

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 10/01/2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break with family and friends. I can't believe how cold the temperature has been this week, unfortunately we didn't get the excitement of snow, although that did mean that we could keep the school open. Please see below for what the children have been learning.

PTA news!

It seems like ages ago that we raised over £600 at our school Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to the PTA and the staff who volunteered on the day as well as the following raffle prize donators:

Ayshea for the star prize of £100 adrenalin Quarry voucher.

AMT Motor Services Limited for the free MOT.

Lorna Empson for the gorgeous teddy bear.

Emma Cowley for the Christmas craft hampers.

Nailsby_yazmasian for the free acrylic/builder gel nail set

Plymouth Argyle Co-op for Christmas hamper donations.

Thank you to you all for your generous donations towards the stall and raffles, we are collecting for our next PTA raffle already, so if you have any unwanted gifts or toiletry sets from Christmas that you were going to take to charity, please donate to us instead! Please bring them into the school office any time. We also need more PTA volunteers, our next fundraising will be the Easter hamper, and our summer fair is in July, so you won't need to spare any time until May.

Today the children who achieved their AR targets had some Golden Time with me, please see photos below, of them enjoying their games time.

Please can I remind you that Class Dojo is for educational communication. We will be disabling all parent chats as some parents have been using it more like a social media platform. Teachers will still post whole class messages and you can contact your class teacher individually.

I am pleased to report that Mr Matt Furby will be joining our team at half term to cover Mrs Bojang's maternity leave; he will be doing some supply days before then to get to know the children & the first one is on Monday. Hopefully, this will help us to ensure a smooth transition for the children, especially our year 6's in a very important time in their schooling.

Yr 6 and Foundation Height and weight letter was sent home 12/12/2024 - please be aware that all children are opted **in**. You **have** to opt **out** if you don't want your child to be measured. Date later in the Spring term (tbc).

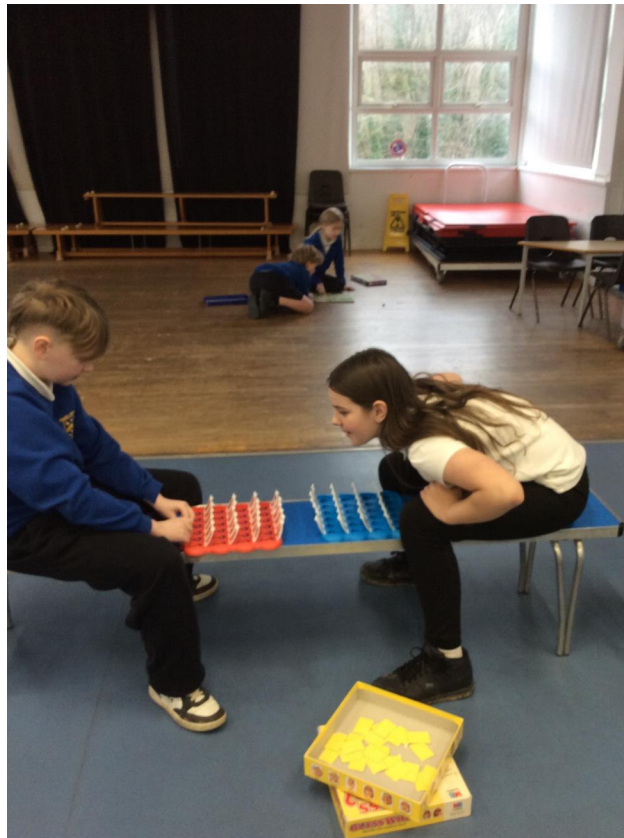
Next week...

On Monday we have two exciting events: Year 3 are going on their Kent's Cavern trip and some Yr5/6 children are going to a netball development day. If this involves your child, please ensure you have completed the consent slip to allow them to go.

Due to us receiving no communication from Argyle this week, we have not been able to confirm any sporting after school clubs for this half term, as soon as we know what they will be a link will be sent out as usual.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Baptiste











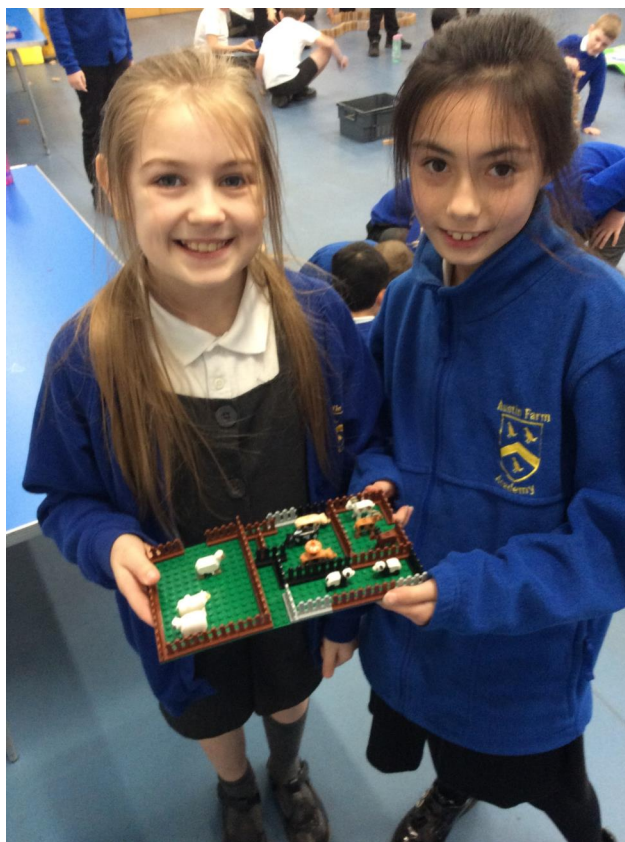
















Foundation/Year 1: This week we have started learning about winter and what happens to the leaves on the trees. The children enjoyed going for a walk to discover what trees and leaves we have on the school grounds, taking leaf rubbings and describing and sorting leaves in different ways. The children have also enjoyed making wind streamers and observing how the ribbons move in the wind when they run around the garden.



Year 2: In our computing this week, we started our new unit called 'Moving a robot'. We learnt about how robots can help us in day to day life and how they can be really useful. We then worked in small groups with the Bee-Bots to plan a set of commands for the Bee-Bot to follow. We explored what each button does and we had to continually make changes to our commands in order for it to stop where we had planned for it to get to.

Year 3: The class have returned to school with a super can-do attitude, ready to learn and thrive. We've been working hard at improving our counting in 4s and 8s. Parents, please can you encourage your child to continue practising these times tables as it can be hard to remember them when there's so much to think about! In art, we've started our new unit on 'Expressive Painting'. We compared two artists and their work, then made notes and ideas into our sketch books so we can use them later in the unit.

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Year 4: This week in Year 4, we have been hard at work wrapping up their independent writing projects. Their creativity has truly shone through! We've also had some fascinating discussions in history, exploring the Roman invasion of Britain, which sparked great interest among the class. Plus, our French lessons have been lively as we've been mastering how to describe where people are. It's been a busy but exciting week, and we can't wait to see what the class produce next!



Year 5/6: We've had a brilliant first week back. We've begun our new English unit using the book 'Our Planet.' We've enjoyed exploring this and linking it to the David Attenborough documentaries. In PE, we've begun our Kiwi cricket unit and despite it being very cold, we all enjoyed it!



Admissions Arrangements Poster 2026_2027

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

2026/2027

Take part in the consultation on
school admission arrangements
for 2026 entry.

**Consultation starts
2 December 2024 and
ends 12 January 2025.**



Visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/admissionconsultation
Call 01752 307469
Email schoolconsultations@plymouth.gov.uk

Education, Participation and Skills, Plymouth City Council,
Ballard House, Plymouth PL1 3BJ



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

Foundation: F.Krasowski

Year 1: O.Burnard

Year 2: C.Parrish

Year 3: L.Grayson

Year 4: I.Pickard

Year 5: E-g.Llewellyn

Year 6: P.Sellwood

Dates to remember!!!

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

13/01/2025 - Yr 3 Kent's Cavern Trip

13/01/2025 - Yr 5/6 Netball Development Day

03/02/2025 - 07/02/2025 - Mental Health awareness week.

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

Lunch Menu Week 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



Community Notices



BARNARDOS

'Jump' with Dad

FREE

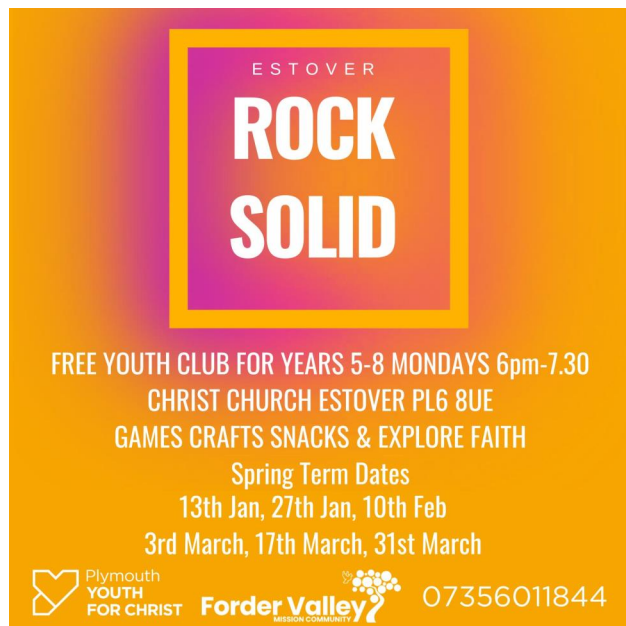
SOFT PLAY SESSION
at
Jump Plymouth

The 1st Tuesday of every month, 3.30-6pm
Starting from 7th January

PLYMOUTH FAMILY HUBS

jump

The poster features a central illustration of a man holding a young child. The background is decorated with yellow stars, rockets, and suns. Logos for Plymouth Family Hubs and the 'jump' program are visible at the bottom.



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? 07356011844

The poster has a vibrant orange-to-purple gradient background. It features a central white box with the text 'ROCK SOLID' in large, bold letters. Below this, event details are listed in white text. At the bottom, there are logos for Plymouth Youth for Christ and Forder Valley, along with a phone number.

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	3RD TIME
2 parents and 1 child = £320	A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
2 children = 640	A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
3 children = 960	1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
4 children = 1280	2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

No discount for early payment



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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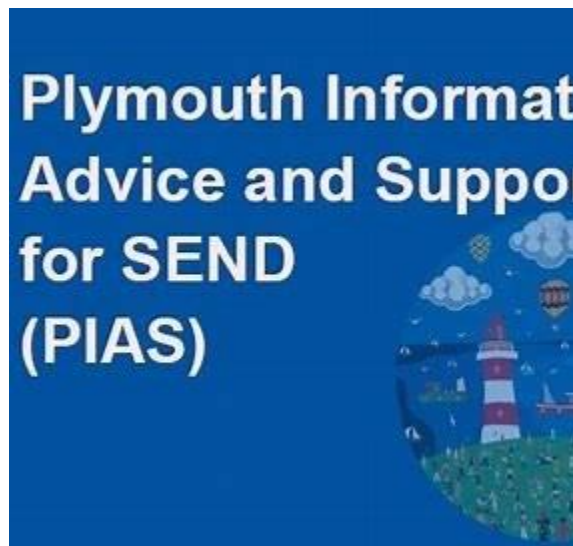
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Key	
	Holiday periods
	Bank holidays
	Weekends
	Trust NPDs
	School NPDs



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