

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 05/12/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Advent has begun and the children are getting into the school Christmas preparations with joy and excitement! Please see below for what they have been up to this week.

The fayre on Friday was lovely under the circumstances, with bad weather, lots of illness in pupils, such a small PTA and limited staffing. Thanks to the efforts of some staff and the PTA members, the children really enjoyed themselves; when we have counted up the money we will

let you know what we have raised towards our next piece of gym equipment. We had lots of things planned but didn't have enough people to man all of the stalls. Please join the PTA before the summer fayre, or it won't be able to go ahead. It isn't a lot of time, just an hour or two on the day of the fayre and a couple of hours over the weeks leading up to it.

Due to the lower than expected turnout, we will continue to sell raffle tickets for both the adult and children's raffle, as well as the last few squares for the cuddly dog and the Christmas hamper. Pictures of the amazing raffle prizes will follow. Star prize for the adult raffle is £100 voucher for Adrenalin Quarry! We will draw the children's raffle on the last Monday of term (16th December) during assembly time and the adult raffle on the last day of term. Please join me in the hall at 3pm on Friday 20th December; if you win, then you can choose your prize!

This week, the excitement continues:

On Monday we are having our Christingle assembly - please send your child in with an orange.

Wednesday is Christmas dinner day - please send your child in wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas clothes.

I hope you had a great weekend.

Foundation & Year 1: We have had an amazing week! All EYFS children have made a sentence, and the majority have written their first sentence! Year 1 children have been writing rhyming sentences independently! Our favourite rhyming sentence this week is 'Elves sit on shelves.'

In science this week we have been conducting experiments to see which material is waterproof and the best material to make an umbrella from to keep teddy dry.

Year 2: In our DT lesson this week, we have designed our wheeled vehicle for Father Christmas so he can deliver all of his presents. We needed to focus on which materials made the best axles and axle holders from our previous sessions. We drew and labelled two diagrams of our design, one from above and one from underneath. We identified who our wheeled vehicle will be for, what type of axle it will have, what materials we will need to make the vehicle, and what we can do to make the vehicle more appealing visually.



Year 3: In English, we have just been introduced to our new book, 'A River' by Marc Martin. It is a poetic story with wonderful illustrations. We made predictions for what might happen, then used our oracy skills to respond to the text. In French, we have been learning when to use 'un' or 'une' depending on whether something is masculine or feminine. Also, we have just been introduced to the music for our Christmas production – we have quite a few performers in the class it seems 😊



Year 4: We have been working hard in English using prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases to build our character descriptions. We brought our characters to life using an AI generator. Ask your child about their character.

AI generated description



Sophia



Olivia



Izzy



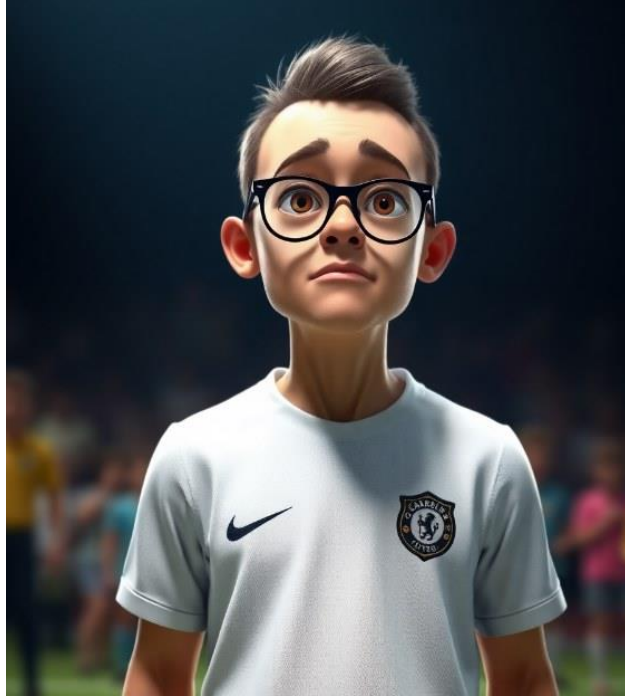
Lily



Isla

Charlie





Jack



Archie

Amelia



Oscar





Jake



Liliana

Zachary



Louie



Lola



Scarlet

Year 5/6: We have been exploring song lyrics in Reading for Meaning sessions and looked at the messages within the songs. We agreed that these can be quite emotive and powerful. In History, we have looked at Mount Vesuvius's eruption in Pompeii and the effect this had on an eye witness at the time, who managed to escape. We have been busy learning the song lyrics to our Christmas Production and are eager to perfect our performing on stage.



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



A big well done to our learners of the week.



Foundation: C.Stacey

Year 1: O.Burnard

Year 2: A.Mitchell

Year 3: F.Bayne

Year 4: A.Parry

Year 5: L.Grayson

Year 6: P.Sellwood



Dates to remember!!!

09/12/2024 - Christingle Service

11/12/2024 - Christmas dinner and jumper day

16/12/24 - Children's raffle draw in assembly.

17/12/2024 - EYFS & KS1 Christmas play 2:30pm

18/12/2024 - KS2 Christmas play 2:30pm & 4:30pm (tickets allocated closer to the time)

19/12/2024 - Class Christmas parties

20/12/2024 - 9.15am Headteacher's assembly

20/12/2024 - Last day of term.

20/12/24 - 3.00pm Come to the school hall for the adult raffle draw.

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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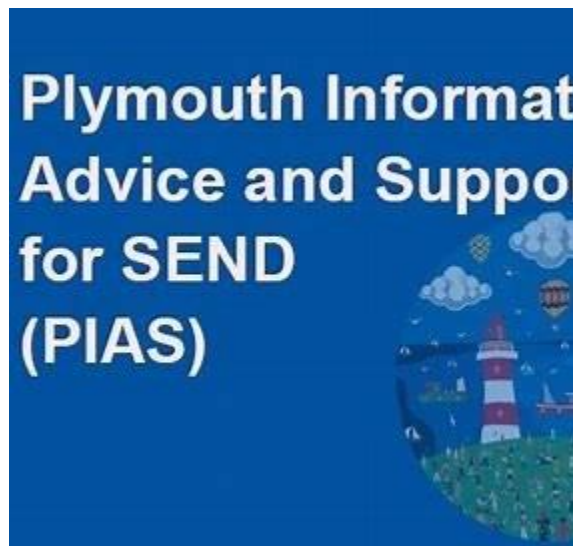
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Key	
	Holiday periods
	Bank holidays
	Weekends
	Trust NPDs
	School NPDs




[Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. - Supplying you with information, advice and support \(plymouthias.org.uk\)](http://plymouthias.org.uk)

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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

For more information, visit:

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