

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 27/09/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week we have had weatherwise - sunshine one day and torrential rain the next! On that note, as we are fully into Autumn, please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat each day - even if it seems dry in the morning, that can change quickly and we like to get outside as much as we can. Despite the variable weather, the children have been working hard, please see below for what they have been learning this week.

Polite reminder: Punctuality. School starts at 8.45, this is when the teachers collect the children and take the register - please aim to be on the school site by 8.40 at the latest, we want to promote good habits with our children and being on time is important for life.

Our school council members have been duly elected and had their first meeting with Mrs Bridgeman today. They are starting off by looking at playtimes and lunchtimes to see how they can make improvements - perhaps more play equipment is needed, or more ideas for games...we will keep you posted on their work as the year progresses.

Mr Kemp from WeST came in to see English lessons in action this week, he was pleased to see the children enthusiastically taking ideas from the high-quality texts we are using to improve their own writing. Engagement in lessons was brilliant and the children showed super listening skills.

Mrs Davis taught the teachers about the new DT scheme that we will be using with our children starting after half term and they began planning the exciting lessons - I wonder what fantastic ideas your children will have for their products - we can't wait to see! Years 2, 3 and 4 please start bringing in small cardboard boxes, cotton reels, pegs, rubber bands, or anything you can think of to make a wheeled vehicle ready for next term, the more we collect, the better!

Today, Sue from the library came to give out certificates to the 6 children who completed the summer reading challenge - it would be great if more of our children could do that next year. It is free to join the library and there are lots of things you can do there.

Bikeability letters have come out today for years 3 and 6, please access the link via teacher2parents from 6pm tonight to give your consent for this valuable experience.

Next week we are continuing our tours for any children due to start school in September 2025, please share the dates with anyone you know who would like to come to see our lovely school.

I hope you have a great weekend; the weather is looking good for Saturday!

Mrs Baptiste

Foundation & Year 1: Foundation have been practising their counting to 5 and doing really well. In year 1, we have been reading a book about feelings and using that to make our own books - we love being authors! We missed seeing Mrs Watson's guinea pigs but had some cuddly ones brought in by Olivia instead!



Year 2: In our Jigsaw lessons, we have been learning about our rights and responsibilities in school. We used a clip from the film 'Matilda' to initiate a conversation about what a nightmare school may look like. We then used this to identify what we consider a dream school to be. We created a list of 'rights' that we have as learners in school. We then used this list to generate ideas of the responsibilities we have in school in order for other children's rights to be met.



Year 3: What a busy week we've had in year 3! We have been learning about light in science and have discussed what darkness is. We understand that our eyes need light to see and that darkness is the absence of light. We used blindfolds to help us understand that we use our other senses when we cannot see. In maths, we have finished our unit on place value and are now moving onto addition and subtraction. We cannot wait to learn the formal methods for adding and subtracting.



Year 4: This week year 4 have been working hard on practising writing diaries and emails, knowing the difference between formal and informal language. They were fantastic and checking they had used all the features of the texts and then used peer assessment to support them making their writing even better! Well done year 4 on another amazing week!

Formal and informal writing

	Informal	Formal
Type of messages	Informal messages (friends and family)	Business, professional and other important messages
Beginnings	- Hi/Hello (+ first name),	- Dear Sir/Madam, - Dear Mr/Mrs XXX,
Closings	- See you soon. - Speak to you soon.	- I look forward to your reply. - I look forward to hearing from you.
Endings	- Best wishes, - Love, - All the best, - (Kind) Regards, *	- Yours faithfully, - Yours sincerely,
Style	- Contractions - Informal expressions	- No contractions - Formal language

* When you don't know the person very well.

Year 5/6: This week we have been learning about the river Rhine, we learnt that the mouth of the river is in Rotterdam and Rotterdam is the largest port in Europe. We have been enjoying learning how to play tennis in our PE lessons.

Attendance winners: Year 4 with 100%!!!



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!



Foundation: O.Aitken

Year 1: O-L. Burnard

Year 2: K.Doyle

Year 3: R-R.McGowan

Year 4: I.Ninnim

Year 5: L.Gray

Year 6: D.Bejan

Dates to remember!!!



07/10/2024 - Bikeability Y3 & Yr6.

08/10/2024 - Foundation and Year 1 fluoride varnish application.

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

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	Norse Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Salmon & Broccoli Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Quorn Burger in a Bun	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 Brownie	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Flapjack 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 - 30/06/24 - 15/07/24 - 09/08/24 - 30/09/24 - 23/10/24				

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
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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	Only 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
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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...

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

WeST Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Agreed for wider distribution

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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)

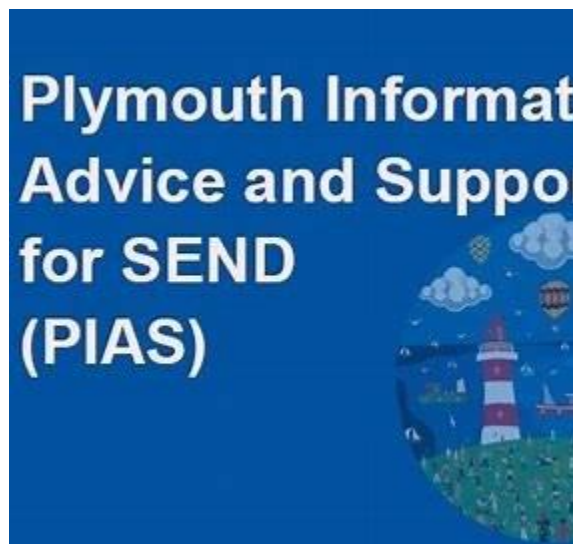
Term 4: 30 days

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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