

AUSTIN FARM

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Newsletter 20/12/2024



Foundation/Year 1: This week the children worked incredibly hard rehearsing for their Nativity by learning where they needed to be on and off stage as well as learning the songs and actions and also changing in and out of their costumes. They did such a fantastic job! To get us into the festive spirit we have been making Christmas cards and decorations. The children have also really enjoyed writing their letters to Santa and posting them in Santa's postbox. They were extremely excited to see they had been collected!



Year 2: At the beginning of the month, Year 2 wrote letters to Father Christmas. We wrote about who we are, what we have done to be good this year, and what we would like for Christmas. Miss Brokenshire put our letters in envelopes addressed to the North Pole and Mrs Pickard posted them. This week we each received a letter in the form of a poem from Father Christmas! Also with our letter were puzzles and a colouring activity for us to complete.

Year 2 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Year 3: Wow! What a busy, but fantastic end of the term it's been. We've finished making our wheeled vehicles, and this week we evaluated them. The children learned some important lessons about designing and making a product, and will now build on these skills as we progress through the year.

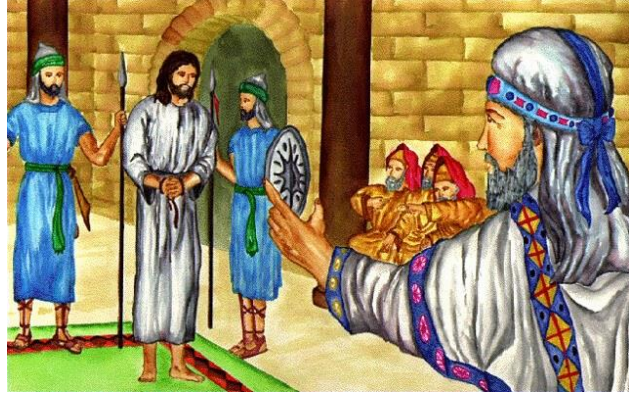
Our Christmas production was an absolute triumph! Your children are incredibly talented and brave. We are proud of each and every one of them.



Year 4: This week Year 4 have been wowing us all with their very impressive acting skills along with the rest of KS2. We are all so proud of each and every one. We have been winding down for Christmas and I wanted to take a moment to thank all the children in the class for their hard work this term. Keep it up year 4 -have a lovely Christmas and I will see you all in the new year! Love from Mrs H x



Year 5/6: We have LOVED making our strong tent structures in DT. We really enjoyed using the saws and glue guns; we have some budding carpenters for sure! We have also worked incredibly hard on our Christmas play and hope you all enjoyed coming to watch it. We have caught up on our RE lessons and learned all about how mean King Herod was when the new baby King, Jesus was born. Have a lovely Christmas, Year 5/6!!



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: G.Palnikov

Year 1: A-J.Rowe

Year 2: S.Cutting, N.Parker

Year 3: The whole class.

Year 4: I.Ninnim

Year 5: L.Grayson, L.Cater

Year 6: C.MacGregor



Lunch Menu 1

Monday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Cheese and tomato pizza	Vegetable bean wrap	Beans Sweetcorn Spaghetti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Pancakes with banana and honey



Tuesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Katsu chicken curry	Cheese and potato pie	Mashed potato Cauliflower Beans Green beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Chocolate brownie surprise



Wednesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Roast gammon	Vegetable Pilait	Roast potatoes Broccoli Carrots Beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Custard biscuits



Thursday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Meatball in tomato sauce	Vegetable balls in tomato sauce	Beans Mixed Veg Sweetcorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Apple crumble and custard



Friday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Fish fingers	Vegetable nuggets	Beans Peas Spaghetti hoops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Beans Tuna 	Oat and sultana cookies



Dates to remember!!!

7.1.25 - Back to school for the children.

14.2.25 - Last day of the half term.

4.4.25 - Last day of the Spring Term.

Information on term time holidays from West Country Schools Trust.



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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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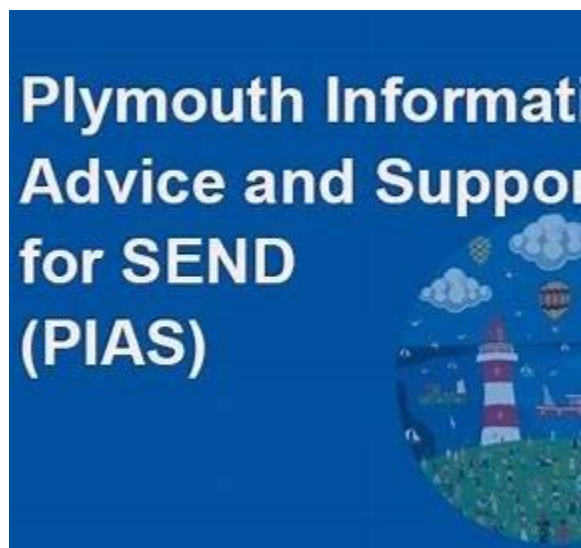
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Key	
	Holiday periods
	Bank holidays
	Weekends
	Trust NPDs
	School NPDs






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- Available to any Autistic person living in the Devon area
- For anyone who identifies as autistic; a diagnosis is not required
- Free of charge; there are no postage or packaging costs

To request a card, send **your name** and **a full postal address** (including postcode) to:

-  07496 496651 (Voicemail only)
-  autismcard@dimensionsforautism.life
-  <https://devonautismcard.info/apply>

Any information you provide will be deleted once the card has been sent out to you

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