

# AUSTIN FARM

## Academy

### Newsletter 02/05/2025

Dear parents/carers,

How blessed we are to have had the beautiful sunshine this week, meaning we could finally go onto the field at lunchtimes.

Please ensure your child has a cap & plenty of water in school each day. On hot days please apply sun cream in the mornings; if you feel the need, please also send sun cream to school for

them to re-apply before lunch - please be aware that this must something they can manage themselves; we recommend the roll-on style sunscreen for younger children.

On Tuesday, eight- year 5/6 children participated in the PSSP Quad Kids event at Foulston Park (formerly Brickfields). Each athlete had to compete in a vortex throw, standing long jump, 75m sprint and a gruelling 600m race! Each of them represented the school well, showing resilience and perseverance throughout the afternoon. Well done team Austin Farm!

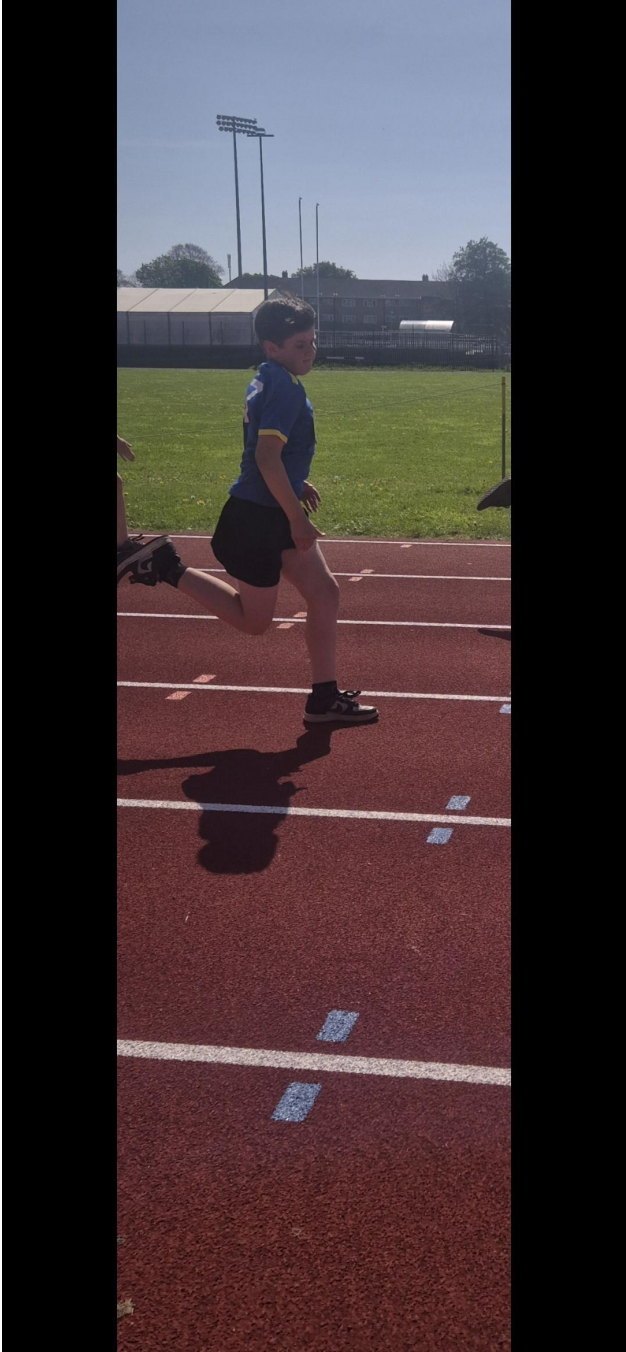
On Wednesday, Heidi (Westcountry Schools Trust early reading leader), came to see phonics lessons in action; she was impressed with the teaching of phonics by our staff and the progress most of our children are making. Thank you for supporting this vital skill at home. Reading is the key to all curriculum subjects and knowing their sounds is the first step in that journey. Please practise sounds & read daily with your child. Re-reading the same book is really important for them to develop their fluency & confidence and it gives them a chance to show off their skills to several family members!

For free delivery to school on your child's school group photograph order online by Wednesday 7th May 2025. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [School Photography](#)

Next Friday our PTA is holding a short meeting to set a date and collect ideas for stalls for our Summer Fair. If you can attend between 9.00 - 9.30 please come to the school office after school drop off. We welcome new members and new ideas; many hands make light work!

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend, see you next Tuesday!

Mrs Baptiste











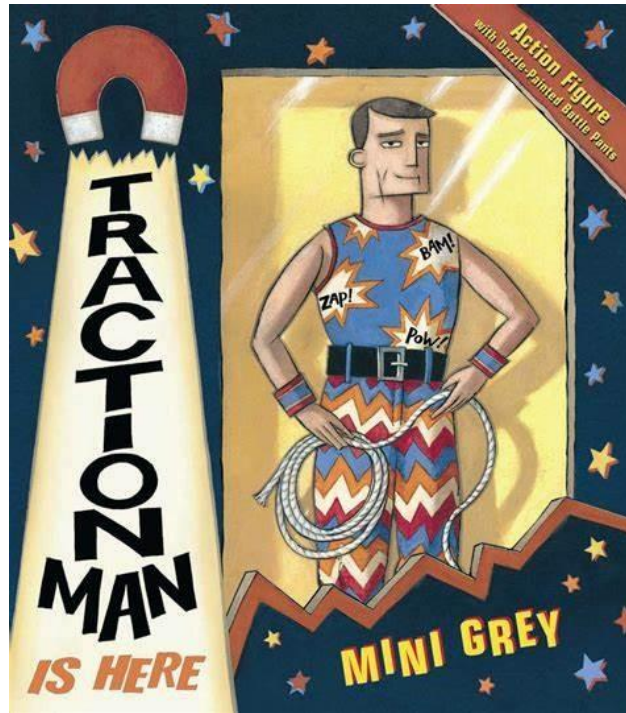


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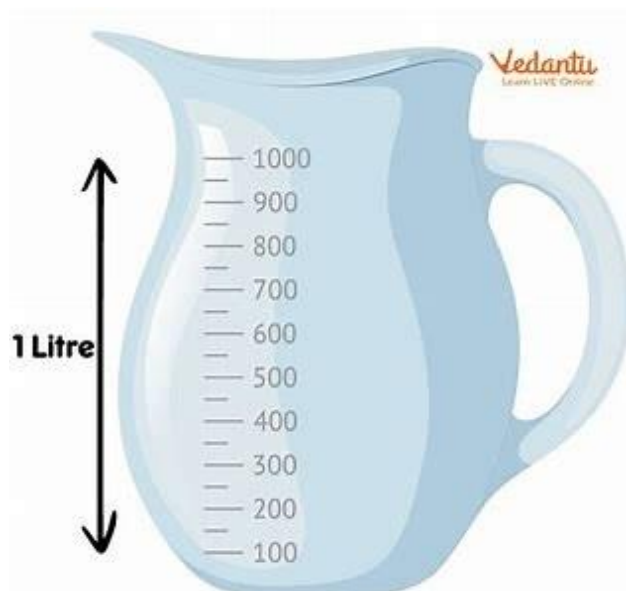
This week we have been learning more about Koalas as part of our English work, writing fact-files about what they like to eat and where they live! Did you know that a Koala can sleep up to 20 hours a day? This links to our new science topic that we have started this week which is all about animals, specifically vertebrates. The children had a go at identifying different animals and began to understand features of animals that are similar or different. We have been learning all about what makes a good friend in our PSHE lessons and how we can support our friends when they need us. Finally, in our Geography lessons, children have been learning about the capital cities of the United Kingdom and also the flags of each country within the United Kingdom.



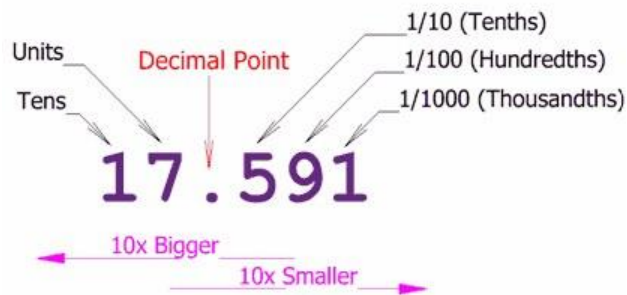
Year 2: In our new English unit, we have been reading the adventure story Traction Man Is Here! We have come up with actions to a story map to help us learn key parts of the text. We have also been exploring our likes, dislikes, patterns in the text and anything that we found puzzling about the story. We have really enjoyed reading about the many adventures Traction Man likes to go on, and have found him to be a very funny character through his actions and words.



Year 3: In science, we have now completed our final lesson on 'Friction and Magnets'. The children have enjoyed learning about contact and non-contact forces and have enjoyed testing the strength of different magnets using various methods. The children have improved their knowledge of using tables to display their information. In maths, we have moved on to learning about capacity and have learned how to convert measurements into millilitres and litres. Well done, year 3 😊



Year 4: This week, our amazing Year 4 pupils have been working tremendously hard on partitioning decimals in their maths lessons! Their dedication and enthusiasm for learning have truly shone through, and they are making great progress. In science, the class have been experimenting in our new unit about sound. They've been delving into how sound travels and what makes the sounds we hear every day. It's been a real joy to see their curiosity and excitement grow! Additionally, in English, we've just kicked off our new unit all about rocks! The class are eager to explore the different types of rocks and learn about their properties. What a fantastic week of discovery and learning! Keep up the brilliant work, Year 4! 🙌🌟



Year 5/6: Year 6 have been busy practising for SATs which are coming up the week after next, it is a good opportunity to show off what we know, keep it up year 6, not long to go now! Year 5 have continued drawing, measuring and calculating angles - ask us what acute, obtuse and reflex angles are. We also know how many degrees are in a right angle, a half turn and full turn. Eight of us represented the school at Quad Kids, on one of the hottest days of the year so far!



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

Foundation: S.Almotlak

Year 1: O.Burnard

Year 2: D - M.Rice

Year 3: M. Wright-Malone

Year 4: I.Pickard

Year 5: F.Stevenson-Peet

Year 6: E.Shepherd

LUNCH MENU 3

# Lunch Menu 3



Monday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School packed lunch	Dessert
Ham Pizza	Vegetable Bean Wrap	Beans Sweetcorn Spaghetti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese</li> <li>Beans</li> <li>Tuna</li> </ul>	Ham Sandwiches	Artic roll



Tuesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School packed lunch	Dessert
Hotdogs	Veggie Hotdogs	Potatoes Beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese</li> <li>Beans</li> <li>Tuna</li> </ul>	Cheese Sandwich	Ice Cream Pots



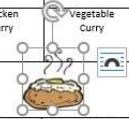
Wednesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School packed lunch	Dessert
Roast Turkey	Cauliflower Cheese	Roast potatoes Broccoli Carrots Beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese</li> <li>Beans</li> <li>Tuna</li> </ul>	Ham Sandwiches	Flapjack and Fruit



Thursday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School packed lunch	Dessert
Chicken Curry	Vegetable Curry	Beans Mixed Veg Sweetcorn Pasta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese</li> <li>Beans</li> <li>Tuna</li> </ul>	Cheese Sandwiches	Custard Biscuits



Friday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	School packed lunch	Dessert
Fish fingers	Quorn Vegan Dippers	Beans Peas Spaghetti hoops Chips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese</li> <li>Beans</li> <li>Tuna</li> </ul>	Tuna Sandwiches	Ice lollies



Well done to Year 4 on getting 97.1% attendance this week.



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

9th May - PTA meeting 9.00 - 9.30am

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.

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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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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## Community Notices

### Support to access Early Years training and employment

Skills Launchpad Plymouth is working in city-wide partnership to connect local people and businesses with opportunities for skills, training, education, careers and jobs. Whether you are an employer struggling with recruiting or upskilling your team or thinking about the next steps to take for your own career in the childcare sector, Skills Launchpad Plymouth can help.

To access support, visit the website [www.skillslaunchpadplym.co.uk](http://www.skillslaunchpadplym.co.uk) to access free resources or sign up for 1:1 support. Alternatively, you can drop in and see the team on the first floor of Barclays Bank in the city centre on a Monday between 10am and 2pm'

### 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](#)

Online learning: free courses and resources for all Cornwall, Devon, the Isles of Scilly, Plymouth and Torbay families. Plus, specialist emotional and mental health learning for teenagers.

[Free wellbeing online courses – inourplace](#)

## Family Workshops

**BARNAUDO'S** Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

# Starting PRIMARY School

Do you want to support your child to settle into primary school-  
Join us for our Learning together Peep School readiness programme

**STARTS SUMMER TERM 2025**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at Southway Youth & Community Centre 1.30-2.30 or,  
Friday 2nd May at Nomony Family Hub 10-11.15  
(weekly until Summer holidays)

PLYMOUTH FAMILY Hub



## Access to Higher Education **OPEN EVENING**

**8th May 16:30-19:00**

**Plymouth Marjon University**

- Tour of campus
- Meet current mature students
- Get advice on fees and funding



**98%**   
Would Recommend



**IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY!  
SEND SURVEY 2025**

[WWW.PLYMOUTHPCV.CO.UK](http://WWW.PLYMOUTHPCV.CO.UK)

## Healthy Families Group Programme

Give your child a great start in life.  
Free programme.



Join us!

Creche Spaces Available! (Limited)



**HENRY** is an evidence-based programme which supports families with children (aged 0-5) to give them a great start in life and develop a healthier lifestyle for the whole family!

**Course Information: (8-week programme week commencing 5th May)**

Tuesday (AM) - Four Greens Family Hub

Wednesday (AM) - Four Woods Family Hub

Friday (AM) - The Barn Family Hub

**To book your place, please contact:**

Email: [plymouthchildrenscentres@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:plymouthchildrenscentres@barnardos.org.uk)  
or Phone: 01752 366795

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# Family First Aid workshop



# FAMILY FIRST AID WORKSHOP

Equip yourself with essential skills to handle emergencies! Within this workshop you will learn about:

CPR

The Recovery Position

How to assist with choking

Basic wound care

And more!

This informative workshop provides practical knowledge and hands-on skills to help you protect your loved ones.

To book on please contact your school/local community centre.

*Please note: This course is for knowledge and skill building and does not result in a formal qualification.*

  
on  
course  
SOUTH WEST



# 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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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



Or email  
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for more details