



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	100% Amazing well done Forde Class!
Courtenay	99% Congratulations so close!
Templar	93%

This week's whole school attendance: 97.4%  
Last week's whole school attendance: 93.9%

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

*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

Home Learning

Spellings – learning rules as well as words (so that the rules can be applied to more complex words later on).

**English/SPAG:**  
Apostrophes for possession.

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we tackled apostrophes! I have taught Year 5 and Year 6 many times before and whilst apostrophes are a Year 4 objective, they always need more practice. In the lesson, we covered rules that usually apply:

- For apostrophes for contraction, two words are shortened by removing letters and replacing them with the apostrophe.
- For singular possession (one person owning one thing/lots of things), 's
- For plural possession (more than one person owning one thing/lots of things), s'

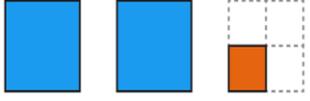
There are exceptions to these generalisations so to support with the home learning, there is an explanation sheet for children and grown-ups. This is also a useful link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdstbtk#z928mbk>

Star of the Week

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Vanesa for overcoming some anxiety in Maths and making great progress with fractions

In Maths this week for Year 5 and Year 6, we have been getting stuck into converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and back again, as well as comparing and ordering fractions and adding fractions. There are lots of different rules with fractions and the children should be really proud of the progress we're making. These images show how to convert an improper fraction to a mixed number and back again:

$$\frac{9}{4} = 9 \div 4$$
$$= 2 \text{ remainder } 1$$
$$\frac{9}{4} = 2\frac{1}{4}$$


We will be once again celebrating NSPCC's Number Day. This year we ask all children to come into school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February dressed as either their Times Tables Rock Star/NumBots Character or something imaginative related to Maths! There will be a prize for the best dressed. Please can we ask children to bring in a donation on this day to go towards NSPCC.

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....**

In facing various challenges, the children have been encouraged to exhibit perseverance this week which is our school value for this term. Next week in Active Worship we will be looking at the bible story of Job, who endured immense suffering and loss yet remained steadfast in his faith. The story emphasises the importance of resilience and unwavering trust in the face of adversity. Our children are continually faced with challenges in their learning and in their personal development and we are striving together to build their understanding of the need for perseverance to achieve what they want to achieve each day.

#### **We are stronger together....**

Starting from Monday, the children from Templar will take the lead during lunchtimes by organising their own vibrant lunchtime clubs. The initiative aims to foster a sense of community and provide diverse opportunities for all our children. From engaging board games to cozy reading club, there's something for everyone. All children will be invited to participate each day. We anticipate the success of these clubs

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and eagerly look forward to the positive experiences they will bring in the coming weeks. Please have a chat to your children about the clubs on offer.

Monday – TTRS and Hit the Button

Tuesday – Colouring Club

Wednesday - Board Games Club – KS2

Thursday – Reading Club

Friday – Board Games – KS1

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

Dear parents, a friendly reminder that on Thursdays, children are invited to come to school in their P.E. kit. In this cold weather please ensure they wear plain jogging bottoms; note that this excludes pyjama bottoms. Having the right kit is crucial for effective participation in all physical activities. This simple step will save time and energy during the school day, allowing our students to fully engage in the benefits of physical education. Jogging bottoms rather than pyjamas also set the high standards we have of uniform across the rest of the week. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024**

19.1.24 Census Day

26.1.24 Courtenay Class Forest School

30.1.23 2.15pm Year 4 Heatree Parent Meeting

2.2.24 Courtenay Class Forest School

12.2.24 – 16.2.24 Half Term

23.2.24 Courtenay Class Forest School

26.2.24 – 28.2.24 Year 4 Residential

4.3.24 6.3.24 7.3.24 Parent Consultations

8.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School

15.3.24 -National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)

21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day

22.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School

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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## OFFICE NEWS

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

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Book a tour!

Is your child starting school  
in September 2024?

Book a tour of our school  
today and see what  
All Saints Marsh Academy  
has to offer!  
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A small school with a big  
heart, in the centre of Newton  
Abbot



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Newton Abbot Community Fridge

The Courtenay Centre houses Newton Abbot's first community fridge. The fridge is available for local people to either take food that isn't going to be used, from shops and supermarkets or surplus items donated by local people. The aim is to help prevent food wastage whilst also giving people a helping hand. They rely on a team of dedicated volunteers to help run this, if you're interested in getting involved please do get in touch. 01626 365277

COMMUNITY FUND

Slow Cooker  
Saturdays!  
at the Courtenay Centre

Join us once a month to meet up and prepare a meal to cook in a slow cooker and then take home! Each month will be a new recipe, and it's completely free to join in.

The Courtenay Centre

For more information please visit:

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## Attention parents!

Looking for a super fun and free way for your kids to burn off energy?

Join the primary kids fitness class at Paradise Fitness Newton Abbot (at Seale Hayne) every other Saturday 09:45 to 10:30. Socialise, team up, and learn new skills!

For more info, email

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# POP UP Photography Exhibition

Hosted by

Newton Abbot  
Photographic Club

with  
Coombeshead Academy  
Newton Abbot College &  
South Dartmoor Community  
College



Tuesday 6th February 2024 - 5pm - 9pm  
THE COURTENAY CENTRE  
Kingsteignton Rd, Newton Abbot TQ12 2QA  
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