyboard lessons Pilton House small group
Thursday Rocksteady Private lessons Private Drum lessons
Friday Private Woodwind lessons Upper School Friday Sports

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

Friday 7th February

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3—Ella, Year 4—Alfie, Year 5—Joseph, Year 6 Fearne

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 3— Fiorella, Year 4 - Lilly, Year 5—Myles, Year 6—Charlotte

Work

Jesse ~ A fabulous effort to create a dramatic 'Secret of Black Rock' story.

Ebony - making a great start at Bluecoat.

Joe - perseverance in all subjects - always aiming to dive deeper.

Billy, Jacob , Aldrich, Edward , Riley - fantastic team work, focus and thinking skills when making their aqueduct

Freddie , Sofia and Albie for their amazing team work, perseverance and attitude to making their aqueduct.

Jacob ~ for his attitude and kindness to everyone around him.

Grace - Fantastic effort in the TTRS competition!

Jovan - For being so motivated during the TTRS competition.

Samba & Edgar for their fantastic effort in the TTRS competition this week.

Contribution

Year 5 London children for their fantastic behaviour, kindness and enthusiasm.

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 1,119 Neptune = 1,016

Jupiter = 1,014 Mercury = 901

Friday Sports

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these dates .

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.

Spring 2025						
Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Basketball	Football
28-Feb	Change	UPPER	5MR	5ET	6SE	6MT
07-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
14-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5ET	6SE	6MT
21-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
28-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5ET	6SE	6MT
04-Apr		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
EASTER HOLIDAYS						

Year 3 & 4 Residential

We are just finalising some details and then we will get the trip letters out and open it up on Arbor for you to start booking your child a space.

Kind Request for wellies

Pilton Infants' are looking for donations of any spare or no longer needed wellies to help with their OPAL lunchtime play. As the weather and the ground gets wetter, having more pairs of wellies will allow even more children to enjoy our field, secret garden, and digging area during lunchtime.

We would be grateful for donations of wellies in sizes ranging from 7 (EU 24) to 5 (EU 38). If you have any wellies that could be put to good use, please feel free to drop them off at our school office.

Thank you



Joffre White

Award winning author and motivational speaker Joffre White visited Pilton Bluecoat on Wednesday inspiring his passion for reading, writing and creativity.

During his engaging sessions, he shared insights into his journey as a writer, encouraged students to follow their dreams, and highlighted the power of story telling.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions and gain valuable advice and even get books signed.

It was a truly memorable experience that left everyone feeling motivated and eager to explore their own creativity.



London

Last week our Year 5 students enjoyed an exciting trip to London packed with unforgettable experiences and learning opportunities.

The trip included visits to iconic landmarks such as St. Pauls Cathedral and the Houses of Parliament where students gained insight into British history and politics.

Highlights of the trip were exploring the science museum and Harry Potter world, going on a night time tour and watching Matilda.

The trip was a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn outside the classroom making memories to last a lifetime!





Devon Family Hubs Monthly Newsletter - February 2025

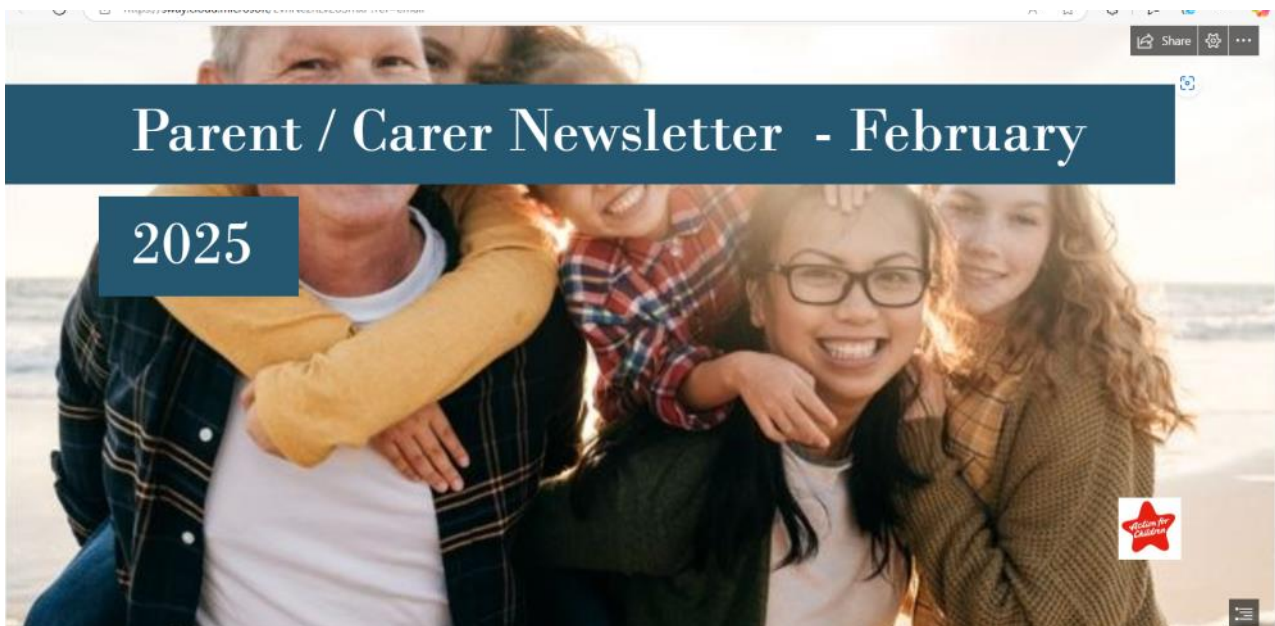
In this month's issue...

We'll look at **Tantrums vs Meltdowns** - what's the difference and give you some tips and advice on how to cope when they occur.

Also, it's **World Book Day** on the 6th March. We look at why reading is so important and signpost you to information and resources, (including where you can get FREE books).

We've also got our usual features - **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** - information about upcoming events the Devon Digital Team are running, **SEND, FEBRUARY AWARENESS DAYS** and much more, so grab a cuppa, sit back and enjoy this month's newsletter!

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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!



Spring Term Dinner Menu

Meal price is £2.55 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.

**We can cater for most
allergens, please let the
school office know.**

<p>Week 1: 6/1, 27/1, 24/2, 17/3</p>
<p>Monday Sausage Rolls V – Vegetable Sausage Rolls Diced Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Pancake Monday (various fruit toppings)</p>
<p>Tuesday Mild Beef Chilli V – Quorn chilli Potato Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn Fruit Jelly</p>
<p>Wednesday Roast of the Day - Turkey V – Vegetable Bites Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Fruit Salad</p>
<p>Thursday Hidden Vegetables and Chicken Curry V – Vegetarian Curry Naan Bread, Rice, Cucumber Sticks Apple Sponge and Custard</p>
<p>Friday Oven Baked Fish V – Vegetarian Nuggets Golden Fries and Seasonal Vegetables Flapjack</p>

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day: 5th Sept 2024	First Day: 7th Jan 2025	First Day: 22nd Apr 2025
Half-term: 28th Oct - 1st Nov 2024	Half-term: 17th - 21st Feb 2025	Half Term:
Last Day: 20th December 2024	Last Day: 4th April 2025	Last Day 22nd July 2025

Dates for your diary, 2025

Date	Event
24th—28th Feb	SEN Support plan meetings
3rd—7th March	World Book Week
5th March	Year 6 Measurement Programme Visit
11th March	Tempest Class photos
21st March	Comic Relief Day
3rd April	Rocksteady Concert
7th—8th & 8th—9th May	Year 3 Lee Abbey Residential
12th—15th May	Year 6 SATS
23rd—27th June	Year 6 Heatree House Residential
30th June	Year 6 Pilton College Transition day
1st July	Whole school move up day
2nd—4th July	Year 4 UAC Residential
10th July	Rocksteady Concert

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

0.6 FTE Classroom Teacher at
Brayford Academy

Casual Afterschool Club
Playworker at Wetheridge Church
of England Primary Academy

1.1 SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT
at Beaford Community Primary &
Nursery School

Meal Time Assistant at
Umburleigh Primary Academy

0.44 FTE KS1/Reception
Classroom Teacher at Pilton
Infants' Academy



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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

EMAIL PILTONSUNDAYCLUB@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFO



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



OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 10AM - 3.30PM

For more information please contact the Admissions Team
admissions@kingsleydevon.com

WWW.KINGSLEYDEVON.COM



BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT

With the Barnstaple Ladies Choir

Guest Artists:

Andrew Jeffery

Emma Hewetson

Harmony 4

Bluecoat School Choir

Special Guest Star: Chapman Shum
(Young Piano Virtuoso from London)

Adult £13 (+£2 theatre levy)	Under 16 £8 (+£2 theatre levy)
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DAY FEB 21ST	TIME 7PM	Queens Theatre Barnstaple
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Raising Money for the
Mayor's Charities

