



# Newsletter

28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really pleased to share the positive impact our new forest area is having at lunchtime. Over the past few weeks, children have been using the space for art activities, exploring nature, building structures, and engaging in wonderful communication and teamwork. It has been a joy to see pupils immersing themselves in creative and calm play, making the most of this unique environment. This area has already become a fantastic addition to our lunchtime offer. A huge thank you to the staff whose hard work and dedication made opening this space possible.

Our Year 4 pupils had an inspiring trip to Escot, where they immersed themselves in Tudor activities and brought their history topic to life. Their engagement, enthusiasm, and excellent behaviour made us incredibly proud. Staff praised the children in our Celebration Assembly this week for the way they represented the school, well done, Year 4!

A big thank you goes to our Local Governing Board and to the children who took part in our recent review of Collective Worship and Religion & Worldviews. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the work we are doing, reflect on the impact so far, and shape our next steps. The children spoke confidently and thoughtfully, demonstrating an impressive understanding of our values and curriculum.

This week, we have also seen some behaviours from a small number of children that have impacted the ethos and values of our school. As always, we are here to support, guide, and teach children in managing challenges and making positive choices. We kindly ask families to reinforce some of our values of respect and compassion, especially when playing and interacting with others.

Please take a moment to talk with your children about:

- What kindness looks like in practice
- How to respond when emotions begin to feel overwhelming
- How their actions shape their friendships and our school culture

Together, we can help every child contribute to a safe, positive, and nurturing environment.

This week's attendance sits at 97.8%. While we understand that illness is sometimes unavoidable, regular attendance is crucial for learning, progress, and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children are in school as consistently as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy. We continue to build brighter futures together.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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>1st December</b>	Year 6 Tiverton Museum Trip
<b>4th December</b>	Heatree House - Parents Meeting
<b>8th December</b>	Year 6 - Pilton Farm
<b>10th December</b>	Year 5 and 6 - Girls Football (Tarka)
<b>11th December</b>	Year 6 SATs Meeting - 5pm
<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
<b>5th January</b>	Non-Pupil Day
<b>6th January</b>	First Day Back at School

# FOREST SCHOOL

We are delighted to share how well our new forest area is being received during lunchtimes.

In recent weeks, the children have been making great use of the space, sketching and creating art, discovering the natural surroundings, building imaginative structures, and working together brilliantly.

It has been wonderful to watch pupils enjoying calm, creative play and engaging so positively with the outdoor environment.

The forest area has quickly become a much-loved part of our lunchtime provision.

It makes me feel calm and relaxed when I come in here.

I enjoyed looking at the dirt because I feel like an archaeologist.

It makes me forget about things that haven't gone well.



I think this is a really nice place because you can learn and discover new things.

We must all treat the area respectfully.

I feel calm, happy and it makes my afternoon go smoother.

# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

## Handwriting Heroes

3JH - Sonny, 4BC- Christy, 5MR - Edward, 6SE - Sadie

## Reading Champions

3KD - Junior, 5MH - Sofia, 6MT - Saanvi

## Work

3KD - Adil and Freya - for sensational commitment to their learning.

3JH - Eleanor - for lots of hard work, great learning and kindness.

4AB - Amarah - trip, fully engaged, politeness. She shone.

4BC - Chase - fantastic engagement and ideas in writing paragraphs 1 and 2.

5MR - Harry - for excellent learning behaviours and managing tricky situations calmly

5MH - Alfie - consistent effort and participation in maths

6SE - Emily - for her thoughtful contributions to our class discussions

6MT - Ernie - for a more focused effort on his learning in maths and literacy.

## Contribution

4BC - Ella was a superstar on the school trip. She showed kindness and compassion to her friend for the entire trip.

## Golden Welly Award

6SE - Madi, Emily, Shannon and Magda

## HOUSE POINTS TOTAL

**Saturn = 978 Neptune = 966**

**Jupiter = 1,112 Mercury = 894**

# WELL DONE!



## Congratulations to Ethan – Karate Success

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievement of Ethan in Year 4, who recently won 2nd place in Juruken (striking) at the Southwest All-Style Karate Competition on 16 November 2025.

This is a wonderful accomplishment, and Ethan's dedication, focus, and hard work truly shone through.

We are all incredibly proud of his success. Well done, Ethan, on representing your school with such skill and determination!

## Celebrating Joseph & Mia's Tapathon Achievement

We are delighted to share that Joseph and Mia from Year 6 took part in a national Tapathon in support of Children in Need. They danced alongside groups from across the country as part of the event run by Centre Stage.

We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved for such a worthy cause.

A huge well done to both of them!



# FRIDAY SPORTS

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# PE DAYS



Friday's Date	Who	Swim	Dance	TBC	Football
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

# REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025.

Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Many thanks,



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## POLITE REMINDER TO PARENTS

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please ensure you contact the school office directly to report their absence. Letting the class teacher know at the door is not sufficient, as all absences must be recorded officially through the office.



Additionally, if your child requires medication during the school day, please bring the medication to school reception and complete the necessary paperwork so that it can be safely administered by our staff. For safeguarding reasons, medication must not be handed to the class teacher or sent in with the child.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep all children safe and well.

# AUTUMN TERM

# DINNER MENU

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

Did you know that we also offer Jacket Potatoes with either Beans or Tuna and Tomato Pasta every day

# TEAM Vacancies

## TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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

We currently have 8 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

### Trustee with Financial Expertise

EDW/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

### AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER LEAD

EDW/2025/UPA/05739

#### Umberleigh Primary Academy

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Umberleigh and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD  
🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time  
£ £13.26 Hourly  
Grade C | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM - 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

### Administrative Assistant

EDW/2025/HBC/PA/44963

#### High Bickington Church of England Primary Academy

We are seeking to appoint a flexible and committed administrative assistant to support the Head of School and Trust Business Manager in the daily operation of our school front office and reception...

📍 High Bickington, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AY  
🕒 Permanent | Part-Time  
£ £13.26 Hourly  
Grade C | 20 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:30AM - 12:30PM)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

### Meal Time Assistant

EDW/2025/UPA/54675

#### 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

### Cleaner

EDW/2025/PIA/05497

#### 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

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

### SPECIALIST TEACHING ASSISTANT

EDW/2025/BIC/PS/19492

#### 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

### AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER

EDW/2025/UPA/64730

#### Umberleigh Primary Academy

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Umberleigh and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD  
🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time  
£ £12.84 Hourly  
Grade B | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM - 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

### Cook

EDW/2025/WCE/PA/75406

#### Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

Witheridge C of E Academy are looking for someone special to lead our school kitchen and provide nutritious, delicious meals for our pupils and staff.

📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8AH  
🕒 Permanent/Term Time Only | Full-Time  
£ £13.26 Hourly  
GRADE: C | 32.5 HPW (MONDAY - FRIDAY) | 38 Weeks

New • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 10th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January

# Christmas Key Dates



**THE SLEEPY STARGAZER  
CHRISTMAS  
PERFORMANCE**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 2025  
1.45pm - 2.45pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 2025  
6pm - 7pm

**£1 Per Ticket**

Tickets to be purchased through the school shop on Arbor

 All proceeds go to Care For Kids - North Devon

Pilton Bluecoat, Abbey Road, Pilton, EX31 1JU

## Christmas Performance

- 12th December - Dress Rehearsal
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Dress Rehearsal
- 16<sup>th</sup> December - Afternoon Performance
- 17<sup>th</sup> December - Evening Performance



**Christmas  
DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

ROAST TURKEY DINNER WITH PIGS IN BLANKETS  
V- QUORN FILLET  
SAGE AND ONION STUFFING  
BUTTON SPROUTS  
ROAST POTATOES  
CARROTS  
PEAS  
GRAVY  
CRANBERRY SAUCE

CHOCOLATE YULE SUICE

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY  
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER VIA  
ARBOR**



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER  
DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL DAY  
WE DON'T EXPECT ANYONE TO RUSH OUT AND SPEND MONEY ON A NEW JUMPER. GET CREATIVE AND CRAFT YOUR OWN FESTIVE MASTERPIECE INSTEAD!  
THE MORE IMAGHATIVE, THE BETTER!

## 17<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Jumper Day

## 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Church Carol Service
- Last Day of Term



**CHURCH CAROL SERVICE**



**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
9:30AM**

**ST MARYS CHURCH, PILTON STREET, PILTON,  
BARNSTAPLE, EX31 1QP**