

AUSTIN FARM

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Newsletter 20/10/2023

Dear parents/carers,

The first half term is done! What a varied week we have had with the weather: rain, sun, rain, sun and it was lovely to end with a mainly sunny day.

We started this week by celebrating our Harvest festival and our generosity for the Plymouth foodbank. Reverend Ann took our Harvest assembly; she rearranged the letters of HARVEST to make different words, the most important one being SHARE. Rachel from the Foodbank was really impressed by the amount of our donations and our willingness to share what we have. This was the 1st act of kindness for

our 9 Acts of Kindness Challenge; the children have also completed another act of kindness this week by colouring their bunting to decorate childrens' wards in hospitals across the region. Two acts done, seven to go...this will continue after half term. When they have completed 8 acts of kindness, you are invited to donate some money to Childline as the 9th act of kindness in the week beginning 6.11.23.

Please see the new menu for after half term at the bottom of this newsletter; remember, there will be no school packed lunch option from half term until the Easter holiday - we believe it is important for the children to have a hot lunch during the cold winter months. On the first Friday back (3.11.23) we will be having a special Bonfire Lunch - Hot dogs and Firework biscuits!

We must congratulate three of our Year 6 children who passed their 11+ and will be going to Devonport High School for Girls or Devonport High School for Boys in September 2024. Year 5 parents - now is the time to start your child practising 11+ tests if you think they would be able to pass next year. If you would like to know more, speak to either myself or Mrs Bojang.

KS2 have made a great start to their reading this year: 33 children achieved their target for the half term and will enjoy some Golden Time as their reward.

KS1 reading, unfortunately we are chasing quite a few debts for lost or damaged RWInc books, please contact the office to pay for a replacement or work out a payment plan if you owe money. We need to be able to buy enough books for every child, so they can all continue to make fantastic progress.

After school sporting clubs - please note the link to sign up will come out during the first week after half term and the clubs will begin the week after (6.11.23).

After school & Breakfast club booking links will go out tonight.

Please leave school promptly today, as the work to complete the demolition of the remaining huts will be carried out over half term, whilst you are enjoying some time with your family. I can't wait to see how much that will open up our space and eventually we hope to have a gym trail for the children to use at playtimes. There are also plans to develop a nature area in the top part of the space - school council will be working on this over the course of the year.

Remember the first day back - Tuesday 31st October is Halloween dress up day!

I hope you have a great half term week, try not to miss school too much!

Mrs Baptiste









See details about a competition for the children from the **Just Finance Foundation:** (The Just Finance Foundation are where we will get our learning resources for teaching your children about financial education). Some of the current year 1's trialed Milo's Money for us last year when they were in EYFS - ask what they remember about it!

Get creative and take part in this fun activity for a chance to win a prize in our draw!

Using the [moneybox template](#), decorate the moneybox with what motivates you to save money. Be as creative and as innovative as possible! We want to see photos of the moneybox creations and what inspired your design. Entries should be emailed to enquiries@jff.org.uk by 31st December 2023. Full terms and conditions are available on our [website](#). Good luck!

If you need a template printed out for you, please come to the school office.

Just Finance Foundation

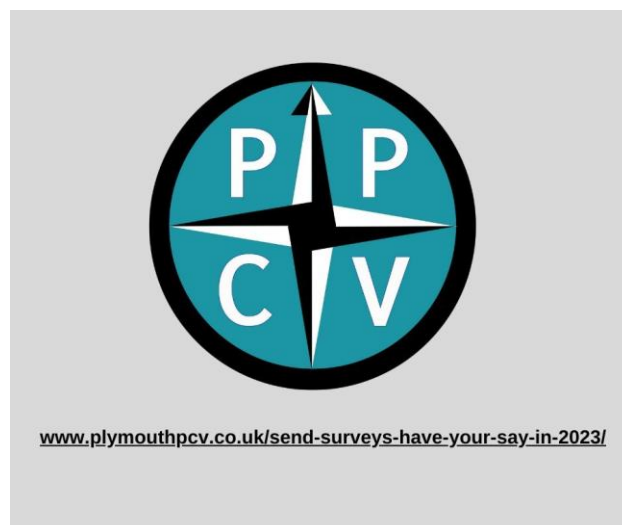


Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) brings together parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Plymouth and the surrounding area. The group is run by parent carers like you, and they work to give you and your family a voice in the services that you use.

PPCV is currently working hard with Plymouth City Council (PCC) to make sure that your voice is heard in the shaping of services across SEND 0-25 sector. They are asking for your experience to be shared in their yearly survey which looks into the central services that you and your child/young person use.

If you are caring for a child or young person with SEND, please consider following/copying and pasting this link and select the survey that is relevant to you: <https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/send-surveys-have-your-say-in-2023/>

The closing date is Friday 10th of November.



Foundation: this week we have been learning the sounds r, j, v, y and w. We have been trying out some vocabulary from our story including gloomy, slithering and vast. We have also been painting autumn trees using autumn colours.



Year 1: we have been adding a new character to our story and thinking about what the character could do to make Claire hurt her knee. We have also been extending our sentences with the word 'and'. In science we have been exploring all the signs of autumn and noticing how we have less sunlight during autumn and winter.



Year 2: have made their fruit salads using all the skills they learnt in their Design and Technology lessons. They cut a variety of fruit they had chosen and then enjoyed eating their final product.



Year 3: the children have been finishing their learning about Hinduism and the story of Rama and Sita. The children have really enjoyed this unit, please ask talk to your child about their knowledge of the story, I think you will be amazed!



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Year 4/5: we have been learning about how good overcomes evil in the story of Rama and Sita and thinking about the word 'dharma' and how each character in the story follows their dharma. I have been so impressed by their brilliant contributions to the class discussions. Well done 4/5 - keep up the super work.



Year 6: this week we have finished our units in History, Geography and RE. We have enjoyed all of these but particularly enjoyed the RE unit learning about the Hindu story, Rama and Sita. The children have been discussing that they have learned SO much and can really see how the story links to how Hindus celebrate today. In Maths, we have displayed pure resilience to secure our learning on long division – a really tricky Year 6 concept.

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Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation: S.Tippet

Year 1: D-M. Rice

Year 2: C. Platten

Year 3: L. Janek

Year 4/5: B. Hutson

Year 6: P. Applin, I. Tippet & M. Scott.

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The attendance award goes to Year 5 for getting 100% this week.



2 - Fantastic job everyone!!

Dates to remember!!!



20/10/20223 - Last day of term.

30/10/2023 - Non pupil day.

31/10/2023 - Children to return to school.

31/10/2023 - Children can dress up in Halloween costumes. No scary masks.

14/11/2023 - Flu vaccination in school

13/11/23 - Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying week. Celebrate our differences by wearing odd socks to school.

17/11/2023 - Children in Need Day - Details to follow.



October half term climbing taster sessions

Join one of our taster sessions.

Day	Age	Start time	Finish time	Price
Saturday	Family session 5+ years	12:45pm 2:00pm	1:45pm 3:00pm	Juniors first taster for Free
Tuesday	Family session 5+ years	12:30pm 1:45pm	1:30pm 2:45pm	Juniors first taster for Free
Wednesday	Family session 5+ years	12:30pm 1:45pm	1:30pm 2:45pm	Juniors first taster for Free
Thursday	Family session 5+ years	12:30pm 1:45pm	12:30pm 1:45pm	Juniors first taster for Free
Sunday	Family session 5+ years	11:00 am 12:15pm	12:00pm 1:15pm	Juniors first taster for Free

Or join our crash course.

Day	Age	Start time	Finish time	Price
Tuesdays Wednesday Thursday	5 -17years	10.30am	12:00pm	£33

To book:

Pop into the climbing wall or give us a call on 01752 606900
option 5

If you have already tried climbing and want to learn more speak to our climbing team about at our Climbing
Classes for kids and our Adult Beginners' Courses.

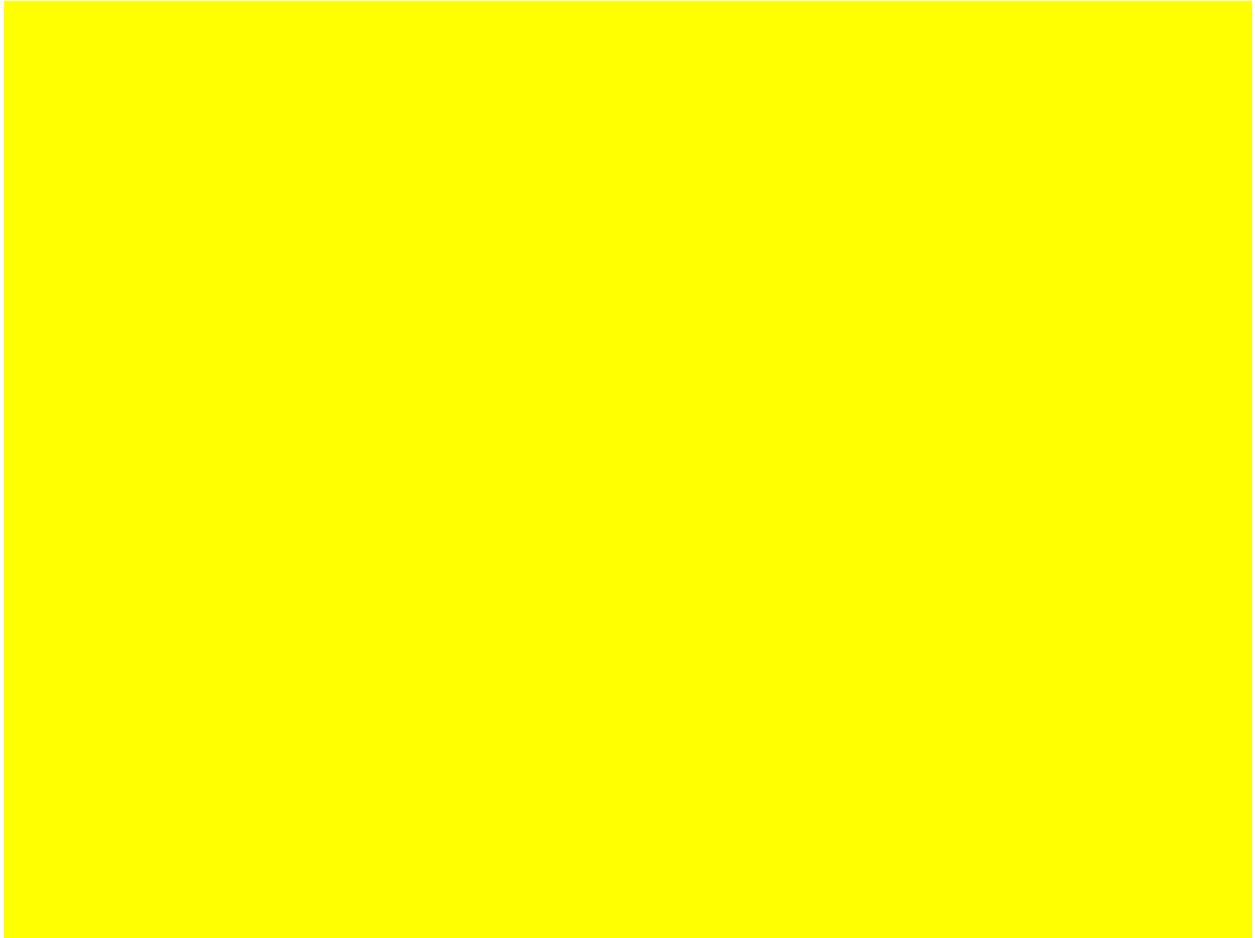


Dress up for Halloween - 31/10/2023



Children can dress up in Halloween costumes. No scary masks, if we feel the mask is too scary for the little ones, we will ask your child to remove the mask until the end of the day.

Children in Need day 17/11/2023



3 - Your child can come to school wearing something spotty!

Menu Week 1

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Facciotta Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Glazed Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Oat and Sultana Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24				

Week Two					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Filet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Coleslaw or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24				

Week Three					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Whiz & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pasty/Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Colelaw	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	11/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				

Poppy for sale :)



Social Media



Whilst it has been amazing to share are "GOOD" news on Social Media, we cant help but notice that a number of our children have accounts/profiles on Social Media. We advise parents/carers that there is an age restriction on Social Media and encourage you to be cautious.

Term time holidays- - Is it worth it ?



Mulitple 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.

[School attendance and absence | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-attendance-and-absence)

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**

- 20 Minutes late each day - 13 days lost
- 30 Minutes late each day - 19 days lost

Term dates

WeST Term Dates

2023 to 2024

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Important dates

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To view this calendar with all formatting and layout, on the View tab, choose Reading View.

Autumn Term Dates Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October then Monday 30 October to Tuesday 19 December

Term 1 33 days Term 2 36 days School NPD Monday 4 WeST NPD Tuesday 5 September WeST NPD Monday 30 October

Spring Term Dates Wednesday 3 January to Friday 9 February then Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

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 29 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.

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

Children's NHS Dentist

Children's Appointments!

NHS SpaDental South-West

SpaDental Plymouth and SpaDental Saltash
invite children under 12 years of age
for NHS appointments
Book an appointment today!



To book an appointment, or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit the link:
<https://www.spadental.co.uk/for-patients/spadental-south-west-children/>
to complete the "contact us" form.

SpaDental Plymouth: 2 Hyde Park Rd, Mutley, PL3 4RJ
SpaDental Saltash: 77 Fore St, Saltash, PL12 6AF

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