



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	96% - Well done Forde Class!
Courtenay	91%
Templar	95%

This week's whole school attendance: 93.9%

Last week's whole school attendance: 93.4%

RAG Rating		98% and above
		96.1%- 97.9%
		96% and below

*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

Home Learning

**Spellings –**

Although all words have been learned now, please keep revising as tests will crop up throughout the term! New spellings from next week.

**English:** Please research a successful

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas break, full of fun and laughter.

It won't surprise you that we have a lot to cover this term! In English, we have started our unit of work on Persuasive Writing. We compared videos, images and writing that all aimed to persuade the reader and we considered – how has the author tried to persuade us? What skills have they used? As a class, we have created a success criteria that we can keep adding to throughout the unit.

In Year 5/6 Maths, we have started our work on Fractions. Fractions are such an important part of the Maths curriculum and for Year 6, they are a core part of the SATs papers. There are lots of rules with fractions and

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example of a project that has reduced plastic pollution in our oceans. Please record your research on the paper provided, as we would like to collate all the research together for the class.

**Reading:** Themes  
- please answer on the sheet.

**Star of the Week**

Ivy for always being ready for an answer because she is so determined to progress each lesson and challenge herself.

although we will cover them rigorously in class, the very best way to completely secure the rules is practice, practice and...more practice! This website is a useful starting point as it covers articles on all of KS2 Fractions. You can then click on each section to practise a particular area of fractions: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb> Where possible, we will include an image of what we have been learning about in Maths each week to support practise at home. This week, we have started learning about Equivalent Fractions:



$$\frac{1}{2} \times 12 = \frac{12}{24}$$

$\frac{1}{2}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{12}{24}$ . The numerator and the denominator have both been multiplied by 12

Year 4 are continuing to work on multiplication and division in Maths in Courtenay class.

Mrs Mott and Miss Blakesley  
Templar Class teachers

Please note:

PE for Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Thursday.  
PE for Year 4: Thursday and Friday.

**MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN**

**We Believe.....**

**We are stronger together**

A huge welcome back to our children and families! It's truly heartwarming to see the corridors and classrooms filled with the vibrant energy of our children after the Christmas break. Their enthusiasm and how quickly the children have settled back into the routine has been great to see. Here's to a wonderful journey ahead filled with curiosity, collaboration and building firm foundations together.

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### **We all belong in our School Trust**

Exciting news for Courtenay class! This term, we're thrilled that Courtenay class will take part in Forest School sessions, providing a unique opportunity to learn and explore the wonders of nature. To fully embrace this outdoor adventure, please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit, including suitable shoes for outdoor activities. As we'll be embracing the elements, warm coats are also essential to make the most of this enriching experience. We look forward to a term of discovery, hands-on learning, and building lasting memories in the great outdoors! Sessions take place on the following dates 21/1/ then 26/1, 2/2, 23/2, 8/3, 22/3.

### **We all belong in our School Trust....**

We are pleased to announce that Parent Consultation Evenings for Spring 2 are just around the corner. Bookings will be live on MCAs starting Monday, 8th January. We encourage all parents and carers to take this opportunity to engage in insightful discussions about your child's progress with their class teacher. Your active involvement plays a crucial role in our collective efforts to ensure each child's success. The dates for these sessions are below.

4.3.24- Forde and Courtenay Class 3.15pm - 6pm

5.3.24 - Forde, Courtenay and Templar (Mrs Mott) 3.15 - 6pm

7.3.24 - Templar (Mrs Blakesley) 3.15 - 6pm

### **In realising the possible so that all children can flourish....**

As we embark on a new term, we are excited to introduce our new school value – perseverance. This term, we will be focusing on the importance of determination, resilience, and perseverance in the face of challenges. To celebrate and reinforce this value, we will be recognising and rewarding instances of perseverance. Additionally, we'll explore how Jesus, demonstrated perseverance in his journeys.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024**

30.1.23 2.15pm Year 4 Heatree Parent Meeting

12.2.24 – 16.2.24 Half Term

19.1.24 Census Day

26.2.24 – 28.2.24 Year 4 Residential

4.3.24 6.3.24 7.3.24 Parent Consultations

15.3.24 -National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)

21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day

7.3.24 World Book Day

27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.30pm

29.4.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break

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## FAMILY SUPPORT



January 2024

# Newsletter

## LET'S FACE THE NEW YEAR!

Thursday  
1st Feb

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging stereotypes, explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Monday  
5th Feb

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday  
9th Jan

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Getting a Good Night

Screen Addiction, insomnia, energy drinks and more. Get a range of extremely useful ideas on how to improve the quality of their sleep.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Events at Newton Abbot Library



**Date:** 06 January 2024

**Time:** 13:00 - 14:00

**Description:**

A creative drop-in session for children to make and build with LEGO at the library, with over 1000 bricks to play with! Play official LEGO games, take on some of our fun design challenges, and socialise with other budding builders! No booking necessary, just pop along on the day.

Suitable for children aged 5+ and their parents/guardians.

**Audience:** Child

**Cost:** Free, donations welcome

**Theme:** Lego

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**Date:** 13 January 2024

**Time:** 10:30 - 11:00

**Description:**

Join us for Story Time! We read a specially selected book, followed by themed crafts in the children's library.

This is a drop-in event, no booking necessary!

**Audience:** Child

**Cost:** Free

**Theme:** Story Telling



### Getting Started

**1. Choose an arts activity to do at home.**

The [Creative Challenges](#) have been provided by local artists using materials that you should be able to find at home.

**2. Complete the Arts Award Log Book.**

Complete a [simple form](#) to show what you have learned about art through doing your Creative Challenge.

**3. Record what you have been doing.**

You can use whatever materials you like to record your activities; writing, drawing, painting, taking photos - just get creative and take photos of what you make for [your certification](#).

**4. Send off for your certificate**

When you have completed all 3 parts of Discover at Home and gathered together your evidence e.g. photos and log book, you are ready to claim your official Arts Award Discover certificate from Trinity College London. You will need an adult to help you with this stage and to make the payment of £6.00 to cover the [cost of your official certificate and postage/packing\\*](#)

For more information please visit: [artawards - Devon \(devonlibraries.org.uk\)](#)

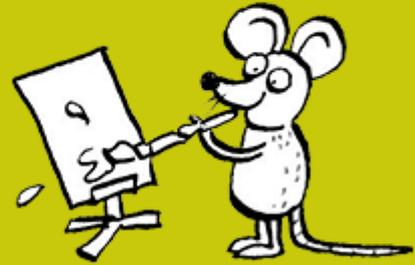
## Arts Award – Discover at home

Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification that helps young people aged 5 – 25 to explore their creative

skills, and to develop

as artists and arts

leaders. Arts Award offer a range of awards for children and young people that gets them involved in and excited about arts and culture and celebrates their creative achievements.



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