

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 31/01/2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thankfully, the week ended much calmer than it started weatherwise. As always, the children have been working hard, please see below for what they have been learning in class this week.

On Tuesday we had a RWInc Development Day and Abby the trainer was very pleased with how well we teach phonics in KS1. In a slight change to our practice, after half term we be sending 2 books home each week, as we have noticed that not many of you are accessing the online

versions of the books we allocate. The children will have a copy of the online book which they have been reading in class, to enable them to show off to you; there are red and green words in the front which they can practice before reading and some questions at the back for you to ask them about the story. They will continue to bring home a book bag book, which they haven't read in school, so they can practice their decoding skills.

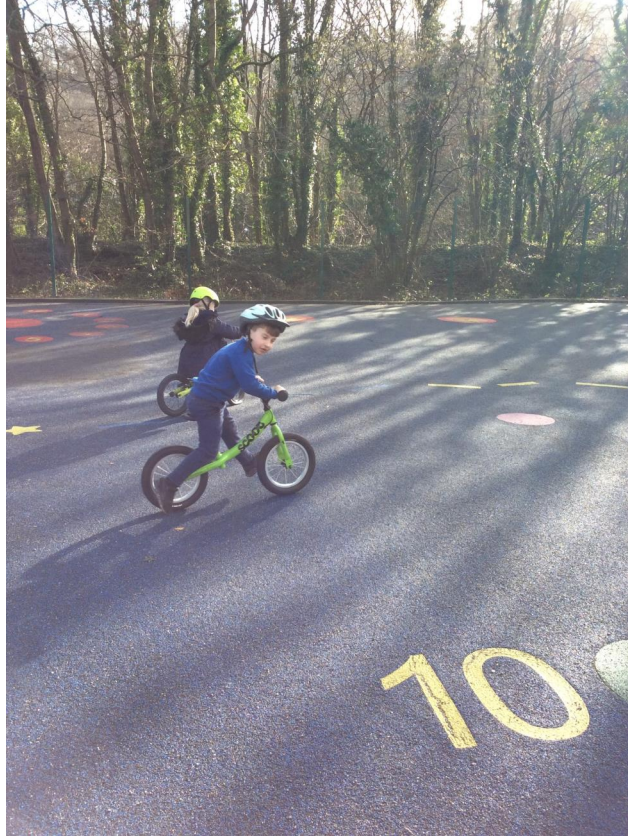
Next week is children's mental health week; on Friday we are having a mufti day to raise funds for Livewell's Mental Health Support Team (MHST). They have worked with some of our children at school over the past couple of years. Children can bring in a donation and wear their own clothes to school to celebrate their individuality.

Sporting after school clubs will start again next week after we finally received a reply from Argyle. Monday is multi-skills for EYFS, Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3. Thursday is fun fitness for Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6. They are from 3.15 - 4.15 and will run for 8 weeks until Easter at a cost of £1 a week if your child is entitled to free school meals and £2 a week if not. Booking links were sent out at 6pm via email on Thursday 30th January. There are still spaces for both clubs.

I hope you have a great weekend. For rugby fans, the 6 Nations starts this weekend - come on England!

Foundation/Year 1: We have enjoyed creating our own Supertato's and Super Veggies to go with our English story! We have spent our second (and last) week in the hall or outside on the balance bikes. We have been programming Bee-bots in computing.







Year 2: We have been learning about division in maths where the children have been sharing objects into equal groups. They particularly enjoyed sharing fruit between the children in the class, making sure we were being fair so that all the children had the same amount. In RE, we are learning about Humanism and this week the children have focused on what makes them feel happy and what feeling happy actually feels like. We talked about how helping others can also make us feel happy and how important it is to find things that we enjoying doing.



Year 3: We've been busy starting a new English unit. Over the next three weeks, we'll be exploring the non-fiction text *Penguins*. We've talked about the key features of non-fiction texts and their purpose, and in groups of three, we've been retelling parts of the text using actions. The children were fabulous at this activity! In History, we're continuing our study of the Indus Valley. This week, we focused on how bricks, wells, and citadels serve as important sources of evidence, giving us more insight into the Indus Valley civilization.



Year 4: What a fantastic week it has been in Year 4! Our budding writers have been busy honing their persuasive skills in English, crafting compelling arguments to encourage everyone to cycle to school instead of driving. In maths, we've tackled the foundations of division and started to learn about remainders. Meanwhile, our scientific explorers have continued their enthusiastic journey into circuits, discovering the vital role of switches. It's been a week filled with learning and creativity, and the children have impressed us all with their enthusiasm.

Year 5/6: We have been boxing up, then writing a class non-chronological report focusing on Antarctica. We have tried to write in the style of David Attenborough. In Science, we conducted an experiment to measure how we change the size of shadows. In Maths, Y6 have moved on to converting between fractions, decimals and percentages – a scary objective to some at the beginning but we are quickly seeing it's simple once we know how. In Y5, we have moved on to fractions and multiplying them by integers.



LUNCH MENU 2

Lunch Menu 2



Monday





Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Cheese and tomato pizza	Tomato and basil pasta bake	Beans Sweetcorn Spaghetti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Crispy chocolate cake

Tuesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Sausages	Vegetarian sausages	Mashed potato Cauliflower Beans Green beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Peach sponge and custard



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Wednesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Roast Chicken	Quorn Roast	Roast potatoes Broccoli Carrots Beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Artic roll



Thursday



Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Lasagne	Vegetable lasagne	Beans Mixed Veg Sweetcorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese • Beans • Tuna 	Shortbread

Friday



Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Battered fish	Cheese omelette	Chips Beans Peas Spaghetti hoops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese • Beans • Tuna 	Flap Jack

Available each day

- Seasonal vegetables
- Milk
- Water



Well done to Year 4 on getting 100% attendance this week.



Dates to remember!!!

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

03/02/2025 - 07/02/2025 - Children's mental health week.

07/02/2025 - Mufti day to raise funds for Livewell (mental health support)

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 Fluoride 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

 Plymouth YOUTH FOR CHRIST
  Forder Valley? MISSION COMMUNITY
 07356011844


Cost of living
Help IN
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 **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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2ND TIME


2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment

3RD TIME

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

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



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

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

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Key	
	Holiday periods
	Bank holidays
	Weekends
	Trust NPDs
	School NPDs



2 - A big well done to our learners of the week.

Foundation: L.Lashbrook

Year 1: A.Fawcett

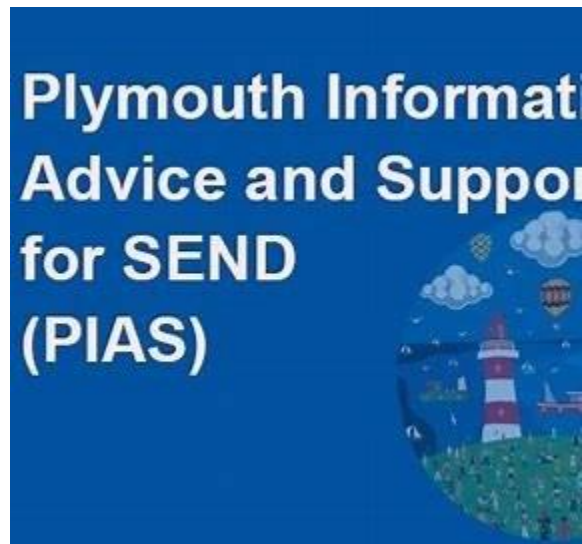
Year 2: C.Smith

Year 3: R-R.McGowan

Year 4: J.Ashton

Year 5: L.Rudd

Year 6: O.Collins



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