



# Newsletter

14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Building Brighter Futures is at the heart of everything we do, creating opportunities for our children to grow academically, socially and emotionally, and to understand their place within both our local and wider global community. With that in mind, on Tuesday, we gathered as a school community to mark Remembrance.

Our focus was on respect, reflection and peace. Which was shaped by the following:

- Remembrance Day is about honouring and respecting all those who have been involved in war and conflict.
- It is also a time to reflect on past generations, our grandparents and great-grandparents, and the sacrifices they made for us.
- Think about anyone you know who has made sacrifices for you.
- Think about the men and women who work to keep us safe today.

We then held two minutes of silence together. The children were incredible, calm, thoughtful and respectful. It was a powerful reminder of how fortunate we are to be here, learning together, each day.

It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school this week for our family meetings. These moments are so important as they give us a chance to share how your child is doing, what life is like in school, and how we can continue to move forward together.

Thank you to everyone who attended. If you were unable to join us, please contact the school office to make an appointment, your involvement makes a huge difference.

A big thank you to our Local Governing Body for their visit this week. The focus was on curriculum, and governors had the opportunity to observe maths lessons, look through books, speak with children, and review aspects of leadership and management. Their ongoing support, challenge and direction are hugely valued and appreciated.

Children in Need was a wonderful day full of smiles and energy. Thank you for your generous donations, every contribution will go directly to supporting families who need that extra help.

A huge thank you to our Parent Group, who have been busy supporting preparations for our Christmas Fayre. Watch this space for more details coming soon!

Our current attendance is just under 96%, which remains above the national average. Thank you for your continued support.

Every day in school truly counts:

- Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to nearly a month of lost learning over a year.
- Regular attendance helps children feel secure, make strong friendships, and keep up with the pace of learning.
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If you need support with attendance, please get in touch, we're here to help.

Kindest of 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



<b>17th November</b>	Music Sharing Assembly 2:30-3pm
<b>19th November</b>	Tempest Photos
	Family Numeracy Project
<b>24th November</b>	UK Farmers Week
	Go Beyond
	UK Parliament Week
<b>25th November</b>	Flu Vaccinations
	Year 4 - Escot Park
<b>26th November</b>	Year 4 - Flu Vaccinations
	Family Numeracy Project
<b>1st December</b>	Year 6 Tiverton Museum Trip
<b>10th December</b>	Girls Football
<b>12th December</b>	Lower School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
<b>15th December</b>	Lower School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
<b>16th December</b>	Afternoon Nativity Performance
<b>17th December</b>	Evening Nativity Performance
	Christmas Dinner
<b>19th December</b>	Break up for Christmas

# WELL DONE!

We're so proud of Charlie in Year 4 who recently competed in a gymnastics competition and absolutely smashed it!

He came 1st on Floor, 2nd on Vault, and was crowned the Overall Winner!

What an incredible achievement – well done!



# 2025 - 2026

# SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

## Non pupil days

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3rd September 2025

5th January 2026

1st June 2026

22nd July 2026



# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

## Handwriting Heroes

3JH - Ezra, 4BC - Esme, 5MR - Aldrich,  
6SE- Maddison

## Reading Champions

3KD - Sophia, 4AB - Max, 5MH -  
Delphine, 6MT - Harry

## Work

3JH - Eber - Great use of similes and other writers knowledge to create a powerful story.

4BC - Elena - For such a positive return to school. Always smiling and bringing joy to the classroom.

5MR - Ede - for her commitment to her learning and being a super hero in gymnastics and conquering her fears.

5MH - Albie - for his incredible effort in writing lessons and his beautiful setting description

6SE - Hughie - For making huge leaps of progress in his fortnightly arithmetic test and for the fantastic effort he is making in his mathematics homework this week

6MT - Eden - excellent diary of her Spain trip

Scarlett - Excellent work in her maths learning working with Ms Carter

## Golden Wellie Award Winner

Bryn - Bryn proudly won the Wellie Award for being wonderfully kind and helpful over both break and lunch

## HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

**Saturn = 515** **Neptune = 472**

**Jupiter = 535** **Mercury = 425**

# FRIDAY SPORTS

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## PE DAYS



Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	TBC	Football
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				

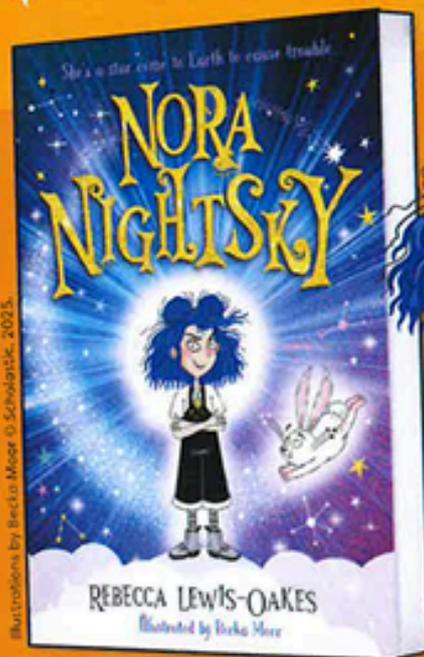
PE Days	
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Tuesday

Come to our

# BOOK FAIR

to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

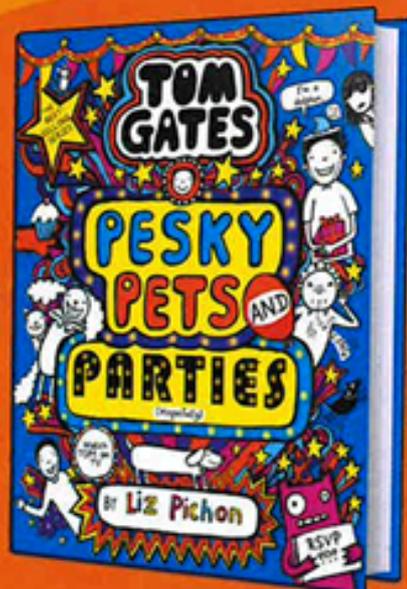
Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!



Come and find me!



My brand new book!



DATE: 20/11/25

TIME: 3:20-4:00

LOCATION: Pilton Bluecoat School Hall



Over the October half term, our pupils took part in an exciting Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) competition.

We were thrilled to see so many children practising their skills and showing fantastic determination. Congratulations to our top three performers, who achieved the highest scores in the competition!

As a reward for their brilliant effort and commitment, all three children have been awarded extra house points.

Well done to everyone who took part, keep rocking those times tables!

Place	Name	Class	TTRS Points	House Points
1st Place	Grace	6MT	26,390	15 Red
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Nandu	5MR	25,915	10 Blue
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Emily	5MR	9,293	5 Green

# AUTUMN TERM

# DINNER MENU

<b>Monday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Friday</b>

<b>Week 2:</b> 08/09, 29/09, 20/10, 17/11, 08/12
<b>Toad in the Hole</b> V - Vegetarian Sausages Crispy/cubed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy Fruit and Yoghurt
<b>Minced Beef Soft Taco</b> V - No meat Mince Taco Sweetcorn and Wedges Fruit Jelly
<b>Roast of the Day - Beef</b> V - Homity Pie Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Doughnut and fruit slices
<b>Hidden Veg Chicken Curry</b> V - Hidden Veg Quorn Curry Naan Bread and Rice Fruit Sponge and Custard
<b>Oven Baked Fish</b> V - Quorn Nuggets Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Oaty Cookie (various flavours)

# TEAM Vacancies

## TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>



Part of TEAM MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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

### Trustee with Financial Expertise

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#### 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

EDV2023/UM/24475

#### 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

£ £12.65 Hourly

3 Hours per week (12PM – 1PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH DAY)

New - Apply by Midday, Friday 28th Nov, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

### SPECIALIST TEACHING ASSISTANT

EDV2023/BCPS/22682

#### Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

We're looking for a caring, motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our school community and play a key role in supporting our pupils' learning and development.

📍 Beaford, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8LJ

🕒 Fixed Term | Full-Time

£ £13.90 Hourly

Grade D | 30 hours per week (08:30AM – 3:30PM MONDAY – FRIDAY) | We understand that availability varies, if you're only able to only commit to a few days per week, we're open to appointing two candidates to share the role.

15 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Friday 28th Nov, 2025 - Job start: ASAP



**Pilton Bluecoat  
Academy**

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**ABC**

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**

# CHRISTMAS

Skills Workshop with Parental Minds

An online support hub focused on learning practical strategies, and stress reducing tips to create a supportive, joyful holiday environment for everyone.

*Parental Minds Community Interest Company: Developed through families' experiences, with input from professionals & researchers.*



PARENTAL  
MINDS C.I.C



PARENTAL MINDS  
SUPPORT

Online, Zoom

Monday 24th November 2025  
19.15 - 20.45

[bit.ly/PMSWChristmas25](https://bit.ly/PMSWChristmas25)



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**SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

3pm to 6pm, Roundswell school, Barnstaple



# ***JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT***

## ***WHAT IS IT?***

We are hosting the first JuVoTo of the season! This is a junior 3v3 tournament with four different age categories - u12s, u13s, u14s, u15s - and it is perfect for juniors from KS2 and upwards who have never played a volleyball tournament before.

## ***HOW DO I SIGN UP?***

The tournament costs £5 per player, and to sign up to play you can register via the QR code below.

You can either sign up as a team, or sign up your child and we will put them into a team for you.



***WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL  
BARNSTAPLE  
EX32 0SX***



***SATURDAY  
15TH NOVEMBER  
1PM - 5PM***



***ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT:  
DANNY@FIREBALLBEACHVOLLEYBALL.COM***