

21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A BIG THANK YOU! We want to extend a huge thank you to Teri from Pilton Infants for supporting our Teaching Assistants with training and observations for phonics. This invaluable support plays a crucial role in raising opportunities for children to succeed. We greatly appreciate the partnership with Pilton Infants and the continued collaboration with staff to ensure we can support each other in meeting the needs of the children within our community.

Our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) initiative continues to spark excitement among our children, and the latest addition—the stage area—has truly captured their imaginations! From dazzling fashion parades to a potential 'Pilton's Got Talent' show, the children have shared fantastic ideas that showcase their creativity and confidence. Play is a powerful tool for inspiration, and we are thrilled to see our students engage with these new opportunities.

To further enrich our outdoor experiences, we are preparing to open the field and Forest School area to children all year round. With the Welly Warehouse, we can ensure these fantastic play areas remain accessible in all seasons. If your child has spare wellies at home, we would greatly appreciate them being brought into school, clearly labelled with their name, so they can be stored for use whenever needed.

We were truly impressed by the poetry recitals from both children and staff. These moments of immersion in literature and the opportunity to perform aloud were truly inspiring. Not only did they showcase the power of spoken word, but they also contributed significantly to children's confidence, expression, and personal development. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for poetry, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part!

This week, our students have been fully engaged in their assessments, demonstrating excellent focus and determination. These assessments are a valuable tool that allows us to identify each child's strengths and areas for development. With this information, we can provide targeted support in the classroom to help every child progress in their learning journey. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and resilience!

We recently sent out an important letter regarding lockdown procedures. Please take the time to read this carefully, as it outlines essential safety measures for our school community. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

Additionally, we will be sending out a Parent Helper letter seeking support for upcoming trips and school events. We rely on the generosity of our parent volunteers to make these experiences possible for the children. If you are available to help, please do let the office know.

A huge well done to the children who took part in the Exmoor Challenge practice with Petroc College! Their dedication and determination were fantastic to see. A big thank you also goes to the staff and helpers who supported them throughout this event.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in Red Nose Day by wearing their fantastic hats! This fun and creative initiative highlighted the importance of supporting those in need while allowing our children to express themselves in a meaningful way. The sense of community and generosity displayed was wonderful and we are grateful for your support in raising awareness for such an important cause.

At Pilton Bluecoat, investing in enriching experiences is fundamental to the cultural capital opportunities for our children. Thank you for your continued support in making Pilton Bluecoat Academy a place where children can learn, grow, and thrive.



Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
Year 4	Times Table Rock Stars
All	Emergency Procedures

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

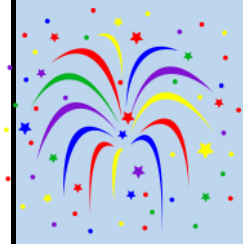
What's on week commencing 24th March 2025?
<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Private Guitar, Violin & Keyboard lessons Practice SATs week</p>
<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>Singing Lessons Shang Workshop</p>
<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Upper School Girls Football Private Violin & Keyboard lessons</p>
<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Rocksteady Private lessons Private Drum lessons Teachers Rock Youth Choir Trust Orienteering Final</p>
<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Private Woodwind lessons Upper School Friday Sports</p>

<p>Find us on;</p> <p>Website: www.piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk</p> <p>Facebook: @Pilton Bluecoat Academy</p> <p>Twitter: @teammatceo</p> <p>Email: office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk</p>
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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>

Celebration Assembly



Friday 21st March

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3—Oliver, Year 5—Brylee, Year 6—Evelin

Reading Champions - Book Token!

Year 4—Sapphire, Year 5—Madison & Ivy, Year 6—Lexi

Work

Charlie P, Olivia and Charlie C for exceptional commitment to their learning bringing into school extra work from home!

Tommy & Amelia for being fantastically Bluecoat after only two weeks.

Ava B for a fantastic start to Pilton Bluecoat.

Sammy for his attention to details in art.

Vanessa for her role in her class' performance poetry.

Charlie for tackling the assessments with perseverance and determination

Fin for showing incredible perseverance in maths assessments this week

Barnaby for his descriptive writing created a really clear picture!

Piper for excellent calligraphy skills related to 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse'

Contribution

Exmoor Challenge children who took part in this week's training walk. Excellent navigation skills using 6-grid references and compasses. Well done

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Neptune = 680 Saturn = 621

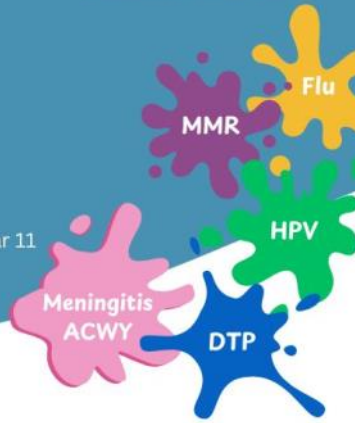
Jupiter = 611 Mercury = 561

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?



- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11



Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



Call us on **01392 342678**



kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

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
21-Mar		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
28-Mar		UPPER	5MR	5ET	6SE	6MT
04-Apr		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
EASTER HOLIDAYS						



- 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.

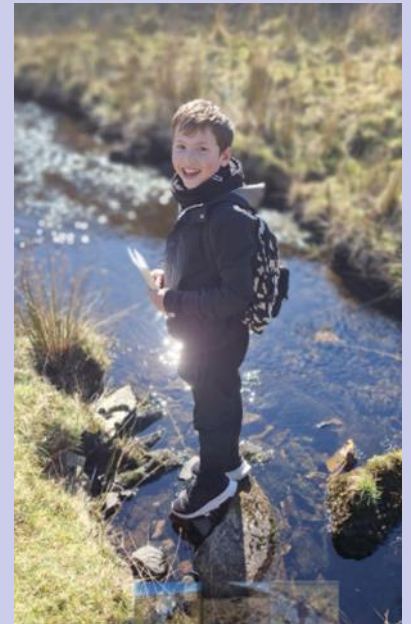
Exmoor Challenge

On Tuesday, some of our Year 6 children continued their Exmoor Challenge preparation by walking over Brendon Common.

The children worked in small groups with students from Petroc where they practised taking 6-figure grid references and using compasses to help navigate their way round a 5-mile undulating route.

Throughout the day, children showed that they are becoming more and more confident working in a team effectively and map reading.

Well done all of you.



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.**

Week 2: 13/1, 03/2, 03/3, 24/3
<u>Monday</u> Pork Sausages V – Vegetarian Sausages Cubed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy Pancake Monday (various fruit toppings)
<u>Tuesday</u> Beef Pasta Bolognese V – Quorn Pasta Bolognese Peas and Carrots Fruit Jelly
<u>Wednesday</u> Roast of the Day – Beef V – Vegetarian Roast Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Fruit Salad
<u>Thursday</u> Chicken and Chunky Veg Casserole V – Quorn and Chunky Veg Casserole Crusty Bread & Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard
<u>Friday</u> Cod/Salmon Fish Cakes V – Cheese Wheels Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Oaty Cookie (various flavours)

School Meal Prices

We would like to inform you that from **22nd April 2025** the price of school meals will be increasing to **£2.58**. While we have worked hard to keep prices as low as possible this adjustment is necessary to continue proving high-quality meals for our students. Thank you

Red Nose Day 2025







A big well done for everyone for taking part in today's event, staff and pupils, there was lots of fun novelty hats and outfits, some special cookies in the kitchen and we managed to raise £190. A big thank you to our Year 6 nose sellers who managed to sell over 180 noses too! Thank you!



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: 26th - 30th May 2025
Last Day: 20th December 2024	Last Day: 4th April 2025	Last Day 22nd July 2025

Dates for your diary, 2025

Date	Event
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 3 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy.

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

Meal Time Assistant at Umberleigh Primary Academy.



PILTON BLUECOAT
PARENT GROUP

**Pilton Bluecoat
Easter Fair**

**Wednesday 2nd April
3:20pm to 4:30pm
in the School Hall**

- Free entry
- Easter Bake Off competition
- Refreshments & cake
- Win a giant bunny
- Sweet sale
- Easter trail
- Book sale

Please bring cash

Please let us know if you are free to help
Piltonbluecoat.parentsgroup@gmail.com

Parentkind
Member Association

HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE
Easter Fair

Wednesday 2nd April

Help needed to set up
from 2pm,
to help run stalls,
and to clear away at
4:30pm.

Please let the Office know
if you can help, or you can
message us on Facebook or
email:
piltonbluecoat.parentsgroup@gmail.com

**Pilton Bluecoat
Academy**

**THE GREAT BLUECOAT
EASTER BAKE OFF**

**Any type of
Easter themed
cakes & bakes
are very
welcome!**

READY, STEADY, BAKE!

Get creative in the kitchen and enter our Easter bake off. Prizes will be awarded to the best entry in each year group.

Cakes will be judged by an independent party.

Let your imagination run wild, but please **NO NUTS** and a list of all ingredients must be provided.

All entries will be sold at the Easter Fair.

Please bring entries clearly labelled with name and class with list of ingredients to the hall on the morning of the Fair –

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL **Good luck!**

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THURSDAY THE 10TH APRIL

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