

# AUSTIN FARM

## A c a d e m y

### Newsletter 26/05/2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely week we have had to end the half term, Yr5/6 had a fantastic week at Skerne Lodge for their residential, the weather was kind and they bravely tried lots of new things. I spent two days with them and whilst they were all exhausted, they were having the time of their lives! I think they'll sleep well this weekend - whilst you have a lot of dirty washing to do!

The rest of the school has been working hard, most of them on their latest progress writes. Please see below for what they have been learning. Year 2 have finally finished their SATs; whatever the outcome, we are so proud of their efforts and they enjoyed a fun afternoon today to celebrate.

After half term it is the turn of the year 1 pupils to complete their phonics testing and the year 4 children to do their multiplication checks. Keep practising over the holidays to maintain their speed and accuracy!

At our celebration assembly today, all the KS2 children who achieved their Accelerated Reader targets for this half term received their certificates and extra reward of a "fakeaway" lunch (a school lunch of their choice after half term); I am pleased to let you know that 34 children read enough to reached their target - let's see if we can end the year on a high and get all of our KS2 children to achieve their targets next half term. The children have completed their star tests this week, ready for their new targets to be set for after half term.

Over half term there is an Argyle roadshow on Wednesday 31st May - there are still the last couple of places available, you can either book online or come to the office to pick up a form.

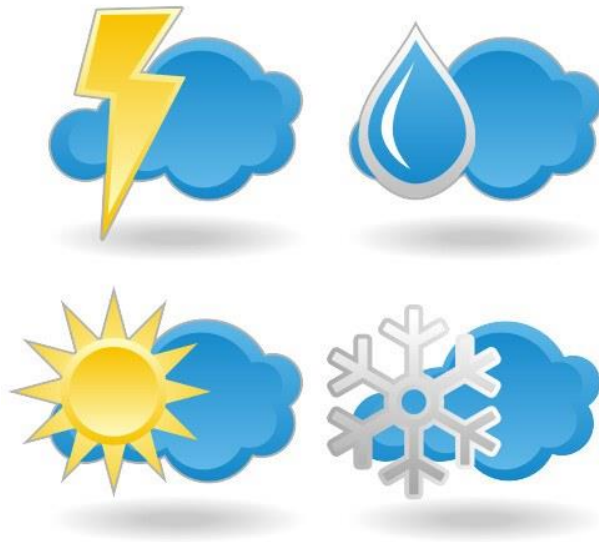
After half term we have our whole school trip to Paignton Zoo, we require a couple of volunteers to accompany the KS1 classes, please see your child's class teacher if you are available for the day on Thursday 8th June.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely half term break in the sunshine, see you back at school on Monday 5th June.

Foundation: we have talking about what makes a good friend in Jigsaw and we have talked about who our friends are and why they are our friends. In Maths we have been sharing groups of objects fairly and noticing that if we add two equal groups together it makes a double. In understanding of the world we have tasted some delicious tropical fruits from Kenya and described how they taste.



Year 1: our new English topic is all about the weather. We have been exploring our new book - Weather and getting to know all the features of an information text. Then we will be ready to write a new page for the book all about the sessions.



**Year 2:** this week, year 2 have completed their KS1 SATs tests. They have tried so hard and made me very proud. They have also started to use clay to create impressive nature sculptures in art. we hope you enjoy the ice creams :)



**Year 3/4:** for our final lesson on rainforests in Geography, Year 3/4 produced information leaflets of an animal that lives in the rainforest. The class used laptops to research their animals and found out lots of interesting facts about them. Alongside this, we have begun a piece of artwork designed on the animal of our choice. We can't wait to see the final results.



Year 5: we have been sharing the story of Varjak Paw by S.F Said. We are looking forward to finding out how the cat is going to survive in the city of vanishings! In Science, we have been writing short reports about the life cycles of animals. In RE we consider why Christians might wish to use prayer.

Year 6: the children have been busy doing numerous exciting outdoor activities, from bodyboarding to late night walks.

We missed you and look forward to seeing you soon.



## **Learners of the week, well done everyone !!**

**Foundation: C.Pickering**

**Year 1: C.Smith**

**Year 2:**

**Year 3: E-G Llewellyn**

**Year 4: I.Danbury**

**Year 5: C.Smith**

**Year 6: T. Williams - H.Hannigan**

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**This week's attendance winners are...**

**Year 3 , getting 98% attendance this week.**



**We are delighted to be hosting a PAFC Roadshow at Austin Farm Academy during Whitsun Half Term.**

**The Roadshow will run on Wednesday 31st May which will be a Multi Sports Roadshow (Tennis, Football, Dodgeball and Netball)**

**The roadshows are suitable for ages 5-12 years old and cost a reduced fee of only £14 for the day (usually £20).**

**You can book on via the link below or pass the cash and consent form to the office. Forms are located in the admin office.**

**Please ensure you bring a packed lunch, plenty of fluids and suitable attire for the day and to book on please use the link provided below.**

**<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-holiday.html>**

**Any questions, please feel free to ask**

**Charlie Hardcastle**



## Dates to remember!!!



**May half term - Friday 26/05/2023 - Children to return Monday 05/06/2023.**

**Whole school Paignton Zoo trip Thursday - 08/06/2023 .**

**Summer Fayre 30/6/2023 - 3.30pm-5:30pm. Below are our Mufti days, please bring the following items in on these dates;**

- **9/6/2023 - Bottles (Alcohol, juice and fizzy etc.)**
- **16/06/2023 - Toiletries**
- **23/06/2023 - Sweets**



Sports day 19/06/2023. 12.45 - 3.15pm

Yr 6 Prom - 14/07/2023 6.00 - 8.00pm

Last day of term - 21/07/2023 - Children to return Wednesday 06/09/2023.

Family photos via Tempest - 8am-8:30am. Please book via Microsoft link, this will be sent closer to the time. 19/9/2023.

Individual school photos - 19/09/2023.

## Dinner Menu w/b 05/06/2023 - Week 1

School packed lunches are available

**JACKET POTATOES**  
Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings  
Cheese Tuna (with Mayonaisse)  
Beans Colelaw (with Mayonaisse)

**Brown bread or Tortilla wrap**  
with a choice of fillings  
Cheese Tuna (with Mayonaisse)  
Ham

Dessert of the day, fresh fruit or yoghurt

**KEY TO ALLERGENS**

**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL DINNERS**  
All Dinner money is paid via ParentPay. We do ask that you could please keep your balance in credit. KS1 children are entitled to UIFSM KS2 children only £2.20 per meal. Do I qualify for Free School Meals?  
If you receive ONE of the following benefits then you will be entitled to Free School Meals:  
• Income support  
• Employment and Support Allowance  
• Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by the HMRC) of less than £16,190  
• Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)  
• Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit  
• Universal Credit - from April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods  
PLEASE NOTE: Eligibility for FSM cannot be determined until you have received your first Universal Credit statement or entitlement letter. We have been informed by DWP that they may take up to six weeks to process your first/new claim.  
• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999  
Please call 01752 705367 or email [admin@housetext.org.uk](mailto:admin@housetext.org.uk) for more information

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS??**

**SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH**

**ReFuel AUSTIN FARM ACADEMY**

**WEEK 1**

**MONDAY**  
Sausage and mash  
Vegetable Sausage with mash and gravy  
Chocolate Orange Muffins

**TUESDAY**  
Lorraine with garlic bread  
French Bread Pizza  
Tuffee Frozen Yoghurt Pots

**WEDNESDAY**  
Cottage Pie  
Cheese and Potato Pie  
Jelly with fruit pieces

**THURSDAY**  
Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, veg and gravy  
Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake  
Banana Cake

**FRIDAY**  
Fish Cakes with chips or pasta  
Vegetarian Quiche with chips or pasta  
Rhubarb Flapjack

**EVERY DAY**  
Jacket Potato, School Packed Lunch, Salad Bar, yoghurt and fresh fruit available daily

**All items listed may contain allergens!**



## Staying safe online

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Yr 6 Prom - Friday 14th July 2023





Term time holidays- - Is it worth it ?



**Two of our families have now been issued fines from Plymouth County Council due to taking their child/ren out of school during term time. Please follow the link below to understand the charges and potential legal action that these holidays can result in.**

[Penalty notices for absence from school | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://plymouth.gov.uk/penalty-notices-for-absence-from-school)

## Attendance.

Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. The higher a child's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. We are implementing new procedures to help parents get their children to school.

### Do you know your child's attendance ?

95% Attendance - 2 whole weeks of school missed.

90% Attendance - 4 whole weeks of school missed.

85% Attendance - 6 whole weeks of school missed.

80% Attendance - 8 whole weeks of school missed.

75% Attendance - 9 plus whole weeks of school missed.





5 minutes late, does it really matter ?



Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

- **5** Minutes late each day - **3** days lost
- **10** Minutes late each day - **6.5** days lost
- **15** Minutes late each day - **10** days lost

- ## Term dates

## 2022 to 2023

**Important dates**

To shade (or clear) cells in the month tables, select the cells to shade and then, on the Table Tools Design tab, choose Cell Shading. To view this calendar with all formatting and layout, on the View tab, choose Reading View.

**Autumn Term** Dates **Monday 5 September** to **Friday 21 October** then **Tuesday 1 November** to **Friday 16 December**

Term 1 135 days Term 2 34 days **WEST NPD Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September/ Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September/ Monday 31 October**

**Spring Term** Dates **Wednesday 4 January** to **Friday 10 February** then **Tuesday 21 February** to **Friday 31 March**

Term 3 28 days Term 4 23 days **Trust NPD Monday 20 February**

**Summer Term** Dates **Tuesday 18 April** to **Friday 26 May** then **Monday 5 June** to **Friday 21 July**

Term 5 28 days Term 6 35 days **School NPD Monday 17 April**

Three Trust NPD's and three school NPD's. 189 teaching days in total.

Peach – holiday periods, Purple weekends, Green Trust NPD's, Blue School NPD's.



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Term 3 28 days Term 4 28 days WeST NPD Monday 19 February

Summer Term Dates Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May then Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July

Term 5 25 days Term 6 35 days School NPD Monday 22/23 July

Three Trust NPD's and three school NPD's. 189 teaching days in total.

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Send conference Wednesday 24th May 2023

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



## FREE COURSE

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- Increase confidence with numbers
- A first step to a formal qualification
- Budgeting and money management guidance
- Increase knowledge to support your child with their numeracy

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Aged 19+  
Haven't achieved GCSE Maths grade 4-9  
A\*-C previously  
Live within a PL Postcode

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- Supportive tutors
- Friendly environment
- Accessible location

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