

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 13/06/2025

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have had some typical English summer weather! Despite the rain we managed to get out to play for most days and at least it made watering the garden easier! Please see below for what the children have been learning in class.

Luckily, Wednesday morning was when a group of our KS2 children took part in the exciting Brickfields Athletics competition. Mrs Bridgeman said they had a great time. They competed in a

range of events including running races, vortex throwing, long jump, and high jump. They showed outstanding effort and enthusiasm throughout the morning.

We were especially proud to see several of our children make it into the finals for the running and relay events—a real testament to their determination. All of the children displayed incredible resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship, making us extremely proud as a school. A special thank you to Mrs. Garland for helping the morning run so smoothly. Well done to everyone who took part—you were amazing!

This week year 4 did their multiplication tests and they tried really hard considering how fast the questions came up on the screen. Please continue to practice these at home, as this is not the end of their multiplication journey! In year 5, most of the Maths relies on them having quick times tables recall.

All of the year 1s impressed me with their phonics knowledge when reading the words in the screening test this week. We are very proud of their progress, recognition of phonic sounds is so important for reading, and reading is vital for **all** learning.

Next week is already going to be an exciting one...

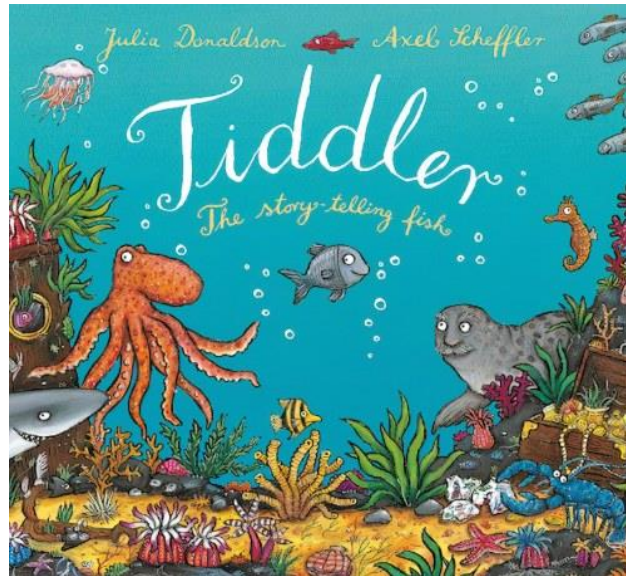
On Monday, years 3 & 4 are going on their school trip to the Eden Project.

Friday is going to be CRAZY HAIR DAY! Please come to school with a crazy hair style (or a wig) and bring toiletries to donate for the tombola at the summer fair.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and avoid the thunderstorms on Saturday.



Foundation/Year 1: This week we have enjoyed reading the story Tiddler and laughing at the reasons Tiddler gave for being late! We have written some of our own super sentences. We also explored materials in science and thought of how we could describe them and their properties. We have started to practise some of the events for Sports Day.

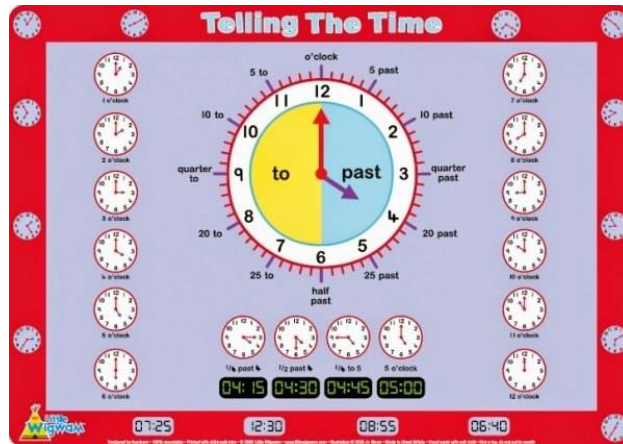


Year 2: In our DT lesson this week, we explored food processing skills in preparation for a healthy salad we are going to design, make and evaluate. We had to chop, slice, grate, peel, wash and cut a range of fruit and vegetables. We discussed food hygiene when cooking and preparing foods such as tying long hair back, washing hands and cleaning surfaces. Some of the skills practised include peeling potatoes, shredding apples, slicing strawberries and chopping onions.

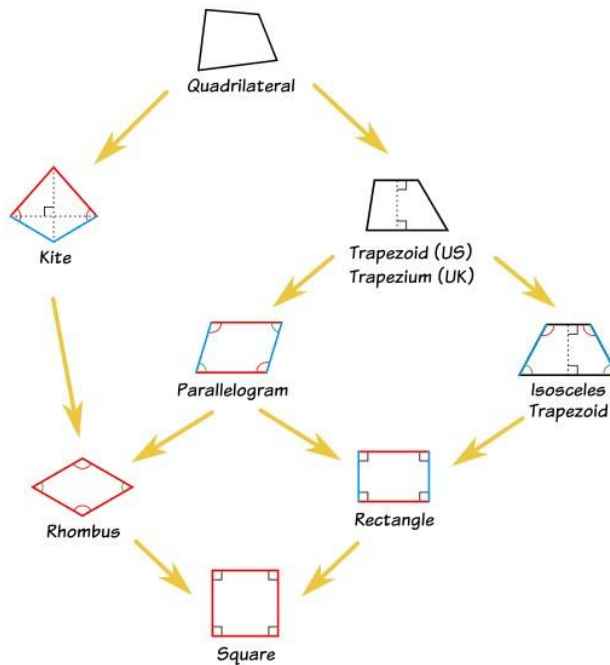


Year 3: In maths, we have started our new unit on time. We have revised all the learning from the previous years such as telling the time to o'clock, half past, and quarter to/past. We moved

on to telling the time to 5-minute intervals, and to the nearest minute. Any additional practice you can give at home would be greatly appreciated as it's a skill that needs to be practised repeatedly. In DT, we have been tasting fruits and vegetables in preparation for designing a salad we would like to take to a picnic. The children have enjoyed tasting things they wouldn't normally eat.



Year 4: We have wrapped up the Science unit on Sound with a fantastic comparative investigation exploring what affects the pitch of a plucked string. The children approached the experiment with enthusiasm and great scientific thinking! In Maths, we've been learning all about different types of triangles and quadrilaterals. Next week, we're excited to head off on our trip to the Eden Project — a brilliant opportunity to bring our learning to life!



Year 5/6: This week in English we have been investigating information texts. We are taking inspiration from Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraption Manual. In Geography we have been looking at Deserts and the factors that can affect their climate. In PE we have been practising a range of team events in preparation for Sports Day.



Summer Fair 2025

Austin Farm Academy Summer Fair
Friday 4th July 2025 – 3:30pm-5:00pm

- Bouncy castle
- Beat the goalie
- Glitter hair and braids
- Raffle
- Tuck shop
- Bric a Brac stall
- Tombola
- Hook a Duck
- Hoop the bottle
- Lucky dip
- Spin the wheel
- Tin can ally
- Sponge the teacher (picture)
- Win £50 (£1 per square)
- And many more...

50p Adult entry.

If you are interested in hiring a stall from us. £10 a stall, please contact the office.

The crest of Austin Farm Academy, featuring a shield with a blue border and a yellow background. Inside the shield, there are three stylized figures or symbols in blue and yellow.A large, stylized illustration of a smiling sun with a yellow face, wearing blue sunglasses, and orange and yellow rays. The sun is positioned on the right side of the poster, partially overlapping the text area.

Learners of the week!!! Great job!!!

Foundation:

Year 1:

Year 2: K.Turner

Year 3: B.Harrison

Year 4: S.McCoulough

Year 5: P.Willis

Year 6: X.Ninnim

Well done to Year 1 on getting 98% attendance this week.



Dates to remember!!!

Monday 16th June - Year 3 & Year 4 trip to the Eden Project.

Friday 20th June - Crazy hair day! In exchange for toiletries for the tombola. Wear school uniform but make your hair as crazy as possible!

Wednesday 25th June - Sports Day 1.00 - 3.00 on the school field. Gates open at 12.30.

Thursday 26th June - Comfy shoe day! In exchange for sweets for the fair. Wear school uniform but with trainers, slippers or any comfy shoes!

Friday 27th June - INSET day, no children in school.

Monday 30th June - Year 5 trip to the golf centre & Saltram.

Tuesday 1st July - EYFS/Year 1 trip to the steam railway.

Friday 4th July Mufti day! In exchange for a bottle for the Hoop a bottle stall. This is fair day - wear what you want, ready for the fair!

Friday 4th July - Summer Fair 3.30 - 5.00 on the school field.

Wednesday 9th July - school reports out.

Friday 11th July - Year 6 prom 5.00 - 7.00pm in school hall.

Tuesday 15th July - Year 6 leaver's assembly 2.30pm in school hall. (including year 6 headteacher's award).

Thursday 17th July - Head teacher's award assembly for EYFS-Year 5. 2.30 in the school hall.

Information on term time holidays from West Country Schools Trust.




WESTCOUNTRY
SCHOOLS TRUST

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160




2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions


+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
 Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days



3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160


4 children & 2 parents = £1280
 Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days



If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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<p>2ND TIME</p> <p>2 parents and 1 child = £320 2 children = 640 3 children = 960 4 children = 1280</p> <p>No discount for early payment</p>	<p>3RD TIME</p> <p>A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child</p> <p>1 parent & 4 children = £10,000 2 parents & 4 children = £20,000</p>
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1 - Before you book your term time holiday, consider is it worth it? One of our families has been fined already this year, don't be the next one.

5 minutes late, does it really matter ?

Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

- 5 Minutes late each day - 3 days lost
- 10 Minutes late each day - 6.5 days lost
- 15 Minutes late each day - 10 days lost
- 20 Minutes late each day - 13 days lost
- 30 Minutes late each day - 19 days lost

WeST Term Dates 2024-2025

WeST Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Agreed for wider distribution

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Key: Peach - holiday periods; light green - weekends; blue - Trust NPD; yellow - School NPD

Important dates

Autumn Term Dates: Monday 2 September to Friday 25 October, then Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December

Term 1: 40 days (inc. School NPD Mon 2 Sept and WeST NPD Tues 3 Sept)

Term 2: 35 days

Spring Term Dates: Monday 6 January to Friday 14 February, then Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April

Term 3: 30 days (inc. School NPD Monday 6 January)

Term 4: 30 days

Summer Term Dates: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 23 May, then Monday 2 June to Tuesday 22 July (Note: NPDs on Mo 21 and Tu 22 Jul '25 are

disaggregated for staff twilight training throughout the year. The last day of the academic year for students and staff is Friday 18 July 2025)

Term 5: 23 days

Term 6: 37 days

WeST Term Dates 2025-2026

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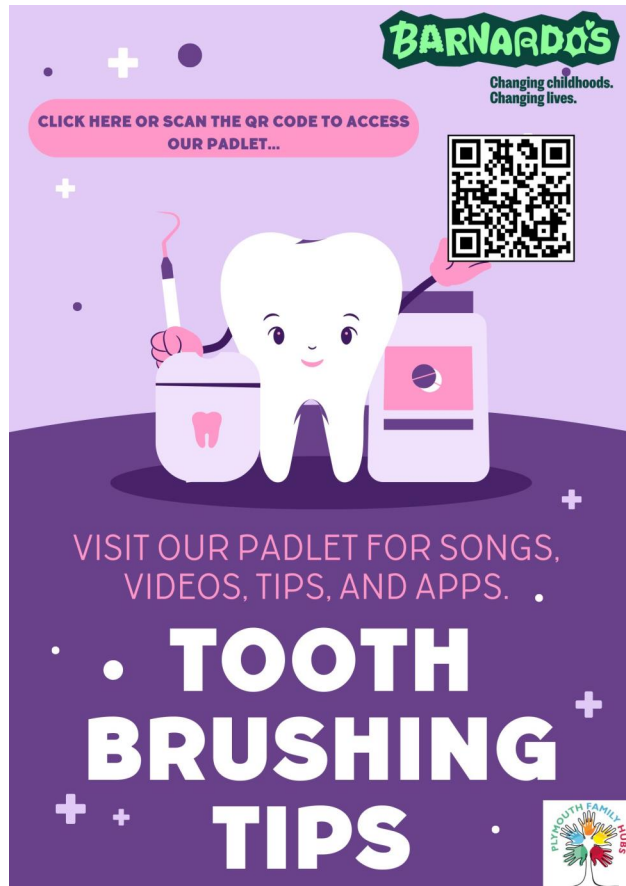
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Key						
	Holiday periods					
	Bank holidays					
	Weekends					
	Trust NPDs					
	School NPDs					

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Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

Understanding ADHD Parent/Carer Workshop

*An interactive workshop for parents and carers of
children and young people with a diagnosis of ADHD,
or on the diagnosis pathway*



Including topics such as, but not limited to

- Explaining Common Symptoms
- Support Strategies
- Understanding Behaviours
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- Provide Neurodiversity-Aware Sleep Solutions
- Create a Relaxing and Safe Sleep Environment
- Foster Family Support and Communication
- Teach Mindfulness and Relaxation Techniques

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