

# AUSTIN FARM

## Academy

### Newsletter 11/10/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by with a mixture of showers and sunshine, luckily the children have been outside for all but one of their playtimes. Please see below for what they have been learning in class this week.

Bikeability

Yet again this was a great success with our year 6 children - some of whom learnt to ride a bike for the first time and were very proud of their efforts - I think there will be a few bikes on Christmas present lists this year! We are proud of their resilience too. The year 3's loved their taster sessions; all groups managed to stay outside and dodge the worst of the rain on Tuesday!

#### Attendance

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve attendance, WeST would like you to complete a short online survey about our school attendance.

**Why is this survey important?** The information gathered through this survey will help us evaluate our current support and make improvements as necessary. Your input directly impacts decisions on how we will support pupils to come to school; by participating, you will contribute to shaping the future of our school community.

**How long will it take?** The survey should take no more than **10 minutes** to complete. Your valuable insights can make a significant difference, so please can you set aside a few moments to share your thoughts.

**Access the survey:** Please

click <https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=10367-65427-32988417> to start the survey. Your responses are confidential, and we appreciate your honest feedback.

**Deadline:** The survey will remain open until 25th October but please complete the survey as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support in creating a positive learning environment for our pupils. Together, we can ensure that every child receives an excellent education.

Scholastic magazines went home to day. If you wish to purchase from the website please use this link to register. Don't forget, press pay with rewards to get free school delivery and to earn our school free books!!!! Note: age groups on both sides of the magazine.

[Sign up - Scholastic UK - Children's Books, Book Clubs, Book Fairs and Teacher Resources](#)

Next week - Please remember to wear something green on Monday to show your support for Kidney care UK and bring donations into the school office.

Please also start bringing in your items to support Plymouth Foodbank.

Long-life Fruit Juice

UHT Milk

Tinned Meat

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding

Tinned Tomatoes

Pasta Sauces

Cereal

Biscuits

Jams / Choc Spread / Peanut Butter

Coffee/Teabags

Toiletries (Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Deodorants, Shampoo etc).

Thank you!

I hope you all 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.*



**Let's Talk Children**

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

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!



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

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



**Tickets £4**

**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!

**Plymouth Arts Cinema**  
At Arts University Plymouth, Tavistock Place, PL4 8AT  
info@plymouthartscinema.org | www.plymouthartscinema.org | 01752 200114



*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: We have been learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, and the Foundation children have been learning about what animals need to survive and how they are similar to humans. This culminated in a hands-on learning experience with Rodney the Guinea Pig, where the children who wanted to were able to hold and stroke Rodney.



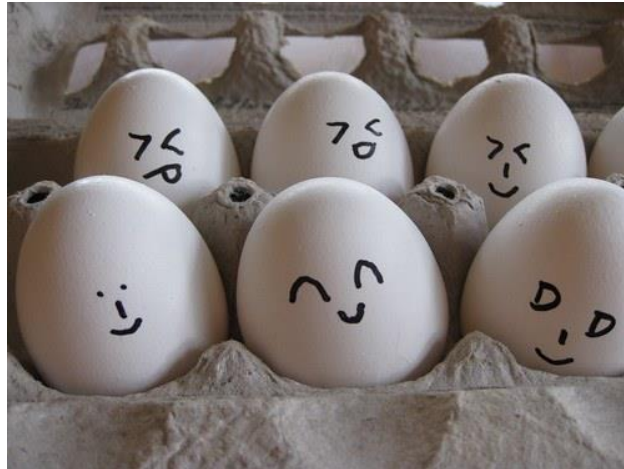
Year 2: In English, we have written our own information texts titled 'What Do You Do With a Hat Like This?' which is based upon the book 'What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?'. We discussed the various hats people may wear and why they wear them. We wrote our draft copy first, then we wrote in neat to go on display in the corridor for everyone to read. For our neat version, we each designed the layout of our text, pictures and title. If you haven't already done so (Year 2 parents), please pop in and have a read!



Year 3: The class have been working really hard in maths this week learning how to subtract numbers across 10s and 100s. They have been developing the skill of 'exchanging' using base 10 equipment. In computing, we have been thinking about networks, in particular the school network and why it is so important.



Year 4: This week year 4 made their conclusion from their egg experiment. Ask your child which of the drinks caused the most damage to the egg and why it happened! In English we started to recite a poem called Polar Bear. I can't wait to see the exciting poems the children will make at the end of the unit!



Year 5/6: This week, the year 6s have completed their bikeability training. There were some nervous faces on Monday morning about riding a bike however, after a few minutes all the children declared what a brilliant time they were having and have improved so much. In class, we have been writing our end of unit writes, detailing a fictional reason why an animal of our choice has a certain characteristic. In computing, we have been thinking about how we best communicate for different occasions – this includes both in person and online. We came up with so many different ways! I have also reintroduced times table tests on a Friday – please help your child to practise these at home.



Attendance winners: Yr 4 98.9%



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!



**Foundation: R.Benwell**

**Year 1: E.Ninnim**

**Year 2: T.Shepherd**

**Year 3: C.Platten**

**Year 4: S.Howells**

**Year 5: J.Lyndon**

**Year 6: J.Cater**

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



**14/10/2024 - Mufti day. Wear something green for Kidney Care UK - cash donations to the school office please.**

**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 3

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Margarita Pizza	Norse 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 Sliced Carrots	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
Aid for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Chocolate Surprise Biscuits	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Flagjack 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 alternatives *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 - 09/09/24 - 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
Aid 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 alternatives *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 & Spaghetti	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
Aid for pudding	Orange & Mango Iced Smoothie	Rice Krispie Cake	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Oaty Apple Crunch	Homemade Jammy Dodger
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
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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				

**PLYMOUTH  
INFORMATION ADVICE  
AND SUPPORT FOR SEND**



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

**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**

<b>2ND TIME</b>	<b>3RD TIME</b>
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	<b>1 parent &amp; 4 children = £10,000</b>
4 children = 1280	<b>2 parents &amp; 4 children = £20,000</b>

No discount for early payment



# Term dates

## WeST Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Agreed for wider distribution

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Feb 2025							Mar 2025							Apr 2025						
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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)

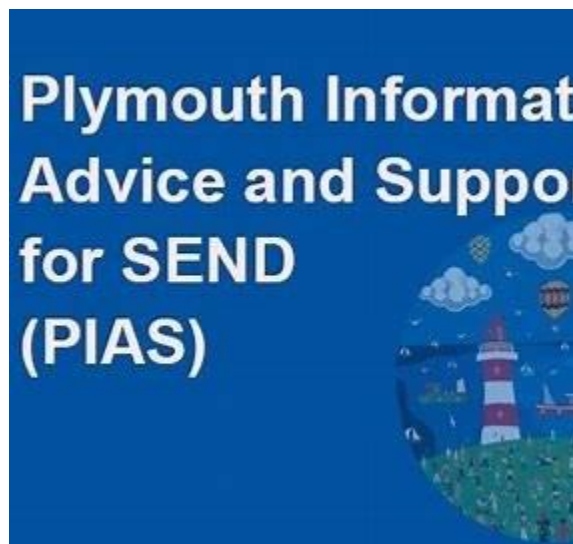
Term 4: 30 days

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

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



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