

# AUSTIN FARM

## Academy

### Newsletter 29/11/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is only one week until the Christmas Fayre! Today we had a mufti for bottles for the Hoopla stall, and next Friday will be mufti for raffle prizes or good quality toys for the gift stall. If you have any Christmas jumpers, or Christmas clothes that you can donate, we are happy to receive those too. We are excited to announce that Father Christmas is planning to visit us during the fayre as he has managed to find time in his hectic schedule! Entry is 50p for adults and free for

children. Stalls will be a variety of games, presents and craft, as well as the usual tuck shop and raffles. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

We also have the children's cuddly dog £1 squares and the Christmas hamper £1 squares selling from the school office over the next few weeks - draw to take place near the end of term. Thank you to the Co-op, staff members and the PTA who have all contributed towards the amazing hamper! Please see the photo below.

The children have been working hard as always, despite battling the usual seasonal bugs, please see below for what they are learning in class. Luckily the weather has played ball, and the children have been outside in the fresh air, playing with the new equipment organised by the school council. It has been great to see them with warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves - please make sure all items of clothing are named.

Year 3, today you will receive information about a trip in January to Kent's Caverns to support your Science learning. Parents/carers, please look at your phones for a message from teachers2parents.

Year 4, we have had confirmation that your pool party will take place in the morning of 19.12.24, this is also Christmas party day in the afternoon! Please remember to come to school with your swimming costumes underneath your party clothes and spare underwear to change into afterwards.

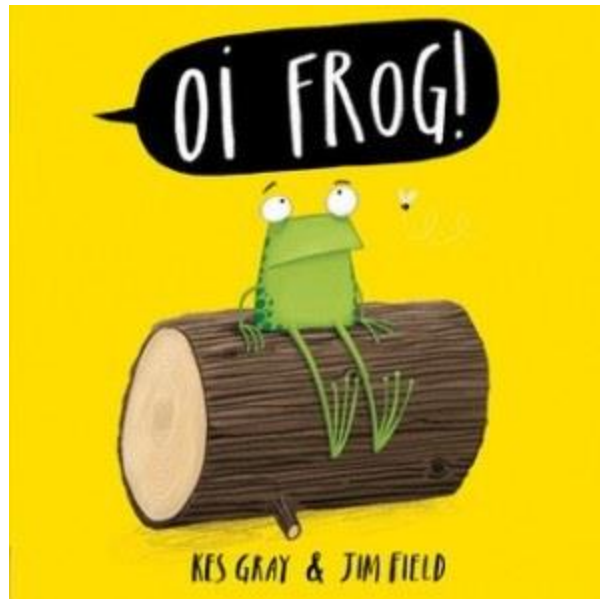
Next week, we have a relatively quiet week, except for Friday's mufti and Christmas fayre. Children, keep doing jobs at home to get extra pocket money ready for next Friday!

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Mrs Baptiste



Foundation & Year 1: We have been learning the songs for our Nativity. We have chosen our characters and started to practise our lines. EYFS have been learning some positional language in maths using teddy bears, bean bags and dolls houses. Yr1 have enjoyed revisiting 3D shapes and doing some 3D shape prints. We are starting a new book in English called 'Oi Frog!' - Mrs Watson had some funny animals in our classroom - a pig in a wig, a parrot on a carrot, a gorilla on a pillar, a hen on a pen and a hare on a chair!



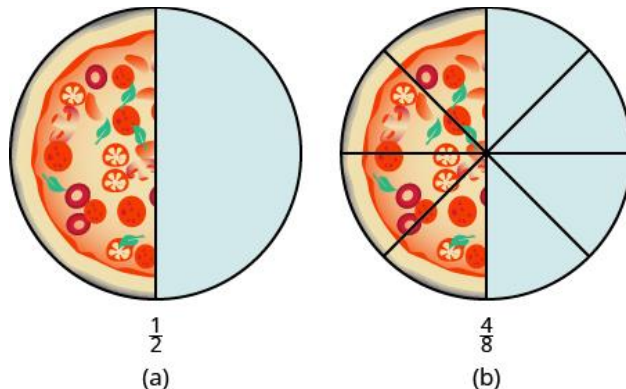
Year 2: We arrived on Monday morning to a special delivery in the class...we had been sent an early Christmas present, all wrapped up! We opened it to discover a book called 'How to Catch Santa'. Before we began reading the book, we made predictions as to what the book would be about. We then came up with lots of ideas to how we might be able to catch Santa.



Year 3: In our reading for meaning lessons, we explored song lyrics, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. On Thursday, we focused on Bruno Mars' song "You Can Count on Me." The children answered questions about the lyrics and showcased a deep understanding of friendship. On Friday, in contrast, we examined the lyrics of Andra Day's "Rise Up." The children excelled in identifying the differences in sound between the two songs while recognising that both revolve around the theme of relationships.

Year 4: This week the children have been working hard in maths learning their 6 and 9 times tables! Please test them every day on their times tables to help them remember them. In Science we investigated the melting points of chocolate and looked at how quickly we could change chocolate from a solid to a liquid.

Year 5/6: We have been revising the punctuation rules for dialogue; we created and learned actions to a story map including these and then wrote our own dialogue. In ICT, we have become webpage developers and have planned our very own webpage. In Maths, both year groups have been working hard on their fraction work – we have needed to show our school value of resilience for some bits but are doing well. Year 5, please keep learning your tables as this will really help with your fraction work. Mrs Baptiste.



A big well done to our learners of the week.



**Foundation: L.Lashbrook**

**Year 1: A-R.Philips**

**Year 2: D.Willis**

**Year 3: M.Jarousse**

**Year 4: L.Skitmore**

Year 5: O.Nichols

Year 6: R.Almotlak



Well done to Year 1 on getting 99% attendance this week.

### **Dates to remember!!!**

**06/12/2024 - Christmas Fayre (3.30 - 5.30) 50p entry for adults, children go free!**

**09/12/2024 - Christingle Service**

**11/12/2024 - Christmas dinner and jumper day**

**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 - Headteacher's assembly**

**20/12/2024 - Last day of term.**

## Lunch Menu 2



### Monday

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

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



### Tuesday





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



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

*Thursday*



*Friday*

<i>Main</i>	<i>Vegetarian</i>	<i>Sides</i>	<i>Jacket Potato</i>	<i>Dessert</i>
<i>Fish fingers</i>	<i>Cheese omelette</i>	<i>Beans</i> <i>Peas</i> <i>Spaghetti hoops</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cheese</i></li> <li>• <i>Beans</i></li> <li>• <i>Tuna</i></li> </ul>	<i>Flap Jack</i>



***Available each day***

- *Seasonal vegetables*
- *Milk*

- *Water*

[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...


**4**

**2ND TIME**

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

**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**



No discount for early payment

# WeST Term Dates 2024-2025

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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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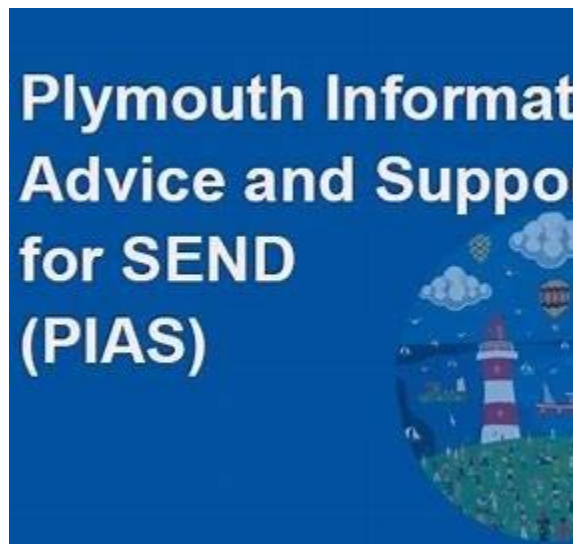
  

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-  <https://devonautismcard.info/apply>

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