

# AUSTIN FARM

## Academy

### Newsletter 16/05/2025

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a busy week, please see below to find out what has been happening in class.

Year 6 completed their SATs tests this week, they all tried hard and even managed to enjoy some of them! We are extremely proud of them. They are looking forward to their residential next week and after we come back from half term, they will be working hard to produce their

best writing, in order to achieve expected standards in Reading, Writing and Maths, which will give them a great start to their secondary school life.

Year 2 went to Wembury on Tuesday and had a brilliant day. despite the weather warnings, it actually stayed dry, which is more than can be said for some of the children!! Rock pooling definitely challenged the balance skills of our children...and staff! Please see the photos below.

On Sunday, 26 of our KS2 children completed their last mile on the Hoe. Despite the terrible traffic and the early rain, the sun shone for the run, everyone completed it, got their medals and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We can't wait until next year! Today, they came into school proudly wearing their t-shirts and medals. Thank you to Mrs Pickard and Mr Williams for supervising the children and running with them. Please see the photos below.

Tempest class photo orders went home with your children today. You can still order via their website, you will be charged for the postage and they will be delivered to your home address.

Next week, most of Year 6 are going on their residential to Pixie's Holt from Wednesday to Friday. We pray for the good weather to continue, however, please ensure they have warm clothing as the nights are still colder at this time of year. Please check you have everything on the kit list which was sent out last term and please come to see us if you have any questions. There is not a shop on site, however, you can send them with some money for ice creams when we are out of the centre on Thursday (£5 will be more than enough) and a few sweets for the evenings if you wish. (Please remember it is only for 2 nights, and we do want them to sleep!) Please send them in with a packed lunch on Wednesday 21st May, or contact the school office to order either a ham or cheese sandwich.

PTA summer fair Friday 4th July. 3.30 - 5.00pm SAVE THE DATE!!!

We will have 3 special days to collect items needed for the fair:

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

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 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!

I hope you all have a great weekend.











Foundation/Year 1: This week we have been enjoying continuing our English work, the children have been writing more amazing sentences that describe the pets that they love as well as the toys that they have at home. We have seen some amazing sentences being written, especially by some of the Reception children. Elizabeth wrote the brilliant sentence "I would like a pet unicorn with pink and gold sparkles in my house". In Maths, we have been learning about halving numbers, learning to share equally to find the half. We have used real life objects such as fruit to share between the children equally. In Science this week, we were lucky to meet Oscar's bearded dragon as well as our class caterpillars that we look forward to seeing turn into beautiful butterflies!



Year 2: On Monday, we went on a trip to Wembury Beach linked to our geography learning. We started the day exploring the beach by completing a scavenger hunt. We then completed a litter pick as we have learnt about the importance of protecting marine wildlife. After this, members from the National Trust and volunteers from Devon Wildlife Trust led a rock pooling session. We learnt about the Seashore Code before we started so we knew how to respect the marine environment and ensure the safety of both ourselves and the wildlife. It didn't take long before many of us fell into the rock pools (thankfully, none of us were bothered by the wet shoes!!) We found starfish, limpets, anemones, a sea scorpion and crabs. After our lunch, we visited the Marine Centre and learnt all about marine life. At the end of the day we had a little bit of time to play some games on the beach with our friends. We had a wonderful day and were very relieved the rain held off!







Year 3: In English this week, we have started to practise our whole class writing in preparation for writing our own stories independently. We have been including everything we have learned in this unit in our writing, focusing heavily on the possessive apostrophe. This is a tricky skill to master, but we've persevered and we're starting to understand this more! In PSHE, we have been talking about friendships and how to navigate problems with our friends. We all know how to be a good friend, and how to make our friends feel included: this is great to see 😊

# FRIENDSHIP

Year 4: This week, our curious minds have been learning more about sound! We've been exploring the question, "*What happens to sound the further you get from the sound source?*" Using our handy data loggers, the children have made some interesting discoveries and formed their own conclusions. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and teamwork! But that's not all! In Maths, we've been sharpening our skills with money. Let's keep the learning going at home! Why not have a chat with your child about money? You could quiz them on how to make different values using various coins. It's a fun way to reinforce their understanding!



Year 5/6: This week Year 6 worked really hard in their SATS tests and demonstrated a very positive and resilient attitude all week! In English this week we have been planning our Big Write, focusing on the adventures of Varjak Paw. In computing, we have been learning about data entry using Excel.



## Summer Fair 2025

A colorful 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 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: I.Walters

Year 1: A-R.Philips

Year 2: E.Sheridan-Aston

Year 3: P.McDonaldd

Year 4: M.Carroll

Year 5: A.Willis

Year 6: All of year 6

Well done to Year 6 on getting 100% attendance this week.



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

21st - 23rd May Year 6 residential - Pixie's Holt.

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**

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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Orange	Bank holidays					
Green	Weekends					
Pink	Trust NPDs					
Yellow	School NPDs					

## Community Notices




### Creative Mornings in Half-term

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** St Edward's  
Church Hall, Eggbuckland 10-12

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Christ Church  
Estover (next to the ELM Centre) 10-12

**FREE - donations welcome**

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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

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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**Let's Get Chatting**  
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Respond each time your baby communicates

PLYMOUTH FAMILY HUB

One Devon

**Family Friendly at Plymouth Arts Cinema**

**PLYMOUTH URBAN TREE FESTIVAL:**  
**HEART OF AN OAK (U)**  
Sat 17th May **Tickets £4.50**

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

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](http://plymouthartscinema.org) for details



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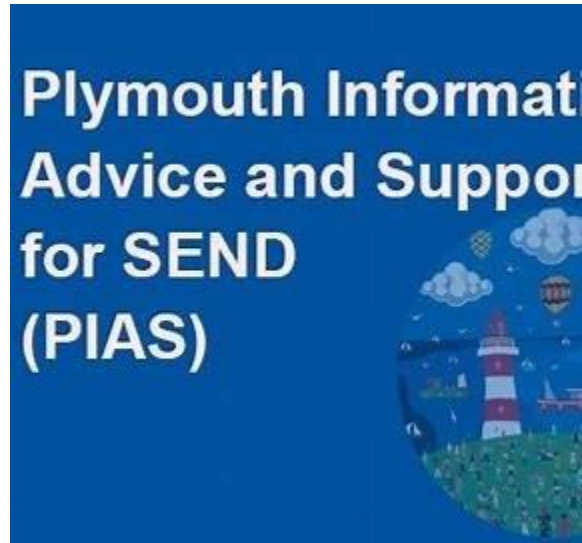


### Promote your business at Plymouth Armed Forces Day

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.

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



[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](mailto: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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Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team**

***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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our Facebook Page  
The Thrive Tribe  
to register interest



Or email  
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for more details