

# AUSTIN FARM

## Academy

### Newsletter 06/06/2025

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the year - and what a busy half term it is, please see important dates below for upcoming events.

The children have been working hard in class, please see below to find out what they have learnt this week.

On Monday, Year 6 had a road safety workshop to prepare them for travelling potentially longer distances to secondary school by themselves.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had the second in their series of transition sessions preparing them for secondary school. This one focused on new (and existing) friendships and our children had a lot to say about this!

Year 4 has been busy practising their multiplication tests, in preparation for the real thing next week, please practice times tables over the weekend as they need to be able to answer each question within 6 seconds! Apparently the 12 times table is the sticking point for most of them.

Year 1 has been busy rehearsing phonics, ready for their tests next week, I am looking forward to doing these with them.

Summer fair (4th July) preparations are still underway. Please check at home if you have any of the following: prizes for the adult's or children's raffle, toys or clothes for the second-hand stall. Thank you to those of you who have already donated. See the dates below for our crazy hair/ comfy shoes/ mufti day donation requests.

I hope you all have a great weekend and manage to avoid the thunderstorms!

Mrs Baptiste

Foundation/Year 1: We've had a great first week back, we have loved seeing all of our butterflies that have hatched from their chrysalises - unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to them now as they are ready to join nature again. In Maths we have been learning about shapes and how we can use multiple triangles to create new shapes. We have finished our book of "Handa's Hen" in English this week, children have been writing excellent descriptions of the different animals you might find in Kenya!

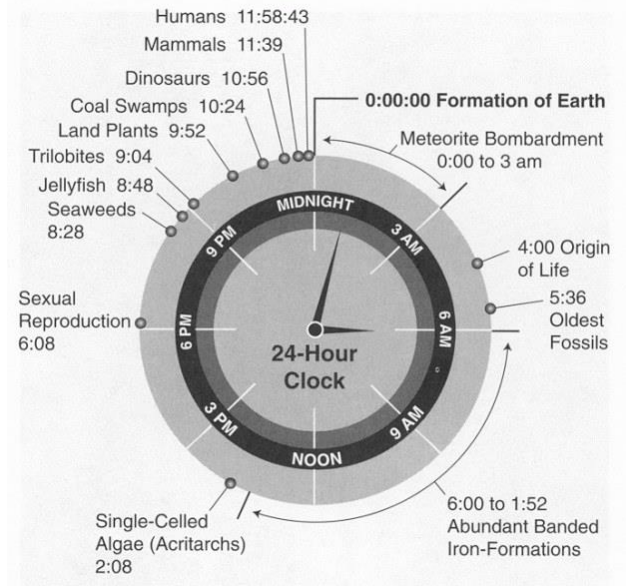


Year 2: We started our new History unit learning about the Stone Age and enjoyed learning how our ancestors found their food. Did you know that the UK used to be joined to Europe by a land-bridge? We also started our new English poetry unit, we have read lots of different styles of poems about the sea; some of them reminded us of our beach trip to Wembury. In Design Technology we explored and tasted lots of different fruit and vegetables, ask us which was our favourite.

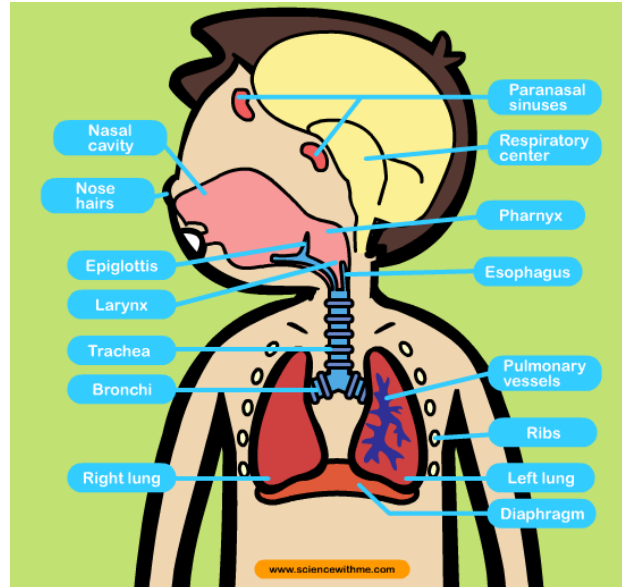
Year 3: We have started our new unit in Design Technology. We have been tasting fruits and vegetables and evaluating them. This is in preparation for us designing our own healthy salad we will be taking to a picnic. We tried lots of foods we were unsure about and explained those we liked and disliked. It was great fun to see the faces of the children who tasted the red onion!



Year 4: This week, Year 4 have been learning about time, they have gained some confidence in converting between 12- and 24-hour clocks. In English, we've proudly published our non-fiction texts all about sedimentary rocks. Looking ahead, we'll be taking our Multiplication Tables Check next week—please support your child by practising times tables regularly to help them feel fully prepared.



Year 5/6: This week in class we have been continuing our topic on the respiratory system in science and we made our own blood using household materials. In History we have finishing our module on the life and message of the prophet Mohammad. In Year 5 maths we have been adding and subtracting decimals, Mrs Baptiste has been very proud of how hard we have worked.



## Summer Fair 2025

The poster features a bright, sunny background with a blue sky, white clouds, and a green field. On the right side, there is a large, stylized sun with a yellow face, wearing blue sunglasses, and orange rays. The text is in orange and green colors.

# Austin Farm Academy Summer Fair

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

Foundation:

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3: J.Nankivell

Year 4: I.Ninnim

Year 5:

Year 6:

Well done to Year \* on getting \*\* attendance this week.



### **Dates to remember!!!**

Thursday 12th June - 4.30 - 5.30 meeting in the the hall for new EYFS (September 2025) parents.

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.




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## 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...

**4**

<p><b>2ND TIME</b></p> <p>2 parents and 1 child = £320                  2 children = 640                  3 children = 960                  4 children = 1280</p> <p><b>No discount for early payment</b></p>	<p><b>3RD TIME</b></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><b>1 parent &amp; 4 children = £10,000</b>  <b>2 parents &amp; 4 children = £20,000</b></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

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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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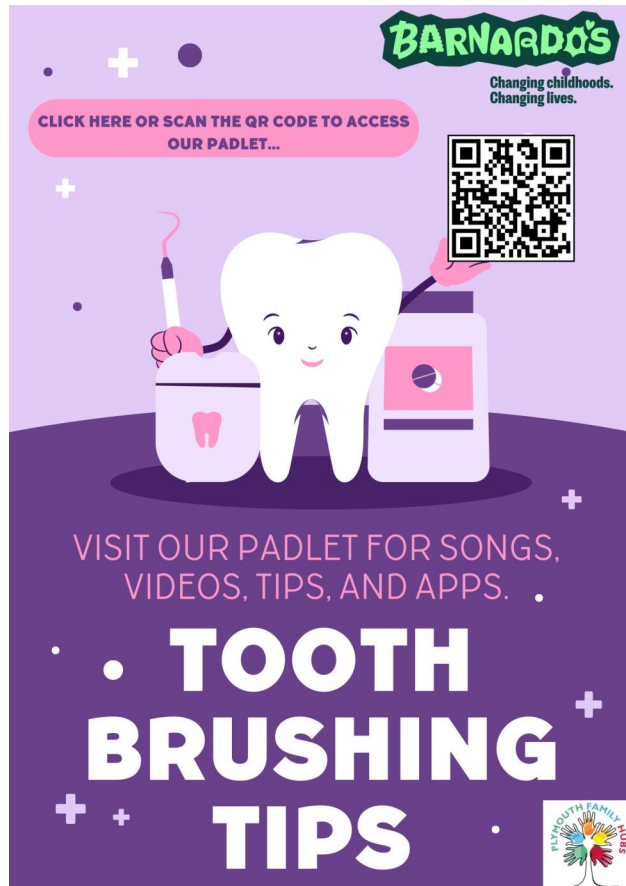
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Key						
	Holiday periods					
	Bank holidays					
	Weekends					
	Trust NPDs					
	School NPDs					

Community Notices




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# TOOTH BRUSHING TIPS



Virtual SEN Conference 2025

Strategies To Support Behaviour & Mental Health

25.06.2025



Register now: [witherslackgroup.co.uk/virtual-conference-jun25](https://witherslackgroup.co.uk/virtual-conference-jun25)

**Let's Get Chatting**  
#LetsGetChattingPlymouth2025



**People who can help**  
Tash works in the  
Barnardo's Family Hub



One  Devon

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**Respond when  
your child  
communicates**



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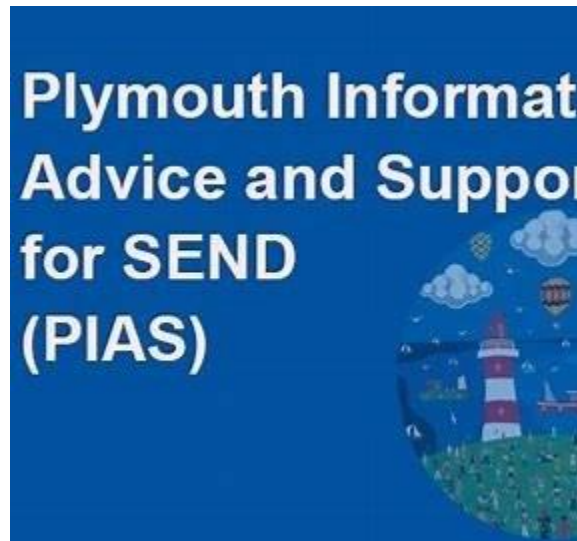
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### [Promote your business at Plymouth Armed Forces Day](#)

Be part of Plymouth's exciting Armed Forces Day, as it returns to Plymouth Hoe on Saturday 28 June 2025. Each year Plymouth shows its support to the Armed Forces and celebrates their outstanding contribution to the city and UK. Plymouth Armed Forces Day is one of the city's signature events, and last year saw approximately 45,000 visitors throughout the day, and is one of the country's largest Armed Forces Day celebrations outside of the National Event.

This is a great event to showcase your business to visitors, residents, service personnel, veterans and military families. We have many pitch and advertising opportunities available, including the LED big screen and official website, with prices starting from £100.

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[Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. - Supplying you with information, advice and support \(plymouthias.org.uk\)](http://plymouthias.org.uk)

Children, Young Person, and Families'  
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
- Awesome Qualities of ADHD

To book a place, give us a call on 01752 435404 or  
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Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team**

***Understanding Autism Parent/Carer  
Workshop***

*An interactive workshop for parents and carers of children with  
diagnosed ASC or on a diagnosis pathway*



*Including topics such as, but not limited to:*

- **Understanding Autistic Traits**
- **Communication and Language Interpretation**
- **Sensory Experiences and Self Regulation**
- **Practical Positive Strategies and Tips**

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***Behavioural Toolkit Parent/Carer  
Workshop***

*An interactive workshop for parents and carers of children with  
neurodiversity related behavioural difficulties*



*Including topics such as, but not limited to:*

- **Understanding Behaviour as Communication**
- **Practical Proactive Strategies for Behaviour Management**
- **Fostering Family Support and Management**

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***Navigating the Journey Parent/Carer  
Workshop***

*An interactive workshop for parents and carers of children on a  
neurodiversity waiting list*



*Including topics such as, but not limited to:*

- **Gaining a Clear Understanding of the Process**
- **Guidance for both CAMHS and CDC Pathways**
- **Empowerment and Support**

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***Sound Asleep Parent/Carer Workshop***

*An interactive workshop for parents and carers of  
children with neurodiversity related sleep troubles*



*Including topics such as, but not limited to:*

- Promote Healthy Sleep Habits
- 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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BRAND NEW WOMEN'S PEER SUPPORT GROUP  
STARTING FORTNIGHTLY  
WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 8:30pm

Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre  
Scott Business Park, Beacon Park Rd  
Plymouth  
PL2 2PQ



Please like and message  
our Facebook Page  
The Thrive Tribe  
to register interest



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