

# AUSTIN FARM

## Academy

### Newsletter 18/10/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our week started with a mufti day for Kidney Care UK - thank you all for your generosity; we raised a fantastic £168.09. This charity is close to our hearts as it has helped one of our children and his family, but it is not always well supported nationally; your donations are greatly appreciated.

PTA members - please come in for a meeting next Friday 25th October from 9.00 - 9.45 straight after drop off so we can judge the fancy dress and make plans for the Christmas Fair. New members are welcome - please come to support our fundraising efforts; this does benefit the children, last year the PTA funded one of the games in our new garden area.

Our school council has been elected and have already been busy working to improve playtimes and lunchtimes; the PTA is funding this initiative. This week, the children have all voted on the new playground toys that they would like us to buy and we will order them next week. Some of you may have also seen the first piece of outdoor gym equipment which has been installed today, next to our playground; this was funded by last year's sports premium money. This year, we are hoping we will be able to buy two more, however they cost over £1000 each, so only one can be funded by this year's sports premium funding. Raising £1,000 to buy the other piece will be the next target for our PTA, I will keep you updated with our progress over the course of the year.

Scooters and bikes - after discussions with some parents and staff, we have all agreed that the best place to store the yr3/4 scooters/bikes is at the end of the building, next to the year 4 classroom where the bus stop used to be. There is a small pathway with benches attached to the wall, please them there whilst we work on a better solution. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 scooters can be stored in the EYFS garden and the yr5/6 bikes/scooters can be put by the fence outside the year5/6 entrance door.

Next week, we will have our harvest festival on Monday when Reverend Ann will come in to lead our assembly focusing on our food bank collection, which is progressing nicely in the hall. Then, on Tuesday, Rachel will return from Plymouth Foodbank to collect our donations. Thank you all again for your generosity in helping others in their time of need, remember you can still bring items in on Monday and Tuesday morning.

Halloween is in half term this year, but the children have all been asking me if they can dress up in school. So next Friday, we will have a halloween dress up day to raise some money for the PTA - £1 to come into school wearing halloween fancy dress and the best dressed in each class will win a sweet prize. (Please do not send in any swords/weapons or really scary masks as we do have some very young children at our school).

Please see below to find out what your children have been learning this week, despite being tired after such a long half term, they are still working hard and we are very proud of their efforts.

I hope you have a great weekend,

Mrs Baptiste



1 - Asda's Cashpot for Schools initiative, fronted by Joe Wicks, launched on 2nd September, and has hit the landmark figure of £3 million raised for primary schools across the UK – with another eight weeks left to go.

The supermarket kicked off each school fund with £50 and in addition is topping up each school cashpot with an extra £1 for every customer that selects their school via the Asda Rewards app – with no impact on the customer's own Asda Rewards Cashpot. Shoppers and schools can also see the running total that has been raised for their school in the app once they have opted in.

Signing up for the initiative is simple – with customers simply required to opt into Cashpot for Schools in the app and select their school of choice. Cashpot for schools in the app. As well as encouraging parents to sign up – schools are encouraging their entire community to support them – as the initiative is open to all.

OFFICIAL/SENSITIVE

**PLYMOUTH**  
Let's Talk Children

Join us for 2 sessions to explore top tips and advice to support your child as they grow up, covering topics such as:

- What does it mean to be a therapeutic parent
- How to manage Emotions
- Anger and Aggression
- Managing Tricky Behaviours
- Play
- Parental Self Care

Book your place today!

Dad's solihull course



# DAD'S SPORTS AND SOLIHULL LEARNING SESSIONS



at st peter's primary school  
rendle street, pl1 1tp

This course is for dads and male carers of children aged 0-8 years old.

Combining 45 minutes of active fun led by Argyle Community Trust with 45 minutes of Solihull learning and a cuppa! Pop along to these weekly sessions, where topics and talking points will include:



**WEDNESDAYS  
FROM  
6PM-7.30PM  
AT ST PETER'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

understanding your child's behaviour


benefits of play and interactions

Understanding your child's emotions

for more information  
Contact us



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 green ark family hub & manor street children's centre



Action for Children, whose registered address is at 3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road, Watford WD18 8AG and registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee in England & Wales under number 4764232. Registered charity numbers 1097940/SC038092.



*2 - Poole Farm Beaver Tour.*

*Join Us for a Beaver Tour This Half Term at Poole Farm! Kids go for just £7! (usually £20pp)*

Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/TicketsGaEBT>

Date: 30th October

Time: 4-6pm

Special Half Term Offer: Kids for just £7 — that's more than HALF PRICE! Bring the whole family and explore the wonders of our beaver habitat, learn about their incredible ecosystem, and see these amazing creatures up close.

Spaces are limited—book now to secure your spot and enjoy a fun, educational afternoon!

Ratio of adults to children must be at least 1:3

[Poole Farm: Gnaw and Explore Beaver Tour Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

**Family Friendly at Plymouth Arts Cinema**  
**MY NEIGHBOUR TOTORO**



**Monday 28th October, 11am**  
**Wednesday 30th October, 11am**

**FREE drop-in colouring workshop**  
**from 10am before each screening**

Relaxed, accessible and neurodiverse friendly  
 Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar  
 Award-winning local independent cinema!



*3 - My Neighbour Totoro (U) at Plymouth Arts Cinema*

Monday 28th - Wednesday 30th October Tickets £4

In rural Japan, two young sisters discover the magical spirits of the forest, in this Ghibli classic back on the big screen. Free colouring workshop before the screenings. The perfect half-term treat!

<https://plymouthartscinema.org/whats-on/my-neighbour-totoro-u/>

Foundation & Year 1: This week we have been working hard on developing our fine motor skills to support our handwriting. We enjoyed using hammers and golf tees to give our pumpkins hair! We have also been investigating 3D shapes this week, looking at which shapes stack and which shapes roll. We have used ramps to test which 3D shapes will roll, and created tall towers using the 3D shapes that stack.



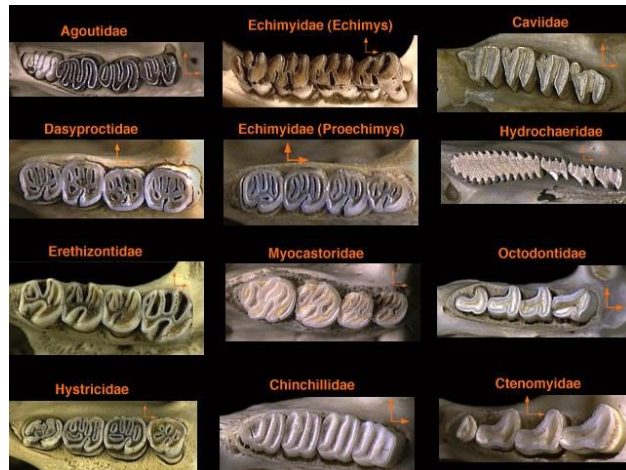
Year 2: Last week, we began a new unit in English based on the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. In this version of the story, Little Red Riding Hood collects objects on her journey through the woods to her Grandmother's house. She then uses each of these items to fight off the Big Bad Wolf. In one of our lessons this week, we went on a walk around our school grounds to look for other items she could use to defend herself. We recorded these on whiteboards and then when back in class, we wrote down what each item could be used to do. For example, poisonous berries to make the wolf sick, feathers to tickle the wolf and ants to crawl all over the wolf.



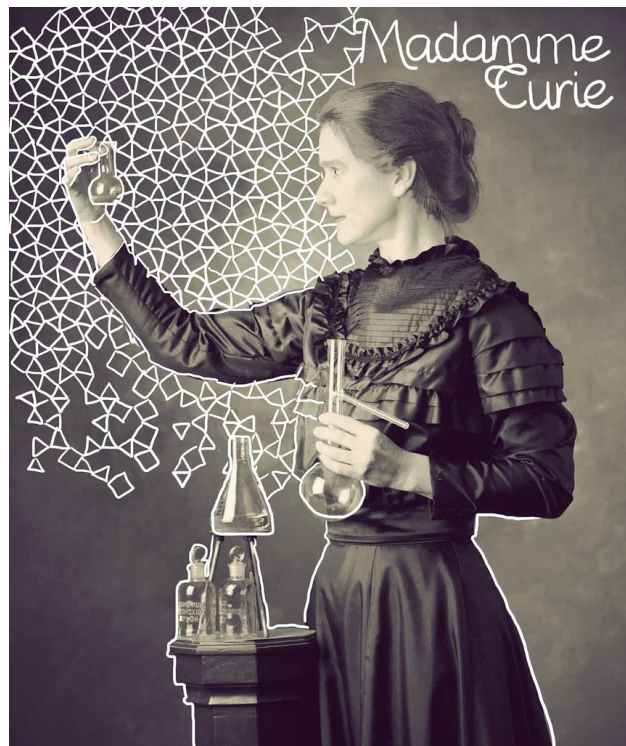
Year 3: We have been busy writing our version of the story, 'The most Wonderful Thing in the World.' We look forward to sharing our final copies with parents. In maths, we have started using column addition to add three-digit numbers, moving on to exchanging across tens and hundreds. We have used our perseverance to keep going, even when we have found it tricky. Well done year 3 😊



Year 4: This week in Year 4, we've been having a fantastic time learning about animal teeth in science. In maths, we've been working on efficient methods for calculations, while our English lessons have been all about generating and sharing creative ideas. Keep up the great work, everyone!



Year 5/6: This week, we have begun a new unit in English; we are reading, enjoying and immersing ourselves in the book, 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World. It is about influential female scientists who achieved amazing things despite great barriers which they overcame. In PE, we have begun our new dance unit and have learned the introduction as well as the first motif. We are creating a football themed dance to Wakka Wakka. When we are finished, we will film it and post it on our Dojo page!



Attendance winners: Yr 6 - 96%



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!



**Foundation: F.Krasowska**

**Year 1: R.Travers**

**Year 2: L.McCoulough**

**Year 3: B.Harrison**

**Year 4: O.Taylor**

**Year 5: A.Willis**

**Year 6: E.Everard**

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



**21/10/2024 - Harvest festival - food donations for food bank.**

**25/10/2024 - PTA Halloween dress up day - £1 entry - prize winner for best dressed in each class.**

**04/11/2024 - 22/11/2024 - Year 4 Swimming**

**06/11/2024 - Flu Vaccinations**

**11/11/2024 - Remembrance day**

**12/11/2024 - Wear odd socks day - Anti bullying week**

**13/11/2024 - Parents evening - All classes**

**14/11/2024 - Parents evening - All classes**

15/11/2024 - Children in need - Mufti day - Donations

06/12/2024 - Christmas Fayre

09/12/2024 - Christingle Service

11/12/2024 - Christmas dinner and jumper day

17/12/2024 - EYFS & KS1 Christmas play 2:30pm (tickets can be purchased closer to the time)

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

19/12/2024 - Class Christmas parties

20/12/2024 - Last day of term.

## Menu Week 1

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Margarita Pizza	Nonne Beef Burger in a Bap	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Salmon & Broccoli Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Quorn Burger in a Bap	Veggie Roast Wellington	Freshly Prepared Mac & Cheese	Vegetable Fingers
Sides	Sweetcorn & Pasta	Baked Beans Salad Sticks Potato Wedges	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Shred Carrots	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Fraggle with Apple Wedges	Chocolate Shortbread
Jacket Potato	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo
Sandwich Lunch	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & Salad Wrap	Tuna Mayo Sandwich	Ham & Salad Sandwich	Cheese Mayo & Cucumber Baguette
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative *Sandwich lunch Served with salad sticks & yoghurt & piece of fruit				
Week starting:	15/04/24 - 07/05/24 - 03/06/24 - 24/06/24 - 15/07/24 - 09/08/24 - 30/09/24 - 31/10/24				

Week Two					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Margarita Pizza	Sausage Roll	Roast Gammon	Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Quorn & Vegetable Fajita	Vegan Sausage Roll	Cheese, Potato & Leek Parcel	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce	Cheese Omelette
Sides	Sweetcorn & Pasta	Baked Beans or Crunchy Salad Sticks & Diced Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pasta & Country Mixed Veg	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
And for pudding	Chocolate Arctic Roll	Sticky Toffee Cake	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Mandarin Orange Jelly	Oat & Sultana Cookie
Jacket Potato	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo
Sandwich Lunch	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & Salad Wrap	Tuna Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	Ham Mayo & Cucumber Baguette
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative *Sandwich lunch Served with salad sticks & yoghurt & piece of fruit				
Week starting:	22/04/24 - 13/05/24 - 10/06/24 - 01/07/24 - 22/07/24 - 16/09/24 - 07/10/24				

Week Three					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Margarita Pizza	Sticky Soy & Honey Chicken	Butchers Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Homemade Cheese Wheels	Quorn Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Bolognese	Quorn Dippers
Sides	Sweetcorn & Pasta	Baked Beans Peas & Diced Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Sweetcorn & Spagghetti	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
And for pudding	Orange & Mango Ice Smoothie	Rice Krispie Cake	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Only Apple Crunch	Homemade Jimmy Doolger
Jacket Potato	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo
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Week starting:	29/04/24 - 20/05/24 - 17/06/24 - 08/07/24 - 02/09/24 - 23/09/24 - 14/10/24				



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**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**

<p><b>2ND TIME</b></p> <p>2 parents and 1 child = £320 2 children = 640 3 children = 960 4 children = 1280</p> <p><b>No discount for early payment</b></p>		<p><b>3RD TIME</b></p> <p>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 <b>1 parent &amp; 4 children = £10,000</b> <b>2 parents &amp; 4 children = £20,000</b></p>
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# Term dates

## WeST Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Agreed for wider distribution

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May 2025							Jun 2025							Jul 2025						
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Key: Peach - holiday periods; light green - weekends; blue - Trust NPDs; yellow - School NPDs

### 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

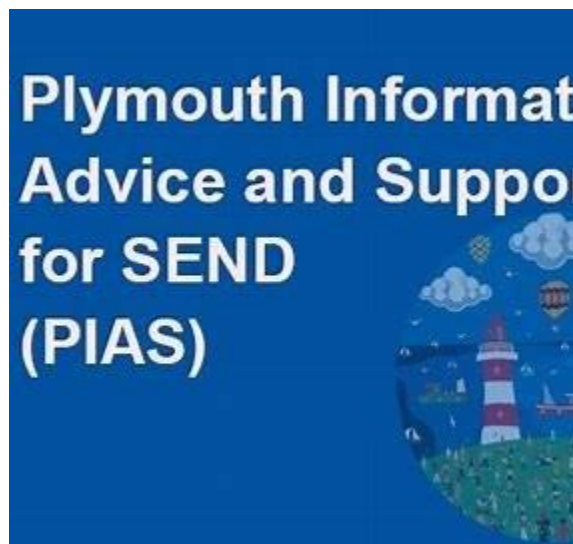
Term 3: 30 days (inc. School NPD Monday 6 January)

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 also 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



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