



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

## Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	95%
Courtenay	94%
Templar	100% Amazing Well Done Templar

This week's whole school attendance: 95.6 %

Last week's whole school attendance: 96.6%

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

*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

## Home Learning

No new spellings this week. Please revise previous spellings.

### **SPAG**

#### **(Grammar):**

Differentiated SPAG revision per year group of core learning. One sheet states that you need to cut

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was Safer Internet Day/E-safety Day this week. Templar watched a BBC Teach lesson about AI; it covered many aspects of this technology, and busted some myths about the intelligence within this technology – AI robots are artificially intelligent, as they only have the software to do what humans have enabled them to do. We reflected on the session afterwards and agreed that, as long as AI was programmed responsibly, it could be a really exciting technological development in their futures. This was similar to a news story that we read a couple of weeks ago (each week, during Class Worship, we discuss a local or international news story from that week): driverless cars may be on our roads as soon as 2026! Templar class had lots to say about this and found it funny when I said that I couldn't predict with any certainty what sort of vehicles they would learn to drive when they

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out the sentences but there is no need to if writing them in instead is simpler.

were older – maybe floating spaceships or cars that float on air?!

PE for Year 5/6 was great fun this week as we completed our unit on Dance by working in groups to compose a routine that had to include a canon sequence (performing moves one after the other), unison (performing moves all together), different levels, shapes and different ways of travelling. The children should be very proud of how they work together as a team in PE, often working with children they might not often work with otherwise. I was very impressed by their routines; you could ask them to do a mini performance at home!

**Star of the Week**

Elijah for trying to work at a faster pace in class, smiling lots and having delightful manners 😊

Lastly, Miss Blakesley and I would like to wish you a happy and healthy Half Term.

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.....**

As we wrap up this half term's focus on perseverance, it's a moment to celebrate the triumphs and lessons learned along the way. In Science, children in Templar have looked at the innovation of Spencer Silver, who famously invented the Post-it Note while aiming for a strong aircraft adhesive. Was it a failure or success? This story serves as a poignant reminder that success often emerges from unexpected places, and resilience is key to navigating setbacks. Across the school, the children have exemplified remarkable perseverance, showcasing the power of determination in reaching their goals.

**We are Stronger Together.....**

Safer Internet Day proved to be a resounding success at All Saints Marsh, with engaging and impactful activities tailored to the specific needs of our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils. In Key Stage 1, children interacted with a story featuring DigiDuck, learning valuable lessons about responsible online behaviour and how to stay safe in the digital world. Meanwhile, our Key Stage 2 pupils delved into the critical topic of online safety by exploring the concept that things aren't always as they appear online. Safer Internet Day provided a valuable opportunity for our students to enhance their knowledge and empower them to navigate the online world confidently and responsibly.

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

Parents/ carers – We need you!

I am reaching out to invite all parents/ carers to come in and speak to our children about life beyond All Saints Marsh. While we've been fortunate to welcome visitors from various professions, we're eager to provide our children with a comprehensive understanding of the diverse array of opportunities available to them. We are asking anyone who is willing to give up 10 minutes of their time to speak to school during assembly about their job. We would love to hear from as many of you as possible and have no parameters for what that job may be. If you would like more information or think you may be able to give up some of your time please speak to me or contact Mrs Webber at school.

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


What an incredible level of attendance we have seen this half term with the whole school attendance sitting at 98%. It's a testament to the dedication and commitment of both children and parents. A special shoutout to Forde for their exceptional 99% attendance, earning them the honour of the celebration breakfast. However, it's worth noting that every class achieved above 97% attendance, showcasing a collective effort towards prioritizing education and learning. Thank you to all parents for your unwavering support and commitment to ensuring your children are at school and enjoying learning!



Forest School have asked for children to help restock their supplies by collecting sticks over the half term (that fit inside a plastic bag!). Thank you!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024**

- 12.2.24 – 16.2.24 Half Term
- 21.2.24 Rags to Riches Collection
- 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
- 8.3.24 PTFA Parent / Carer Day Craft

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15.3.24 Red Nose Day

15.3.24 –National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6) – Moved to 24th May

21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day

22.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School

26.3.24 PTFA Non School Uniform (details to follow)

28.3.24 PTFA Forde Class Bake Sale

29.3.24 – 12.5.24 Half Term

7.3.24 World Book Day

27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.30pm

29.3.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break

30.4.24 Maths Challenge Day – Year 5 – details to follow.

23.5.24 PTFA Courtenay Bake Sale

24.5.24 National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)

27.5.24 – 7.6.24 Half Term and Non Pupils Days

14.6.24 PTFA Parent / Carer Craft Day

20.6.24 PTFA Templar Bake Sale

27.6.24 Sports Day / PFA Summer Fete

11.7.24 Sports Day / PTFA Summer Fete (Reserve date)

22.7.24 Leavers Assembly at St Paul's

24.7.24 End of Term

## FAMILY SUPPORT

### Household Support Fund

We are pleased to announce that the fund is now accepting applications from families who have received previous funding from earlier phases. The current phase will run until the end of March 2024.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Food
- Supporting for energy and water bills for household purposes
- Essential white goods such as a fridge, freezer, or cooker
- Consideration for petrol for essential journeys

This Fund is NOT able to provide funds for the following, which is NOT an exhaustive list:



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- Washing machines
- Driers
- Beds
- Furniture
- School Uniform

The family needs to meet the following criteria:

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 years old)
  - You are experiencing financial hardship
  - You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items linked to food, warmth, and utilities for your family
  - Not have received financial assistance from another source for the same reason
- If you consider yourself eligible and would like to apply please contact Mrs Webber.

## Worried about money?

Help is available...





Many of us are worried about the increasing cost of living.

With bills rising and winter approaching, we know that people are concerned about being able to eat properly, heat their homes and pay all of their expenses within their budget.

We also know that worrying about financial issues can have a significant impact on our mental and emotional wellbeing.


Just talking about things can help to ease this burden – and there are many sources of help and support out there. If you are struggling or worried about money, please don't let embarrassment get in the way of seeking help now.


You are not alone, many other people are facing exactly the same concerns as you and the resources listed in this leaflet are there to help.

*To visit the financial wellbeing support page on our website, scan this QR code*



### GENERAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT

	<p><b>Citizens Advice</b>  <a href="http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk">www.citizensadvice.org.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free advice and guidance on issues like struggling to pay your bills and making the most of grants and benefits</li> <li>• A wide range of other general help and support</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Money Helper</b>  <a href="http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en">www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brings together the support and services of three government-backed financial guidance providers – the Money Advice Service, the Pensions Advisory Service and Pension Wise</li> <li>• Money and pensions guidance</li> </ul>
	<p><b>National Debtline</b>  <a href="http://www.nationaldebtline.org">www.nationaldebtline.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free and independent debt advice</li> <li>• Guides, fact sheets and budgeting tools</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mental health crisis breathing space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breathing space is a national debt relief scheme. There is a special scheme for people in mental health crisis, which is run by mental health charity Rethink. You won't need to speak to the debt adviser yourself, but they'll need a form from a mental health professional before they can look at your application. Speak to someone in your mental health care team to find out more or contact the Rethink Helpline on 0808 801 0745.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>The Trussell Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.trusselltrust.org">www.trusselltrust.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find your local foodbank</li> <li>• 'Health through Hardship' scheme – talk to a Citizens Advice adviser free on 0808 208 2138</li> <li>• Emergency food parcels containing a minimum of three days' nutritionally balanced food (need to be referred and provided with a voucher to claim)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Devon County Council</b>  <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/cost-of-living">www.devon.gov.uk/cost-of-living</a></p> <p>A wide range of advice and support from bills and benefits to foodbanks and transport</p>

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# Half-term trail



**WIN one of five book bundles!**

**JOIN BIRDWATCHING DETECTIVES, THE TWITCHERS, AND EXPLORE THE BEAUTIFUL BIRDS AND AMAZING ANIMALS AT NEWTON ABBOT MUSEUM**

Complete a trail in the Museum and share your drawing on social media to enter a prize draw!

## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024


[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](http://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

<p><b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p><b>TESCO</b> Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024</p> <p><b>SAINSBURY'S CAFES</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11.30am every day.</p> <p><b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS PAYNE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p><b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p><b>GREENE KING PUBS</b> Kids Eat Free all day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024</p> <p><b>TRAVELODGE &amp; PREMIER INN</b> Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 &amp; up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p><b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p><b>TGI FRIDAYS</b> Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)</p> <p><b>IKEA</b> Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p><b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p><b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p><b>PRATO</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Prato in Half Terms</p> <p><b>YO! SUSHI</b> From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend</p> <p><b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.</p> <p><b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p><b>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES</b> At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!</p> <p><b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p><b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM</b> Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks &amp; a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p><b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p><b>FUTURE INNS</b> Under 6s eat for free with any adult meal.</p>
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## Wild Embers SEND Holiday Clubs



Our holiday club involves a range of activities designed to promote and enhance SEMH (social emotional mental health) and support children with high support needs by fostering a community of learners through resilience building and creative projects, from fire lighting, to clay modelling, to outdoor cooking and nature identification.

**HELD IN DARTINGTON**  
April 2nd; April 4th; May 28th & May 29th  
Cost: Minium donation of £5  
Bookings: email [admin@wildembers.org](mailto:admin@wildembers.org)




## Saltmine Theatre Company Presents Bob Hartman's RHYMING BIBLE


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**Saturday 24 February 2024**  
Matinee 2.30pm & Evening 7.00pm  
Evening show followed by a short Q&A with Saltmine Theatre Company

**The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot TQ12 2BY**  
Tickets: £3 children & £5 adults  
To book, call Sheila on 07932 074990 (between 9am - 7pm)

Refreshments available



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Let me tell you the story of everything!

Yes! Roll up! Roll up! For the most heavenly show of the year!

Adapted from legendary storyteller Bob Hartman's highly acclaimed Rhyming Bible, this magnificent all-age musical will take you from the creation of the earth to its glorious redemption.

In the company of two friendly Angels, you (the audience) will be enrolled as first year students at:

Angelus High  
"Kind wings, humble halos"

As first year Angels you will, of course, learn to sing (angelically), fly (magnificently) and most of all you will learn THE STORY! How did it all begin? What does it all mean? And just what is the mysterious Professor Mortarian up to?

These questions (and more) will be answered in the toe-tapping, side-splitting, roof-raising extravaganza that is the Rhyming Bible!

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## Junior rangers: Bug hotel building



📷 Making a bug hotel

**Cost:** FREE

**Date:** 16/Feb/24

**Location:** Dawlish Warren National Nature Reserve (meet at Visitor Centre)

**Contact:** BOOKING ESSENTIAL - call 01626 863980 or use the booking button

Is your garden wildlife-friendly? Build a bug hotel and provide some shelter for the invertebrates who share your space! Learn about the creatures that might move in.

10.30 am - 12 noon

Children aged 7 - 11 years

For more information please visit: [Junior rangers: Bug hotel building - Teignbridge District Council](#)

## Bushcraft and survival skills



📷 Camp fire

**Cost:** FREE (booking essential)

**Date:** 14/Feb/24

**Location:** Dawlish Countryside Park

Come and join the Rangers for an afternoon of Bushcraft where you will learn shelter building and fire lighting skills.

Children aged 6 to 16 years.

1pm - 3pm.

Meet at the main entrance notice board.

## Family orienteering challenge



📷 Family orienteering challenge

**Cost:** £1 per person - no need to book

**Date:** 15/Feb/24


**Location:** Dawlish Warren Visitor Centre

Family drop in session. Collect a map from the Visitors Centre and set off on the trail. See if you can find the stations faster than anyone else!

11am - 3pm.

Call 01626 863980 for more information.

Dogs on leads only.

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## Midwinter moonlight



 Moon

**Cost:** FREE

**Date:** 12/Feb/24


**Location:** Dawlish Countryside Park - meet inside the gates near the notice boards

Join us for a night walk for a midwinter ramble. We will be looking at the moon and stars and learning to navigate our way around the solar system!

Wear sturdy footwear as (though not walking far) we will be in a field and wear a warm hat if you have one.

7 - 9pm.

All ages welcome.

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