



Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th March 2024



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	99% Amazing well done Forde Class
Courtenay	97%
Templar	94%

This week's whole school attendance:

Last week's whole school attendance:

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

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

Spellings – rules as well as words please.

English

Reading comprehension.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Templar class LOVE reading, and I so enjoy talking to the children about their book choices, which we do A LOT! I am thrilled that several children have asked for the Varjak Paw series, or the Highland Falcon Thief series, as Christmas/birthday gifts. With this love of reading in mind, and the visit last week to the library for World Book Day, I have found another exciting offering from the Library to share with you all:


The Secret Book Quest reading programme, run by the library, is being expanded online this year...there will now be an interactive digital platform which will feature games and an unlockable story. The chapters are presented in text to read with an accompanying audio version narrated by the award-winning Jo Pickard.

For more information, visit: www.librariesunlimited.org.uk/secret-book-quest

In English this week, Templar class have started to complete their

Star of the Week

Jenson for a fresh determination to work with an adult to show his skills

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in writing.

independent writing outcome based on 'The Piano,' which is a very moving video about a grandfather whose mind travels back to memories from his time in the war, time with his wife and his grandson. We have followed the new LAP planning model, which aims to improve the planning experience for the children. Please do watch the video and ask your child about their writing piece because they are a real celebration of progress in writing in Templar.

<https://www.literacyshed.com/piano.html>

Lastly, Miss Blakesley and I would like to thank the Year 4s and the Year 5s – as well as all ASM staff – for their flexibility this week, because it has been the final practice SATs week for the Year 6s. The national Year 6 SATs week is in the week beginning May 13th, with papers happening every day from Monday-Thursday. The papers have taught Year 6, teaching and support staff about our progress and our next steps.

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

I would like to take a moment to express our pride in the commitment and hard work demonstrated by our Year 6 children this week as they completed practice SATs papers. Their resilience and perseverance were truly remarkable, as they tackled challenging questions and worked through each task with determination. As parents/carers, your support and encouragement play a crucial role in nurturing these qualities in our children. Well done Year 6!

We all belong in our School Trust

It was truly inspiring to witness one of our children stand before the school and share their experience of celebrating Ramadan this week. Their willingness to talk about their faith in front of the whole school showcased their courage and it was wonderful to witness how attentive the rest of the school community was during this time. This act perfectly embodies our school's core value of love at All Saints Marsh. The love demonstrated by the other children during the collective worship was evident, as they listened attentively and asked



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questions to grow their understanding further!

In removing barriers for all

We would like to remind all parents about the upcoming Easter Service at St. Paul's Church in Newton Abbot, scheduled for March 27th at 13:45. Our children have been preparing readings and songs for this special occasion, and we are thrilled to share this memorable experience with you. It promises to be a beautiful celebration of Easter and a meaningful opportunity for our school community to come together in reflection and joy.

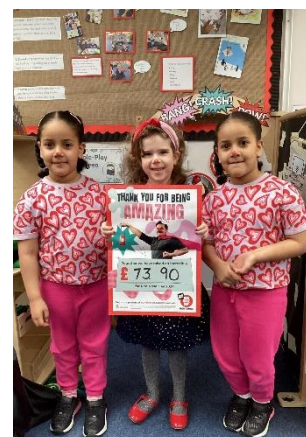
We invite your child to make an easter bonnet at home (if they wish) and bring in to wear to the church and during the service. Please bring the bonnets into school by Tuesday 26th March marked with your child's name.

Here are some of the fabulous creations from last year for inspiration!

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


We are excited to share that we had another inspiring visitor this week who offered valuable insights into his career. Larry, a Director of Art for a local company, captivated the children with fascinating details about his profession. The children had the opportunity to ask questions, gaining a deeper understanding of how a passion for art can evolve into an exciting and fulfilling career. The children were particularly excited to see a campaign centred around footballer Killian Mbappe and there was certainly a buzz.

And a HUGE thank you for the generous donations for Red Nose Day



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

- 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

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7.3.24 World Book Day

27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.45pm

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

OFFICE NEWS

The summer menus have been published on MCAS. Please can you pre-order your child's meal a day in advance at home, this helps with saving time in the morning and helps our kitchen staff to pe plan. This term we are also asking children to select the desert they would like. If you have any problems accessing MCAS please let Mrs Webber know. Thank you for your support.

Copies of the new menus can be found [here](#).

Did you see us on the front page of the Mid Devon Advertiser this week?! More of our fantastic World Book day photos can also be found [here](#)

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FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

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Smoke on go for airshow See page 7

Stage is now set for latest act

Schools celebrate World Book Day See page 15

★ All Emergency Bathrooms in Devon Within 7 Miles

FREE £150 OFF

See story on page 2

Words in pictures as schools celebrate World Book Day

Pupils bring their favourite book characters to life

◆ All Saints Marsh School world book day

◆ Pupils from Newton Abbot Primary School

◆ Miss Atkinson at the Mad Hatter with Liam Matthews at All Saints Marsh School

◆ Youngsters from Murrenhampton Primary School

Devon's young wizards and Wallys weave World Book Day wonders



Pupils from All Saints Marsh, Coff Academy, celebrated this year with a visit to **Newton Abbot Library**. Pupils from the 'small school with a BIG heart' dressed up as their favourite and most inspirational book characters, from *Cat in the Hat* to the *Gruffalo* and lots more in between. To celebrate their love of reading, the pupils enjoyed a story being read to them by library staff, had a tour of the library, and participated in book-inspired arts and crafts.

Liam O'Sullivan, headteacher, said: "There was an incredible buzz around the school as the children came in and admired each other's World Book Day outfits. Laughter filled the classrooms as they tried to guess who their friends were, and children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories."

"We then shared our love of reading with Newton Abbot Library, where the children enjoyed creating their own settings from books, designing their own bookmarks, sharing a story, and completing a scavenger hunt using story characters as clues! The children came back inspired and keen to explore new books; some even started their own stories. Watch this space."



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MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

It is non school uniform on Tuesday 26th March. In return for wearing non uniform the PTFA are asking for donations to make up yummy Easter hampers. These will then be raffled at the Forde Bake Sale on Thursday 28th March. Tickets for the raffle will be available to purchase on the school gate on the morning of Thursday 28th March. If you are unable to purchase them in the morning, please send your child in with an envelope with their name on and money inside. It is £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn during the Forde Class Bake Sale at 3.30pm.

All Saints Marsh C of E Academy



FAMILY SUPPORT



Is now OPEN and LIVE.
The programme is for children who are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals. For a list of providers please search here [HAF providers map - Easter 2024 – Education and Families](#)

[devon.gov.uk](https://www.devon.gov.uk). There is a great selection in the Newton Abbot area.


The HAF Website is now live!

The programme of events for the Easter holidays has now gone live in Devon

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-map/>

Please share far and wide!
Places are limited

Fully funded places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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. We'll provide slow cooker, ingredients and utensils, you just need to turn up and bring a pot to collect your cooked meal in at the end of the day!

Saturday 16th March

Meet at 9:30 to prep and chat
Return at 5pm to collect your meal

Pre-booking is **ESSENTIAL** due to limited places. Head to our facebook page to find more info and booking link.

 [facebook.com/TheCourtenayCentre](https://www.facebook.com/TheCourtenayCentre)



SUCCESSFUL SEED SAVING PLAN, PREPARE AND SHARE

Thursday 18th April
7pm - 8.30pm
The Courtenay Centre, Kingsteignton Road, TQ12 2QA

Learn how to harvest and store seeds to save money, share seeds with others and to safeguard heritage varieties.

Free Refreshments!

Find out which seeds should not be saved.

Discover the delight of sowing and growing plants from your own seeds.

Seed Library The Courtenay Centre



THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY
Open again on Saturday 30th March

COMING SOON! EASTER QUEST
Easter Holidays
Discover secrets in the museum and the mystery of the lost golden egg!
Keep an eye out for more details about our Easter trail on our social media!

THE CABINET OF CURIOSITIES
Team up to create a board game based around museum collections!
Look out for more news on our social media.
Tuesday 9th April
10:30am - 13:30pm
Teens group 4pm - 6pm
COMING SOON!



EASTER SATURDAY
COURTENAY STREET 30TH MARCH 10AM - 2PM

Easter egg giveaways Face painting
Balloon modelling Walkabout fun
Live music from The Hot House Combo

ST LEONARD'S TOWER OPEN!
10am - 1:30pm Saturday 30th March
Come and collect your unique Tower sticker for your Pastport!
Children under 5 are not permitted up the tower

CREATIVE NEWTON ABBOT
10am - 1:30pm Saturday 30th March
Look out for the orange gazebo in Courtenay Street

Begin your Easter celebrations at the Creative Newton Abbot arts and crafts stall in the middle of town from 10am - 2pm.
Make some Easter decorations and take part in the famous Egg and Spoon races on the hour to win some chocolatey prizes!





HOME EDUCATION LEGO WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH
10:00 - 12:00
DETAILS AND BOOKING TBC
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BRICKIDEASOHMEED](https://www.facebook.com/brickideasohomeed)

TWILIGHT SKETCHING
MONDAY 18TH MARCH
16:00 - 18:00
Come and enjoy the peace and quiet of the museum and use our inspirational objects to sketch and draw.

HERITAGE CREATIVES
Home Education sessions for ages 12+ FREE
Explore the museum and be inspired by its collections to create art and learn about history.
10:30 - 12:30 MONDAY 25TH MARCH

FOR FULL INFORMATION ON EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WHAT'S ON PAGE:
<https://museum-newtonabbot.org.uk/visiting/whats-on/>
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