

25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been really lovely to welcome all of our children, families and carers back to school. The energy around the school has been fantastic, and it's been wonderful to see the children returning with such positivity and enthusiasm. They have settled back into school life incredibly well. All our classrooms have been calm yet buzzing with focus and dedication. Our new topics have sparked great curiosity, and it's been brilliant to see how engaged and immersed the children have been in their learning from the very start.

We're also really pleased to share that our attendance currently stands at 94.8%. This is a strong indicator of how much our pupils enjoy being in school – and we thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority. Every day matters, and by missing even one day, children can miss out on valuable learning experiences that contribute to their academic, social, and emotional development.

At Pilton Bluecoat, we believe in enriching the curriculum through real-world experiences that inspire our pupils and broaden their understanding of the world around them. A perfect example of this has been our recent work with Lizzy, a local surgeon, and her incredible team at North Devon Hospital. Following her inspiring assembly last term about her work and the hospital's new £2 million surgical robot, our children have been involved in a very special project — helping to name the robot!

This week, our Digital Champions, led by Mr Hick, had the amazing opportunity to visit the hospital. They explored the anaesthetics department and even tried out the surgical robot themselves (not on a real person, of course!). The hospital staff were incredibly welcoming and informative, and the children came away absolutely inspired.

Here's what a couple of our parents shared after the visit:

"Experiences like these are so valuable to the pupils' wider development. We really appreciate you taking the time and effort to offer them within school"

"Can I say a big thank you for giving the Digital Champion team such an amazing experience and opportunity. ... came home full of energy and excitement to tell me about all she had learnt — from threading surgical knots to seeing her veins!"

Having these experiences enhances our children's cultural capital and opportunities within their lives, now and for the future. On Monday, we will officially reveal the name of the new surgical robot — watch this space!

A thank you goes out to the RNLI for the wonderful assembly they lead with our children. They were engaging and really supported our children in developing their understanding about keeping safe near water.

his week in our Celebration Assembly, we witnessed moments of excellence across the school — from incredible artwork and improved Accelerated Reader scores to beautiful presentation and thoughtful writing. It was a real showcase of dedication and effort. As we move through this term, we will be placing a strong focus on the theme of excellence — encouraging pupils to try their best, persevere through challenges, and understand that mistakes are part of learning and growth. We would love your support in reinforcing this message at home, especially with Home Learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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

Best wishes,

Mathew Harts, Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
Various	Afterschool Clubs
Various	Maths Booster Programme
All	Tempest Photographs
All	Friday Sports
Year 3	Lee Abbey

What's on week commencing 28th April 2025?
<u>Monday</u>
Private Guitar, Violin & Keyboard lessons
<u>Tuesday</u>
National Youth Leadership Group Meetings— Year 6 ethos ambassadors Private Singing Lessons
<u>Wednesday</u>
Private Violin & Keyboard lessons
<u>Thursday</u>
Private Drum lessons Rocksteady
<u>Friday</u>
Private Woodwind lessons Lower School Friday Sports
<u>Saturday</u>
Exmoor Challenge Walk

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

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Pilton Bluecoat Fundraising Group
https://www.facebook.com/

Breakfast Club & Afterschool club
Please contact Tia or Jemma on
north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk

Celebration Assembly

Friday 25th April

Handwriting Heroes

3KD—Layla, 4BC—Isaac, 5ET—Grace, 6MT—Kiason

Reading Champions - Book Token!

3JH—Chloe, 4AB—Luca, 5MR—Kacie, 6SE—Vince

Work

3KD—Dylan & Mayah ~ Fantastic Water Vole Persuasive Leaflets.

3JH—Joel and Amarah - great effort creating spectacular water vole persuasive leaflets.

4AB—Nandu

4BC—Elsie - for her amazing effort in her PE lessons.

5MR—Sadie ~ consistently giving her best and supporting those around her.

5ET—Harry - continued outstanding effort in all areas of learning

6SE—Bree - fantastic progress in maths and commitment to learning

6MT—Charlie—fantastic focus, effort and accuracy in measuring and drawing angles with a protractor.

Contribution

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 948 **Neptune = 999**

Jupiter = 970 **Mercury = 898**

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.

Summer 2025						
Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	Basketball	Football
02-May		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
09-May		UPPER	5MR	5ET	6SE	6MT
16-May		LOWER	3KD	4BC	3JH	4AB
23-May	<i>Change</i>	UPPER	6SE	5MR	6MT	5ET
30-May	HALF-TERM					
06-Jun		LOWER	3JH	3KD	4AB	4BC
13-Jun		UPPER	6SE	5MR	6MT	5ET
20-Jun		LOWER	3JH	3KD	4AB	4BC
27-Jun		UPPER	6SE	5MR	6MT	5ET
04-Jul		LOWER	3JH	3KD	4AB	4BC
11-Jul		UPPER	6SE	5MR	6MT	5ET
18-Jul		LOWER	3JH	3KD	4AB	4BC



- 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

Yesterday, 21 of our Year 6 children completed their final training walk before the Exmoor Challenge event which takes part on Saturday the 3rd of May.

The emphasis was on children walking at a good pace and working in small groups to take turns in leading sections of the walk over Exmoor.

This was a great opportunity for them to really build their confidence in using the navigation skills they have learnt throughout the training.

Throughout the training, all the children have been superb in their dedication, effort, teamwork and most importantly, having fun learning new skills and exploring new places.

Well done.



Summer Term Dinner Menu

Meal price is **£2.58** 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: 28/04, 19/05, 16/06, 07/07
<u>Monday</u> Loaded Potatoes with Sausage and Beans V –Loaded Potatoes with Quorn Sausage, Beans and Peas Fruit Sorbet
<u>Tuesday</u> Minced Beef with a Soft Taco V –No Meat Mince Taco Sweetcorn and Wedges Fruit Jelly
<u>Wednesday</u> Roast of the Day - Beef V - Homity Pie Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Jam Doughnut
<u>Thursday</u> Chicken Pasta Bake V – Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread, Salad Sticks Melon Medley
<u>Friday</u> Oven Baked Fish V – Quorn Nuggets Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Chocolate Brownie



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

RNLI

Today, we had the pleasure of welcoming Alfie and David from the RNLI, who delivered an informative presentation on beach safety. They provided valuable insights into the significance of beach flags and offered guidance on how to remain safe, particularly when encountering rip currents.



Tag Rugby

Today, our Year 6 pupils took part in an exciting tag rugby competition, showcasing their teamwork, determination, and sporting spirit. The event was full of energy and enthusiasm, with every player giving their best on the field.

It was fantastic to see the children supporting one another and enjoying the thrill of friendly competition.

Well done to everyone who took part – you made us all very proud!



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
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

Defibrillator Installation

Thank you to R J Weatherley of RJW Electrical, our electrical engineer for installing our school's new external defib cabinet free of charge. This will be a great asset for the local community.



Parking Permits



New parking permits for Fairview Car Park are now available for the summer term. If you would like a permit, please contact the school office with your child's name, class, and vehicle registration number.

Thank you!



Cake Tins

We still have a number of cake tins left over from our Easter Bake Off competition. If you haven't yet collected your tin, please feel free to pop into the school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you once again for all your delicious contributions and fantastic support!

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