

# AUSTIN FARM

## A c a d e m y

### Newsletter 30/06/2023

Dear Parents/carers,

What a soggy end to the week, with the unfortunate news that we had to cancel our Summer Fayre today...I can now share some good news...We have re-booked it for next Friday 7th July from 3.30 - 5.30! Let's keep our fingers crossed for the weather. Your children can wear mufti in school for the day. (Year 2 children who will not be in school due to the strike are welcome to come back at 3.30 to join in the fun).

**Strike days:** You may be aware that the NEU have called two more days of strikes, as before the teachers do not have to let me know their intentions, but they are very supportive and have let me know their current plans. Please be mindful that this could change last minute, but at present: Year 6 will be closed on Wednesday 5th July and Year 2 will be closed on Friday 7th July. All other classes will be open all week.

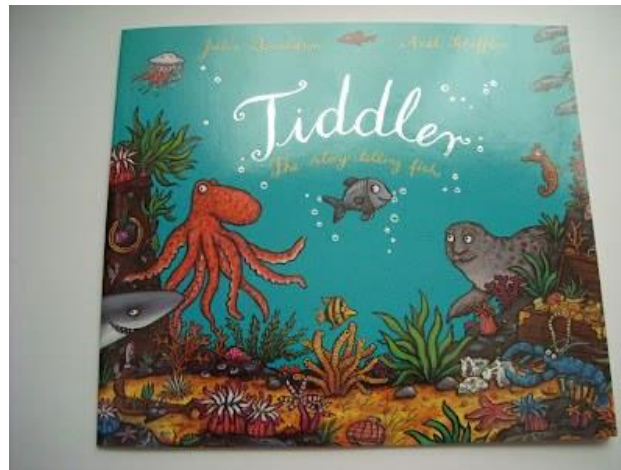
**School Dinners:** Due to unforeseen staffing issues we will only be able to provide school packed lunches, jacket potatoes and toppings or pasta and sauces for Monday, we will keep you updated. We should be back to full service the week after. Thank you for your understanding.

Since half term we have been experiencing technical issues with Teachers2parents, please look at the website for newsletters and contact the school office if you are not receiving messages.

**Transition days:** As you all now know who your children's new teachers are in September, we will be arranging some opportunities for the children to spend some time in their new classes getting to know their new teachers, these will take place on the mornings of 10th & 14th July. If we find that some children need a bit more contact to feel confident, then we will arrange story times and extra visits for them. As I mentioned last week, we are lucky to be a small school where all children know most of the teachers.

I hope you have a great weekend; I think the rain will be gone by tomorrow!

**Foundation:** This week we have been sorting different objects into two distinct groups and counting objects above 20. We have also welcomed some of our new children to the class. Our current Foundation children were brilliant at showing the little ones the routines and making them feel very welcome. In literacy we have been thinking about rhyming words and making rhyming strings inspired by our class story Tiddler.



**Year 1:** This week we have had the balance scales out. We have been learning all about mass and how to measure it. We weighed items in the classroom to see how many cubes they weighed. We also tried to find things that had equal mass.



**Year 2:** This week year two have taken a visit to St Edwards Church to reinforce their learning in RE about what makes buildings and objects sacred.



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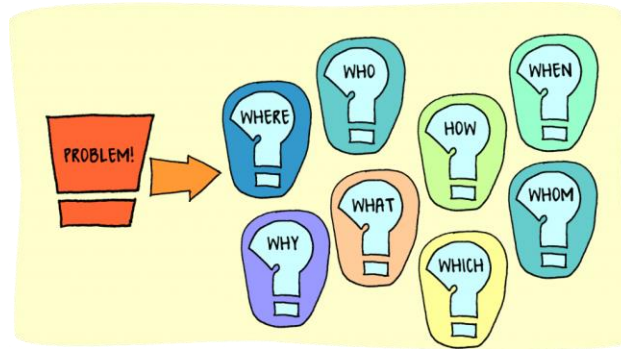
**Year 3/4:** This week in History we've been learning about the Stone Age settlement of Skara Brae and why it is significant. We learned about the layout of the site and what was built by our ancestors during this time. We have been building our vocabulary and we used the new words we have learned to write a detailed piece of writing using evidence to support what we'd written.



**Year 5:** This week we started a new Maths unit on measures. We shall be learning to convert different units of measure. In English we are about to start sharing the non fiction text "Our Planet". In Science we have continued our learning about human reproduction.



**Year 6:** We have written persuasive leaflets to persuade you to visit a country of our choice; Mrs Bo and Mrs R now want to book several holidays after reading them! In Maths, we completed some problem solving involving working systematically. We have been busy practising our songs for our leavers assembly and they're sounding great!



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

**Foundation:**

**Year 1: O.Oliver**

**Year 2: M.Carroll**

**Year 3: T.Regan**

**Year 4: C.MacGregor**

**Year 5: I.Parrish**

**Year 6: M.Willis**

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**The attendance award goes to Yr 2 getting a 99%**



*2 - Fantastic job everyone!!*

## Dates to remember!!!



**Summer Fayre - 7/7/2023 3.30 pm - 5.30pm**

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

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

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

**19/09/2023 - Individual school photos**



**Staying safe online**

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://www.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

West Term Dates

2022 to 2023

Aug 2022

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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 NPDP 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 29 days Trust NPDP 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 NPDP Monday 17 April

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

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Argyle Roadshows



**ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST** **SUMMER HOLIDAY ROADSHOWS**  
PLYMOUTH | JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023

**9.30am-3.30pm**  
**Boys & Girls**  
**All Abilities**  
**Aged 5-15**

**HARPERS FOOTBALL CENTRE**  
Football Roadshow - Jul 24, 27, 31, Aug 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 31  
Strikers & Goalkeepers - Jul 25, 28, Aug 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29  
Girls Only - Jul 28, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25  
End of Summer Special - Sep 1

**MANADON SPORTS HUB**  
Football Roadshow - Jul 26, Aug 9, 23  
Strikers & Goalkeepers - Aug 2, 16, 30  
PDC/COFE Training Day - Jul 27, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24  
Multi Sports - Jul 26, Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Girls Only - Jul 26, Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**PLYMPTON ACADEMY**  
Football Roadshow - Jul 24, 28, Aug 1, 18, 11, 18, 25  
Strikers & Goalkeepers - Aug 4, 15, 22, 29  
End of Summer Special - Sep 1

**IVYBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Football Roadshow - Jul 24, 28, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, 29  
End of Summer Special - Sep 1

**WEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Football Roadshow - Jul 26, Aug 9, 23  
Cricket Roadshow - Jul 25, 8, 27

**LIPSON VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Multi Sports - Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

**HORRABRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Multi Sports - Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

**PRINCE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Multi Sports - Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

**KNOWLE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Multi Sports - Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

**NEWTON FERRERS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Multi Sports - Jul 26, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

**WESTON MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Multi Sports - Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

**BOOK NOW!**

**DISABILITY ROADSHOWS**  
**HARPERS FOOTBALL CENTRE**  
SEND Football - Jul 24, 31 Aug 7, 14, 21  
**MANADON SPORTS HUB**  
Short Breaks - Jul 27, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
**PLYMPTON ACADEMY**  
Short Breaks - Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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Dear children and young people,

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### Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV)

Dear families

I want to start by thanking all of you who have contacted PPCV and sent in information to OFSTED about SEND services in Plymouth.

This morning I have been asked for 3 very specific types of information and I am hoping that you can help.

It is a short turn around and will need to be in by 9am on Thursday morning at the latest, as we are meeting with OFSTED at 11.30.

1) Information from families about why they decided to choose EHE as a result of an exclusion. Also if you are thinking about making that decision at the moment.

2) Are you currently on a waiting list or have been until recently for services such as but not exclusively - CDC's diagnostic ASC pathway, Speech and Language or community paediatrics?

If so have you been offered any support or resources while you are waiting. An example of this could be guided self-help, advice and information or an emergency contact.

What contact did you have with the service before you were put on the waiting list?

3) Any examples of services that are working well for your family at the moment or anything positive that you have to say about a service.

Please email: [info@plymouthpcv.co.uk](mailto:info@plymouthpcv.co.uk) or message [PPCV on Facebook](#).

Many thanks.

**Claire Paddon**

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