

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 07/02/2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we ended the week with a mufti day to raise money for Livewell mental health support team in aid of children's mental health week. Thank you all for your amazing generosity in helping us raise a fabulous £96.55!

Other than today, it has been rather a quiet week, please see below for what they have been learning in class.

This week, on Tuesday, the whole school will have a cheerleading taster session with PSSP, please send your children in wearing PE kit.

I hope you all had a lovely weekend,

Mrs Baptiste

Foundation/Year 1: We have started learning our new story the 3 Little Pigs, we drew a story map and used it to help us retell the story - there were some very enthusiastic wolves! In maths, we have been measuring long and short items using cubes and in computing we have continued to learn how to programme our BeeBots.

Year 2: In our science this week, we were learning about ways to keep active for a healthy life. We discussed how humans who are healthy are more likely to feel well and therefore live a happy life. For our activity, we had to think of a range activities for each of the playgrounds that would help to keep us active. We planned for a football pitch, basketball hoops, skipping ropes, a relay track, a bouncy castle, and an obstacle course.

Year 3: We have been working incredibly hard, especially in Maths. We've been stretching our brains by learning how to divide a two-digit number by a one-digit number using partitioning. Not only did we work through division problems, but also explored what happens when the answer has a remainder. Their perseverance and enthusiasm for these challenges have been impressive! In English, we have been continuing to explore the text *Penguins*.

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Year 4: We have been very busy! Our budding writers have been crafting their independent persuasive arguments, showcasing their creative skills. In history, we've been diving into the fascinating story of Hadrian's Wall, sparking curiosity and discussions about its significance. Meanwhile, in maths, the class has been converting kilometres to metres. Everyone's been working really hard to ensure their work is presented to the best of their ability, making it a truly rewarding week. Keep up the fantastic effort, Year 4!



Year 5/6: We have been experimenting with acrylic paints in art. First, we looked at the texture and then mixed them to make a variety of new colours. Next, we have used painted paper to create different patterns/shapes to create a collage. In English we have written our own information non-chronological reports on a certain area of the world. We have learned lots of facts about this area including which animals thrive there as well as how global warming is impacting the place. In PSHE we have looked at events around the world which people have to go through; these have often been children in less fortunate positions than ourselves.





1 - Well done to our learners of the week!

Foundation: L.Hore

Year 1: M.Honeywill

Year 2: L.Hogg

Year 3: M.Almotlak

Year 4: S.McCoulough

Year 5: T.Regan

Year 6: D.Bejan

LUNCH MENU 3

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

Friday will be fish fingers and pasta instead of chips.

Lunch Menu 3



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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
Jumbo fish fingers	Vegetable nuggets	Beans Peas Spaghetti hoops Chips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Jammy Dodger



Well done to Year 1 on getting 97.8% attendance this week.



Dates to remember!!!

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

11/02/2025 - Cheerleading taster morning.

14/02/2025 - Last day of Spring 1 half term.

24/02/2025 - First day of Spring 2 half term.

27/02/2025 - Peninsula Dental outreach programme - workshop for Year 2 pupils.

03/03/2025 - Cricket taster day! Sessions for all classes - PE kits for all pupils please.

04/03/2025 - Healthy smiles - 2nd Flouride application for EYFS & Year 1 pupils.

06/03/2025 - World Book Day - dress as a book character or wear a clue, so we can guess the book. £1 book tokens for every child.

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

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

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

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!

22/04/2024 - First day back of Summer Term. It's a Tuesday!


Community Notices





ESTOVER
**ROCK
SOLID**

FREE YOUTH CLUB FOR YEARS 5-8 MONDAYS 6pm-7.30
CHRIST CHURCH ESTOVER PL6 8UE
GAMES CRAFTS SNACKS & EXPLORE FAITH
Spring Term Dates
13th Jan, 27th Jan, 10th Feb
3rd March, 17th March, 31st March

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 **Cost of living**
Help Plymouth

**We are a warm,
welcome space**

Where Christ Church Estover - Next
to the Elm Centre PL6 8UE

Opening times Mondays 3-30-5:30
Warm snacks & activities

Find more information and support
at plymouth.gov.uk/costofliving

 
Christ Church
ESTOVER

Does your child have sleep issues? Please follow this link for some useful information.

[Sleep Advice Service - Cerebra](#)

It also has booklets to download for anxiety and sensory processing.

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...

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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 designated 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

WeST Term Dates 2025-2026

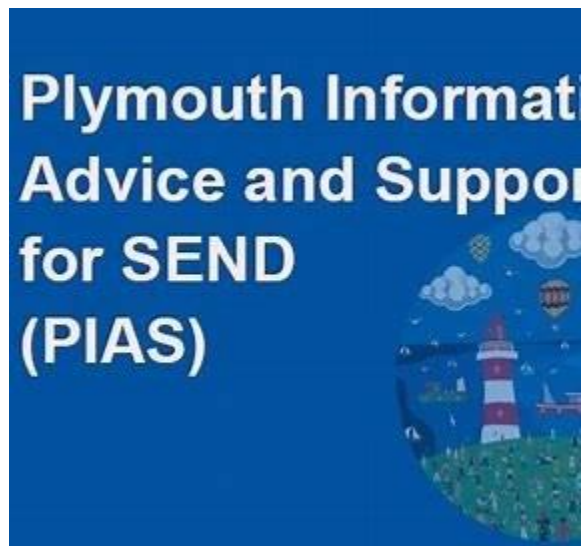
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Key	
	Holiday periods
	Bank holidays
	Weekends
	Trust NPDs
	School NPDs



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