



Newsletter

7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the new half term. The children have returned to school with fantastic enthusiasm and have settled back into their learning brilliantly. It's been lovely to see their smiles, hear their laughter, and watch them engage so positively with their lessons once again.

We are really looking forward to introducing some exciting developments through our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme. The first phase of this will be the opening of our Forest School area, which will become a key part of our playtime experience. To enjoy this space fully, children will need welly boots. If you have any spare pairs at home that your child has outgrown, we would be very grateful for donations to our Welly Store. Please note that children will not be able to access the field in their school shoes.

This week, we began our Family Numeracy Project in school. It has been fantastic to see parents, carers and children working together to explore mathematical strategies that can also be used at home. The sessions have been filled with great teamwork and we are already looking forward to running more family workshops over the coming months.

Today, Mrs Carter and I accompanied our School Councillors to the War Memorial service at Rock Park, where we laid two wreaths on behalf of our school community. The children represented Pilton Bluecoat with great respect and reflection, we were incredibly proud of them.

A new Internet Safety Newsletter has been uploaded to our school website. This edition focuses on keeping children safe when using WhatsApp and other social media platforms, especially regarding age ratings. Please take a moment to read it, keeping children safe online is everyone's responsibility.

This week, I have had the pleasure of hosting three school tours for Year 2 families who are considering places for next year. It was wonderful to meet so many parents and to share what makes our school such a special place. The opportunities we provide for all our children are simply wonderful, and we are all incredibly proud of our school community.

For the third year in a row, we have achieved the highest rating in Britain in Bloom. We would like to thank Simon and the children he works with for their hard work and dedication in achieving this success. It was a pleasure to welcome Francis Bell, Chair of Britain in Bloom, into school to present Simon and the school with the award.

Our current attendance sits above 96%, which is higher than the national average, a real credit to our children and families. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends regularly and on time.

Recently, we have received a number of holiday requests during term time. Please remember that every child has a legal right to education, and all requests must be considered carefully in line with government guidance.

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Working together ensures that we continue Building Brighter Futures for every child at Pilton Bluecoat Academy.

With warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathew Harts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mathew Harts, Head of School

Dates for your Diary



10th November	Blue House - Non-Uniform Day
11th November	Remembrance Day
12th November	Guardian Consultations
	Family Numeracy Project
13th November	Guardian Consultations
14th November	Children in Need - Pyjama Day
17th November	Music Sharing Assembly 2-3pm
19th November	Tempest Photos
	Family Numeracy Project
24th November	UK Farmers Week
	Go Beyond
25th November	Flu Vaccinations
	Year 4 - Escot Park
26th November	Year 4 - Flu Vaccinations
1st December	Year 6 Tiverton Museum Trip
10th December	Girls Football
12th December	Lower School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
15th December	Lower School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
16th December	Afternoon Nativity Performance
17th December	Evening Nativity Performance
	Christmas Dinner
19th December	Break up for Christmas

2025 - 2026

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day: 4th Sept 2025	First Day: 6th January 2026	First Day: 20th April 2026
Half-term: 27th Oct – 31st Oct 2025	Half-term: 16th Feb – 20th Feb 2026	Bank Holiday: 4th May Half Term: 25th May -29th May 2026
Last Day: 19th December 2025	Last Day: 2nd April 2026	Last Day: 21st July 2026

Non pupil days

2nd & 3rd September 2025

5th January 2026

1st June 2026

22nd July 2026

BLUE HOUSE NON-UNIFORM DAY!

We are delighted to announce that Neptune House (Blue) are the winners for the first term, having earned the most house points this term!

Congratulations to all the pupils in Blue House for your fantastic effort, teamwork, and dedication, you've truly set a great example to start the year.

As a reward, Blue House will enjoy a Non-Uniform Day on

Monday 10th November

So get ready to leave your school uniform at home and celebrate your achievement in style!





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Handwriting Heroes

3KD - Amelia, 4AB - Rose, 5MH - Arlo, 6MT -
Nell

Reading Champions

3JH - Beau, 4BC - Valentine, 5MR - Sapphire,
6SE - Jacob

Work

3KD -FROM LAST CELEBRATION: Violet ~ a great addition to our class. Displays wonderful learning powers.

THIS WEEK ~ Clark - Incredible writing!

3JH - Kai and James - top notch learning this week in all areas, but especially in literacy.

4AB - Charles - using his skills independently across the curriculum.

4BC - Oliver - for his amazing effort and perseverance writing up his newspaper report.

5MR - Sapphire ~ consistent hard work and effort.

5MH - Bonnie - coming back and diving straight into her work with consistent effort and pride.

6SE - Ella - for the extra homework she has completed to help her with spellings, handwriting and times tables

6MT - Kaitlyn - excellent diary about her school trip to Spain.

October Maths Problem-Solving Winner

3JH - Mia

Contribution

All of the children who auditioned for a speaking role in our Christmas Production!

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

Saturn = 224 Neptune = 203

Jupiter = 232 Mercury = 191

Family Numeracy Project

On Wednesday this week, we hosted the first of six Family Numeracy Project sessions, run by Lorraine Allington of Learn Devon. Parents of Year 3 children joined their children to take part in a range of fun, hands-on activities designed to support maths learning at home and help make maths a natural part of everyday life.

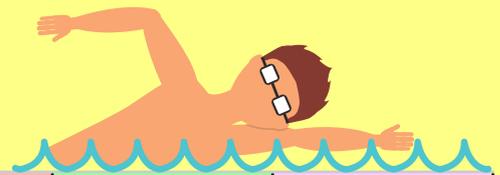
It was a fantastic start to the project, and we can't wait for the remaining sessions, which will continue on Wednesdays for the rest of this term (apart from Wednesday 3rd December).



FRIDAY SPORTS

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PE DAYS



Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	TBC	Football
14 Nov 2025	LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3JH
21 Nov 2025	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5MH	5MR
28 Nov 2025	LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
5 Dec 2025	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5MH	5MR
12 Dec 2025	LOWER	4AB	3JH	4BC	3KD
19 Dec 2025	Last day of Term - No Friday Sports				

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

Children

In Need

We're excited to announce that on Friday 14th November, we'll be having a Pyjama Day in support of Children in Need!

Children are invited to come to school in their favourite pyjamas for the day in return for a £1 donation, which can be made through the Arbour app.



Thank you!



We were delighted to receive a lovely letter from the Freedom Centre this week, thanking us for the generous food donations we collected for our Harvest celebration.

They were so grateful for everyone's kindness and said the food will make a real difference to local families in need.

A big thank you to all our pupils, parents, and staff for your thoughtfulness and support, it's wonderful to see our school community helping others!

We have been incredibly blessed again here at Freedom by the amazing generosity of so many individuals, churches, schools and other organisations including yourselves who have chosen to support us as part of our Harvest appeal.

So, I wanted to take this opportunity to write on behalf of the whole team here to express our heart-felt thanks to you all at Pilton Bluecoat Academy for your wonderful donation of tinned and dry food.

The environment in which we work, can be incredibly challenging, so to know that you and so many other wonderful supporters are willing to stand with us in this way, really means a lot. Please be assured of our commitment to use your donation well within our Day Centre in supporting so many individuals who are finding life difficult in so many ways.

AUTUMN TERM

DINNER MENU

	Week 1: 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 10/11, 01/12
Monday	Sausage Breakfast V –Vegetarian Breakfast Potato Waffles, Beans, Peas, Tomatoes & Mushrooms Fruit and Yoghurt
Tuesday	Beef Pasta Bolognese V – Mac and Cheese Garlic Bread & Salad Sticks Fruit Jelly
Wednesday	Roast of the Day - Turkey V – Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Doughnut and fruit slices
Thursday	Hunters Chicken V – Hunters Quorn Rice and Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard
Friday	Cod or Salmon Fingers V – Cheese and Bean Wrap Golden Fries and Seasonal Vegetables Flapjack

TEAM Vacancies

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We currently have 3 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Trustee with Financial Expertise

EDV/2025/TMT/20736

Team Multi-Academy Trust

TEAM Multi Academy Trust are seeking a Trustee with Financial Expertise - Help Shape the Future of Education in North Devon

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

55 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

Meal Time Assistant

EDV/2025/U/PA/87858

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.

- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.26 Hourly
- HOURS PER WEEK: 3 (12PM - 1PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH DAY) | Grade A | 38 weeks | Term time only

Expiring Tomorrow • Apply by Midday, Friday 7th Nov, 2025 • Job start: ASAP



Apply Now

Cleaner

EDV/2025/PIA/83795

Pilton Infants' Academy

The appointed person/s will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.65 Hourly
- Grade A | 10HPW (2 HOURS PER DAY TO BE WORKED AFTERNOON/ EVENINGS) | 41 WEEKS

Expiring Tomorrow • Apply by Midday, Friday 7th Nov, 2025 • Job start: ASAP



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Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Care Service Training and Education

'Parent Pop Up Event'

Is your child
ready for
potty/toilet
training?



Want to find out
more how to
support your
child?

**Come and join a workshop presented by:
Debbie Richards Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Care
Specialist Nursery Nurse**

**For: Parents of reception to year 6 children at both the
Infants and Bluecoat Schools**

At: Pilton Bluecoat School

On: Thursday 13th November 2025

Time: 13.30 – 15.00



Pilton Bluecoat Academy

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only £2 per family

Term time only

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More than just a club we are a martial arts FAMILY - ALL Ages Welcome

- Resilience**
- Equality**
- Self-confidence**
- Perseverance**
- Excellence**
- Courage**
- Teamwork**



空手道

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[[[[[[[[OTHER LOCATIONS YOU CAN TRAIN]]]]]]]

@ Pilton Bluecoat School @ Caen Primary School

@ Croyde Village Hall @ Southmead Primary School @ Kingsacre School

@ Ilfracombe Primary School @ Pilton Community College