

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 23/05/2025

Dear parents/carers,

After a busy week last week, this has been relatively quiet, with lots of people taking holidays - please remember to complete a holiday request form before you go; whilst we cannot authorise most requests, at least it will stop the daily morning phone call asking where your child is. For the children that were at school, please see below for what they have been learning in class.

Most of year 6 went on their residential to Pixie's Holt (this is the first time we have been there) and they had an amazing time, despite a few rain showers on Wednesday. Luckily the sun shone for the rest of the week, we all came back in one piece, although a little browner than when we left - it's definitely the sun, not the mud! We sent some pictures on Class Dojo, please see a few more below.

The whole school had Frisbee taster sessions on Thursday morning, they all had a great time learning a new skill - it's something cheap to do and easy to play at the park or on the beach during the school holidays.

After half term we will be collecting for the summer fair, over half term if you are thinking of having a clear out, please see if you have any items to donate to the second-hand clothes or toy stall as well as any raffle prizes, more details to follow in the next newsletter.

I hope you all have a great half term, see you on Monday 2nd June.

Mrs Baptiste

















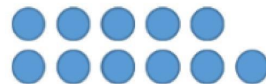
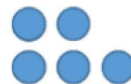
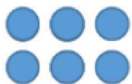




Foundation/Year 1: We have had an exciting week in Foundation Stage, enjoying a Frisbee session in which the children took turns to throw frisbees into different nets placed in the field. They all did an amazing job! We started a new book in English called "Handa's Hen" - the children have produced some excellent writing about the story. In Maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers - understanding that even numbers can be shared equally between 2 and odd numbers cannot.

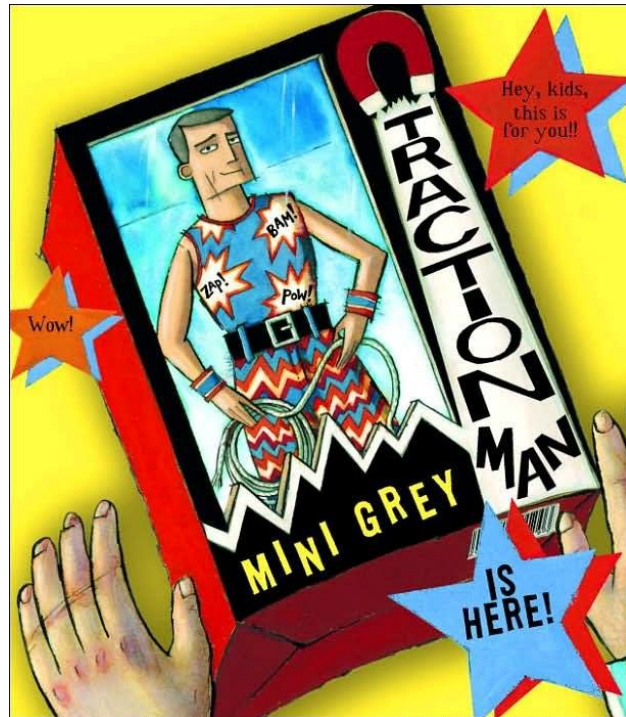
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Year 2: This week we have written our own Traction Man adventure stories. When planning, we visited various locations around the school to generate ideas for our setting, characters,

problem and resolution. We ensured the characters were every day objects which follows the same idea as the original text. Some of our ideas included Poisonous Plant, Miss Gazebo, Venomous Computer and Feisty Fan. The stories we have written are very exciting and we have made sure we maintained story voice and character.

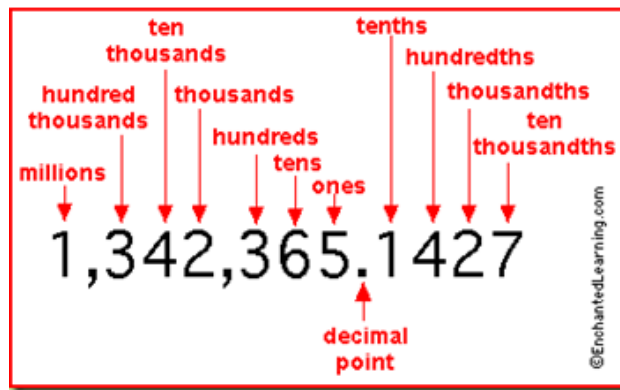


Year 3: This week, Year 3 children have been busy rewriting the classic fairy tale *Tom Thumb*. They've used their imagination to create new versions of the story, showcasing their growing writing skills. It's been fantastic to see how they've applied what they've learned this term, such as adding adverbial phrases, to make their stories more enjoyable to read. We're proud of their hard work and creativity.



Year 4: This week, Year 4 have been busy learning about time! Quiz your child at home on the days of the week and the months of the year to see what they've learned! They also had a great time with frisbee golf! It was so much fun watching everyone filled with laughter and excitement and trying to keep their frisbees on target. As we head into half term, we wish you all a lovely break. Happy Half Term! 🌻

Year 5/6: In year 5 this week, we have completed our 3D scenes and started learning about decimals, ask us what we have learnt. The year 6's who remained in school have had a fantastic few days, they have been putting their baking skills to the test and making amazing cookies and brownies, also, they have built beautiful bird houses. The year 6's who went to Pixie Holt residential showcased their team building and bushcraft skills, great job.



Summer Fair 2025

A promotional poster for the Austin Farm Academy Summer Fair. The background features a bright blue sky with white clouds and a green field. On the right side, there is a large, stylized sun with a yellow face, wearing black sunglasses, and orange rays. The text is in orange and green colors.

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.



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

Foundation: F.O'prey

Year 1: C.Weaver

Year 2: S.Cutting

Year 3: O.Cruickshank

Year 4: A.Cruickshank

Year 5: T.Reagan

Year 6: D.Bejan

Well done to Year 1 on getting 100% attendance this week.



Dates to remember!!!

2nd June - First day back after half term.

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 1.30 - 3.00 on the school field.

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.

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!

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

[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 **5**

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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Key						
	Holiday periods					
	Bank holidays					
	Weekends					
	Trust NPDs					
	School NPDs					

Community Notices

Citizens Advice Plymouth Drop-in Sessions

YOUR NEXT DROP-INS ARE:

28th MAY & 29th MAY : 9am-12pm

Where:
Southway Community Hub

What we can help with:
Advice on benefits, debt,
increasing your income,
budgeting and more!

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**citizens
advice**

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**THURSDAY 29TH MAY
11-3**

HAMOAZE HOUSE

**FAMILY ENTRY BY
DONATION**

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YOGA, STORY TELLING, MINDFUL ART,
BOUNCY CASTLE, GARDENING, BADGE
MAKING, FOOTBALL, CRICKET, MUSIC,

CAMHS WELLBEING TEAM, SAMARITANS

CAKE STALL, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE,
COFFEE BOX,

DR BIKE REPAIRS WITH BIKE SPACE



For ages 4 to 11

Derriford Church



Kids Club




£1 per family

Come along on:

- Arts & Craft
- Games
- Bible Stories
- Food

Friday 2nd May
Friday 6th June

3.45 - 5:30pm

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- Bug Hunt
- Creative Writing
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- Tile Painting
- Book Animals'
- Maths Treasure Hunt

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To book, please contact info@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk or call 01752 660713.



Creative Mornings in Half-term

Tuesday 27th St Edward's
Church Hall, Eggbuckland 10-12

Wednesday 28th Christ Church
Estover (next to the ELM Centre) 10-12

FREE - donations welcome

Make a dove, play games + more



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Virtual SEN Conference 2025

Strategies To Support Behaviour & Mental Health

25.06.2025



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Let's Get Chatting
#LetsGetChattingPlymouth2025

Respond when your child communicates



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



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Respond each time your baby communicates



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Family Friendly at Plymouth Arts Cinema



**PLYMOUTH URBAN TREE FESTIVAL:
HEART OF AN OAK (U)**
Sat 17th May

BLUEY AT THE CINEMA (U)
Wed 28th and Thu 29th May

Tickets £4.50

→ Accessible, neurodiverse and baby friendly ←
→ Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar ←
→ Award-winning local independent cinema! ←

Join us for sociable creative workshops before the films - see plymouthartscinema.org for details



At Arts University Plymouth, Tavistock Place, PL4 8AT
info@plymouthartscinema.org | www.plymouthartscinema.org | 01752 206114



[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.

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

Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND (PIAS)



[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
email livewell.neurowellbeing.enquiries@nhs.net

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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



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The Thrive Tribe
to register interest



Or email
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for more details