

# AUSTIN FARM

## Academy

### Newsletter 09/05/2025

Dear parents/carers,

Despite being a short week, the children seemed very tired, I think they all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend so much that they needed an extra day to recover. Despite the slow start on Tuesday, they have been working hard for the rest of the week, please see below for what they have been learning in class.

Yesterday was the 80th anniversary of VE day, the children thought about this in their classes, and we all remembered those who gave so much so that we can have the freedoms we do now. We are also grateful to current members of our armed forces who are still serving to protect us to this day.

PTA date for the fair! Friday 4th July 3.30 - 5.00pm on the school field. We will have lots of exciting stalls! If you can, please spare us some time on that day - any help from 1.30pm onwards would be greatly appreciated. See the poster below and the school Facebook page for more information. We need your help for donations for raffle prizes - if you are having a clear out of good quality children's toys or clothes please bring them in to the school office after half term. Also if you use any free sites e.g. Don't Dump It, etc. Please keep an eye out for anything that you think would be good as raffle prizes.

The half marathon is this Sunday, if your child is taking part in the one mile school challenge you should have received a letter and their race number. Please complete the back of this and attach it to their race t-shirt before arriving on the day. We will meet at 10.45am outside the Crowne Plaza, please be prompt so we can leave to walk through very busy crowds and get into the holding area before it closes. After the race we will hand your children back to you at the same place outside the Crowne Plaza, please do not take your child away before that, as we have registers we must keep track of to ensure everyone is as safe as possible.

Next week is year 6 SATs from Monday - Thursday. Year 6 children doing SATs can come straight into the hall when the gate opens at 8.35 for an extra breakfast. Please ensure your children are at school promptly, SATs will start at 9am each day and we want our children to have the best chance to show what they have learnt.

Term time holidays - please be aware that I am not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time, but I do appreciate those of you who complete the holiday request forms, so that from a safeguarding point of view I know your child is safe. If you don't let us know beforehand, then we will continue our daily attendance calls/messages, and no-one wants to be woken up early each morning on their holiday! Just to let you know, your children don't often keep their holiday secret, and they tell us if they are going away or have been away. Also, if you don't complete the forms and then call school saying your child is sick but they tell us that they have been on holiday, Plymouth City Council can still issue fines. So, the moral of the story is, please complete the forms and enjoy your holiday in peace, as it makes no difference to the fines and we always find out in the end.

I hope you have a great weekend, I hope to see as many of you on Sunday either running or cheering us on for the final mile.

Mrs Baptiste

Foundation/year 1: This week we have been reading our new book "I Love Bugs" learning how to write expanded noun phrases and trying to use alliteration in our writing, such as "creepy, crawly spiders" and "slimy, sticky slugs". In Maths we have been enjoying learning about doubles, learning how to add numbers to themselves. We have continued to learn about the United Kingdom and this week we have been learning about "human features" which are things created by humans such as bridges and houses and "physical features" which are things made by nature such as mountains and rivers.

Year 2: In our art this week, we made our stick person. We needed to look at our designs from the previous lesson and then collect the relevant materials and colours. When using wool to bind the stick, it was important we kept the ends of the wool concealed under our binding. Some of us chose to add clothes such as shorts, a t shirt, a hat, a dress or a skirt. A few of us even decided to add hair and facial features!



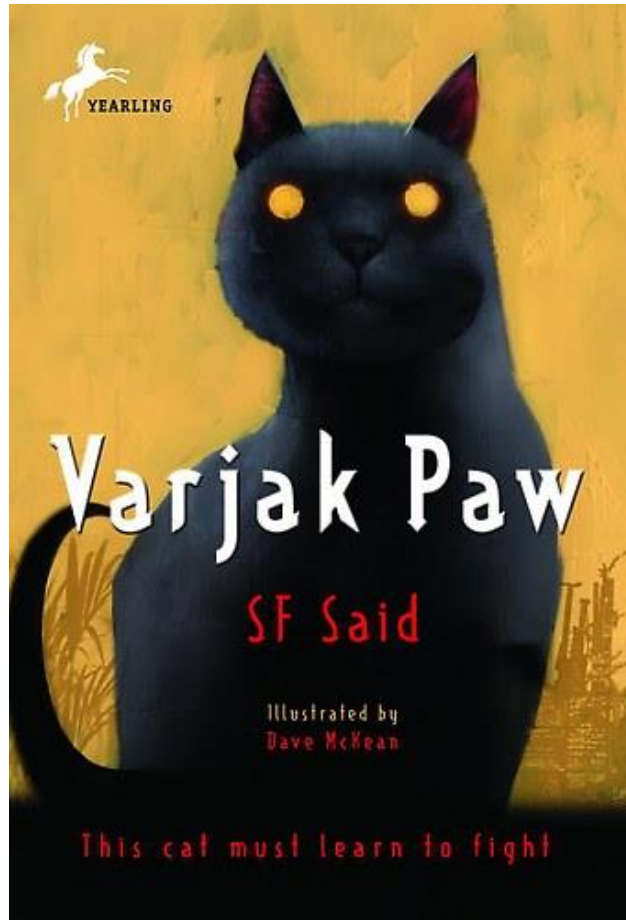
Year 3: What a busy week we've had in year 3! In maths, we've finished our unit on capacity and the children performed well in the end of unit test. We're now returning to learning about fractions where we will understand how to find fractions of numbers. In English, we have been working on writing setting descriptions to create an atmosphere for the reader. The children were amazing at using prepositional phrases, adjectives and adverbs to add detail to their writing.



Year 4: This week, Year 4 have been having an absolute blast delving into the fascinating world of sound! Using their data loggers, they've explored volume in a fun and hands-on way—who knew science could be so exciting! In maths, they've been busy expanding their knowledge of decimals, mastering new concepts with enthusiasm. Let's not forget their creativity shining through in art lessons, where they've truly got stuck in and produced some amazing work! Well done, Year 4, for showing such dedication and enthusiasm this week! Just a gentle reminder that homework is due on Wednesday. Keep up the fantastic work!



Year 5/6: This week, we have been designing and making our 3D stage sets during Art. We have been reading Varjak Paw and gathering ideas for our Big Write. Year 6 have been working hard preparing for SATS.



*1 - Well done to our learners of the week!*

Foundation: E.Shepherd

Year 1: R.Travers

Year 2: K.Turner

Year 3: P.McDonald



Year 4: L.Janek

Year 5: T.Reagan


Year 6: D.Bejan

LUNCH MENU 2


## Lunch Menu 2


Monday					
Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School Packed Lunch	Dessert
Cheese and tomato pizza	Quorn/vegetable fajita	Beans Sweetcorn Herby potatoes	• Cheese • Beans • Tuna	Ham Sandwich	Shortbread




Tuesday					
Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School Packed Lunch	Dessert
Beef burgers	Quorn/vegetable burgers	Potato Beans Green beans	• Cheese • Beans • Tuna	Cheese Sandwich	Ice cream pots




Wednesday					
Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School Packed Lunch	Dessert
Roast Gammon	Quorn and leek puff pastry	Roast potatoes Broccoli Carrots Beans	• Cheese • Beans • Turkey	Ham Sandwich	Chocolate <del>lollies</del>



Thursday					
Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School Packed Lunch	Dessert
Chicken meatballs	Vegetarian meatballs	Beans Mixed Veg Sweetcorn	• Cheese • Beans • Tuna	Cheese Sandwich	Iced sponge




Friday					
Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School Packed Lunch	Dessert
Fish fingers	Cheese omelette	Beans Peas Spaghetti hoops	• Cheese • Beans • Tuna	Cheese Sandwich	Ice lollies



Available each day

- Seasonal vegetables
- Milk
- Water



Well done to Year 6 on getting 98.1% attendance this week.



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

12th - 15th May Year 6 SATs - Year 6 can come into the hall for an extra breakfast together from 8.35am (bacon sarnies, cereal or toast and jam)

12th May 2025 : Year 2 trip to Wembury

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

25th June - Sports Day 1.30 - 3.00 on the school field

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...

**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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2 - 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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Feb 2025							Mar 2025							Apr 2025						
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May 2025							Jun 2025							Jul 2025						
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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

## Community Notices



**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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One  Devon



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



One  Devon

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



At Arts University Plymouth, Tavistock Place, PL4 8AT  
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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 (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](mailto:livewell.neurowellbeing.enquiries@nhs.net)

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**Children, Young People, and Families'  
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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Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team**

***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



Or email  
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for more details