

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 07/03/2025

Dear parents/carers,

What an exciting week we have had, the sun has been shining (mostly), the children have been in the school garden at lunchtimes and there has been lots going on...

On Monday, we started with a day of cricket taster sessions for all classes, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and due to the lovely sunshine, we could practice our newly learnt skills outside.

On Wednesday morning, five KS2 children represented the school in a football event. They all played exceptionally well and showed great pride in representing the school. Their behaviour and sportsmanship were exemplary. Please see photos below.

On Thursday, for World Book Day, we all dressed up as our favourite characters - the school was a bright and colourful place! See photos of their lovely costumes below. All children were given a £1 book token, please check their bags if you haven't got yours yet.

Despite all of that excitement the children have still been working hard, please see below for what you have been learning in class.

This week, parent evening letters have gone home, please ask your class teacher or the school office if you haven't got one from your child. Please book an appointment so you can see their work, celebrate their successes and find out how you can support them with their education.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

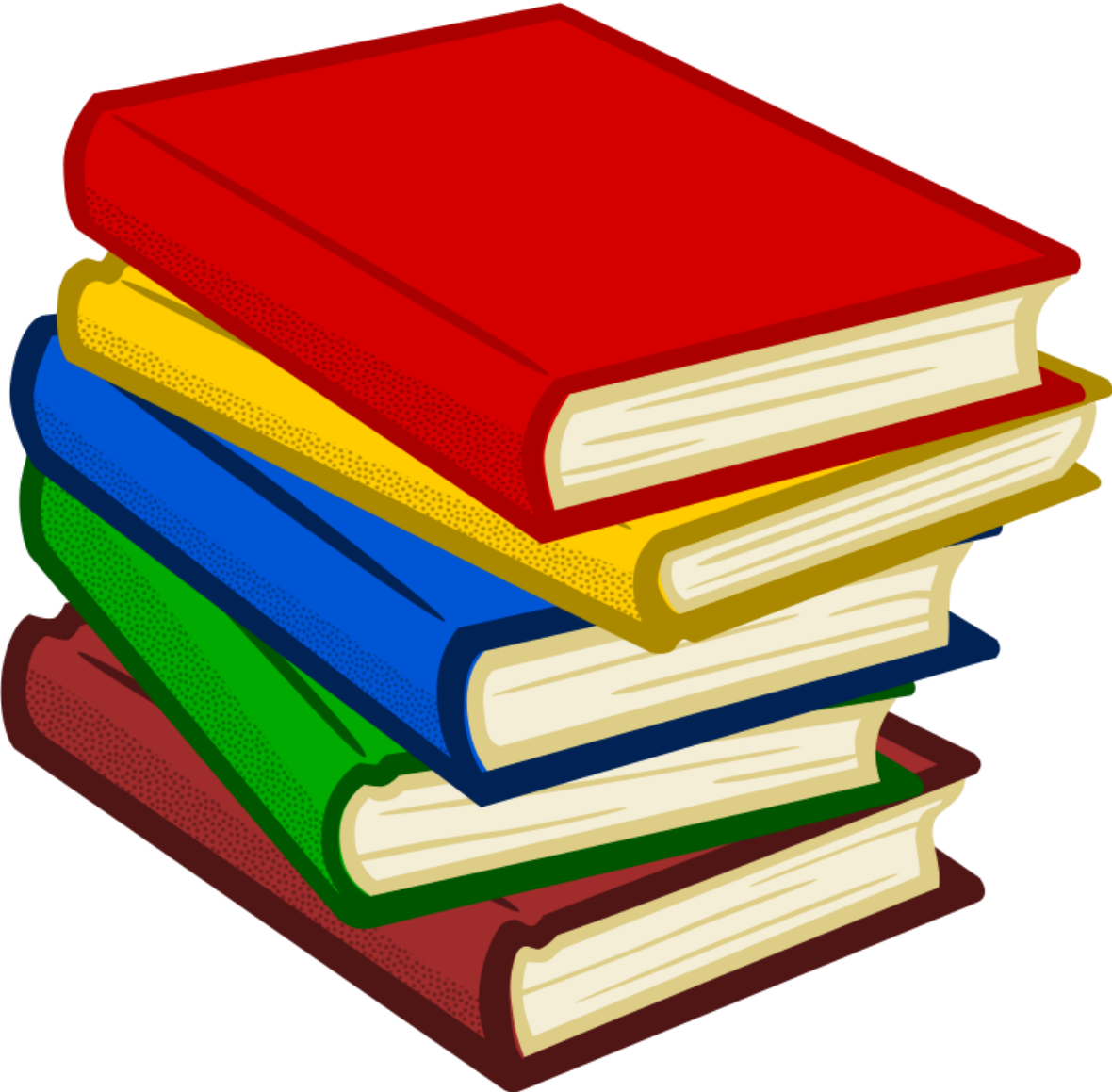
Mrs Baptiste







World book day March 2025





















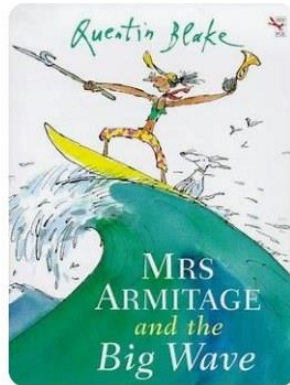


Foundation/Year1: This week we have enjoyed starting our new English book "Farmer Duck", we have really tried to empathise with the characters in the story and think how we would feel if we had to do all the work everyday! It has also been pancake day this week so we decided to try making (and tasting) our own! We had a selection of toppings including chocolate, honey, lemon and sugar! We also had fun dressing up as our favourite characters for World Book Day!

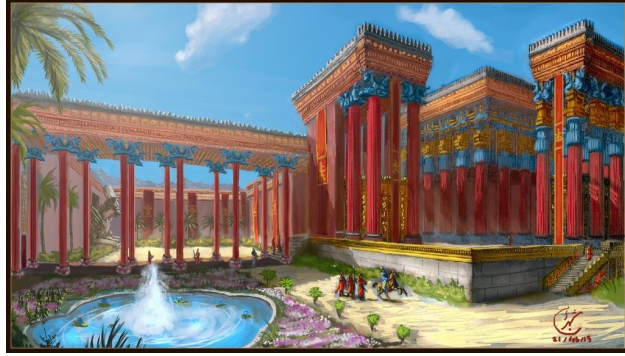




Year 2: In this week's English we were boxing up our class version of the story Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave, called Mrs Armitage and the Big Hill. In each version of the story, Mrs Armitage and her dog, Breakspear, are waiting for something to happen. At each stage of the boxing up, we discussed our own ideas of what Mrs Armitage is going to be waiting for ready for our independent writing. These included waiting for Argyle to kick off, waiting for a train, waiting to see the dentist, waiting for a haircut and waiting to meet King Charles! We are all looking forward to writing our own stories next week.



Year 3: This week in History, our focus has been on the fascinating civilizations of Persia and Greece. We've explored the lives of King Cyrus the Great and Darius, the 'King of Kings,' delving into how they rose to power. The children found these stories incredibly engaging and have enjoyed learning about the remarkable history behind their reigns.



Year 4: What a busy week it has been in Year 4! Our enthusiastic writers have been hard at work planning their very own stories about the beloved Paddington Bear. It's wonderful to see their creativity in full swing as they prepare for their final write. In maths, we've tackled simplifying fractions, please help your child to learn their times tables. In science, we've embarked on an exciting new biology unit, focusing on the human impact on our environment. The highlight was our litter pick around the school grounds. We were quite taken aback by the sheer volume of non-recyclable items we discovered. This experience has sparked some lively discussions about how we can all do our bit to protect our planet. Here's to another productive week ahead!



Year 5/6: In English, we are completing our final write. In our Maths we are exploring statistics and in Science we are investigating classification. We had fun in DT - understanding, investigating and building Cam mechanisms.

[How to calculate averages, mean, median, mode and range - BBC Bitesize](#)



1 - Well done to our learners of the week!

Foundation: C.Stacey

Year 1: A-J.Rowe

Year 2: L.McCoulough

Year 3: E.Perono

Year 4: J.Medway-Gould

Year 5: B.Hudson

Year 6: R.Almotlak

LUNCH MENU 3

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to adapt some of our school dinners for next week.

Friday - Fish fingers and pasta instead of chips.

Lunch Menu 3



Monday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Cheese and tomato pizza	Quorn and vegetable fajitas	Beans Sweetcorn Spaghetti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Strawberry mousse



Tuesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Fish Pie	Cheese wheels	Cauliflower Beans Green beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Sticky toffee sponge and sauce



Wednesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Roast pork	Quorn and leek pastry puff	Roast potatoes Broccoli Carrots Beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Fruit jelly



Thursday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Beef Bolognese	Mediterranean Bolognese	Beans Mixed Veg Sweetcorn Pasta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Chocolate crunch and chocolate sauce



Friday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Fish fingers	Vegetable nuggets	Beans Peas Spaghetti hoops Chips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Jammy Dodger



Well done to Year 3 on getting 97.3% attendance this week.



Dates to remember!!!

Spring term - Year 6 and Foundation Height and weight checks - Date TBC.

13/03/2025 - Kurling taster sessions for all classes - PE kits to be worn by all pupils please.

21/03/2025 - Red Nose Day - wear something red - donations to class

25/03/2025 - parents evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm - EYFS/Yr1, Year 2 & Year 4.

26/03/2025 - parents evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm - all classes.

27/03/2025 - parents evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm Year 3 & Year 5/6.

03/04/2025 - Headteacher's award assembly 2.30pm.

03/04/2025 - Easter tuck shop 3.15 - 3.45pm

04/04/2025 - Last day of Spring term & PTA Easter Hamper draw!

22/04/2025 - First day back of Summer Term. It's a Tuesday!

Community Notices

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](#)

FL Workshops

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL course

SO U T H W E S T



FAMILY

Ofsted

Good

Provider

WORKSHOPS!



EASTER HOLIDAYS



- Chemistry easter eggs & bottle rockets
- Stop Motion Animation
- Creative writing & Drama Games
- Cupcake decorating
- Renewable Mosaics
- Family Yoga
- Easter Bug Hunt
- Easter Bonnets & wreaths
- Paper crafts

Paper crafts



Learn to weave Treasure Hunt — 2 locations!



To book, please contact:

E: info@oncoursessouthwest.co.uk

T: 01752 660713

www.oncoursessouthwest.co.uk

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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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

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

family First Aid workshop A5



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.


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course
SOUTH WEST



South Devon Dads Project

Construction Skills #1

Learn basic carpentry - make a wooden toolbox to take home

With expert tuition from Plymouth City College

Sat. 8th March

Plymouth City College, Picquet Barracks,
Cumberland Road, Devonport, Plymouth. PL1 4HX

9.30am - 12.30

Booking Essential - limited to 10 dads & 10 children

Cost: FREE (donations welcome)

Wear suitable clothes & shoes (e.g. no flip-flops).

Hot drinks/ water supplied. All equipment supplied.

Free parking. You must book.

All dads and male carers with children aged 5 and over only.

PLEASE BOOK: info@thedadsnetwork.org



CLAY DAY

Spend the day
foraging, clay
plate building and
campfire s'mores
eating!

FREE
aged between 12
and 18 living in
Plymouth.

Location: Poole Farm
Date: Monday 17th
OR Tuesday 18th
February 2025
Time: 10am - 4pm



For more info and booking contact:
Emily: emily.richards@fgct.co.uk
OR Emmie: emmeline.kwaan@fgct.co.uk





MARKET HALL

FREE DOME EXPERIENCE

FOR DADS & MALE CARERS



Come along and enjoy:

- ◆ A taster of our immersive dome experiences
- ◆ Finding out more about our new series of free sessions for dad's
- ◆ A chance to learn more about Market Hall and meet new people

FREE TO ATTEND!

4pm - 5pm
Monday 17th February

For more information about Market Hall, visit: www.realimmersive.org



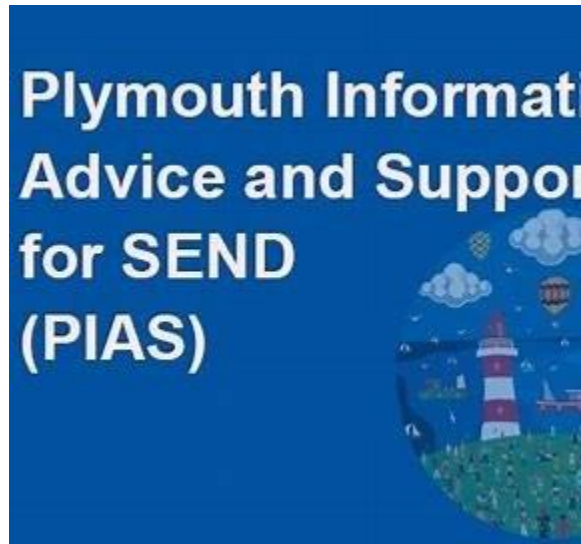
Half-Term Fun

Monday 17th
9.30-11.30 Pancakes, Café, Games & Crafts St Edward's Church Hall
3.30-5.30 Community Cafe and Hygiene Hub Christ Church Estover

Tuesday 18th
10.00-12.00 Pancakes, Cafe, Games & Crafts Christ Church Estover

Wednesday 19th
11.30-2.00 Community Cafe St Edward's Church Hall
2pm Family Quiz St Edward's Church Hall

FREE EVENTS - DONATIONS WELCOME



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