



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	96% Well done Forde Class!
Courtenay	92%
Templar	94%

This week's whole school attendance: 94%  
Last week's whole school attendance: 96.8%

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**

Grammar worksheet. Please answer on the sheet.

**Star of the Week**

Freddie, for being a really supportive

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Science this week, Year 5/6 had great fun setting up and running an experiment to explore this question: Why do some meteors make larger craters than others? This lesson showed real progression because it was an opportunity for the children to plan their own experiment using provided resources and to follow a clear planning template that asked them to consider fair testing (what variable within the experiment would they change and what would they keep the same). We had a great time dropping balls – of different sizes and weights – into a bowl of flour, dusted with cocoa powder to make a crater impact! We learned that the greater the mass, the greater the crater. Mass is an interesting scientific concept because we often confuse it with weight in everyday language. It can also be muddled with size i.e. the bigger the size of an object, the bigger the

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peer coach and helping his friend show his potential in lessons

mass but this experiment confirmed this was not the case because our small tennis ball made a much bigger crater than our large soft ball!

Year 4 have been considering the impact of deforestation in Geography this week with Miss Harris. They also explored some of the reasons for deforestation and how its impact could be reduced (e.g. planting new trees).

Well done to Templar Year 4 and Year 5 who have completed a termly Reading test this week. There was so much determination and focus in the room you could almost feel it!

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**

This week in celebration assembly we have been focusing on ourselves as learners. Using a towering Jenga structure, we visually depicted the essence of our best learning selves. Each block represented an aspect of our learning journey, showcasing resilience, curiosity, and determination. However, we also explored how distractions and challenges can weaken our foundation, symbolized by the removal of blocks until the tower eventually toppled. Witnessing children all the way through the school articulate what makes them a great learner was wonderful to hear and we will be revisiting this activity again when thinking more about metacognition.


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

Have you seen our reinvigorated stage area in the Early Years? Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mr. Mead, our early years space has had some TLC. It was lovely to see our children in the painting process, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in their learning environment. Please join us in extending our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Mead for his outstanding work

#### **In removing barriers for all**

As you navigate the hustle of school drop-offs and pickups, please can I ask that we prioritise the safety for our children and the community. With limited parking available around the school, please use the available parking



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permits for Osborne Carpark to ease congestion. Our foremost concern is the safety of our children and the public, so please park responsibly and avoid obstructing traffic flow. Let's also be mindful of our neighbours and refrain from careless parking that may inconvenience residents. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

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

We're thrilled to share the resounding success of our recent cricket engagement day! It was great to see the children participating and engaging with cricket, possibly igniting a passion that may lead to continued involvement in the sport. Their enthusiasm and willingness to try something new are a testament to the event's success, and we look forward to more opportunities to play cricket coming up in the Summer Term.



It is non school uniform on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets for the raffle will be available to purchase on the school gate on the morning of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **Attendance Breakfast**


Congratulations to Templar AND Forde class who have won this half terms attendance breakfast. Children are invited to come in at 8am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March for a yummy breakfast! ☆

### **After School Clubs**

KS2 Football club starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please sign up via MCAS  
KS1 Cooking Club starts on 17<sup>th</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please sign up via MCAS.

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

- 26.3.24 PTFA Non School Uniform – in exchange for a chocolate gift for the PTFA raffle!
- 27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.45pm
- 28.3.24 PTFA Forde Class Bake Sale and Easter raffle
- 29.3.24 – 12.5.24 Half Term
- 29.3.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break

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19.4.24 - Martial Arts Day - All to wear PE uniform

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](#).

### 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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#). There is a great selection in the Newton Abbot area.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



**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



**Treat yourself in happy hour!**

FRIDAYS 12-1PM



Buy a hot drink and get 50% off a slice of cake

Every Friday we have a 'Happy Hour' in our café.

This week we have

Lemon and poppyseed cupcakes 🍪 Vegan apricot and raisin flapjack 🌱

Victoria sponge 🍰

From 12noon-1pm buy a hot drink and receive 50% off our amazing homemade cak

### Newton Abbot Town & GWR Museum

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../make-and-create-paper...>

Book our FREE place now




*Museum Make  
and Create*



**Stained Glass  
6th April  
10:30-12.30**



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**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/BRICKIDEASHOMEED](https://www.facebook.com/brickideashomeed)



**TWILIGHT SKETCHING**

MONDAY 18TH MARCH

16:00 - 18:00

Come and enjoy the peace and quiet of the museum and be inspired by its objects to sketch and draw.

**HERITAGE CREATIVES**

Home Education sessions for ages 12+

Explore the museum and be inspired by its collections to create art and learn about history.

10:30 - 12:30 MONDAY 25TH MARCH

**FREE**



**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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Buckland Centre Picnic in the Park this Easter! 🐣🌸 Come along on Monday 8th April from 1pm-3pm for easter themed fun! Bring along a blanket, and join us for free lunch as well as activities like egg and spoon races, as well a spot of craft. Fear not, if it's a bit soggy outside, we'll be picnicking inside the centre instead!

**FREE Hop on over for our EASTER Holiday Picnic**

**Easter Picnic in the Park**  
**Monday April 8th : 1pm - 3pm**  
**by the Sandringham Park play area**


*Inside the Buckland Centre if wet.*

Bring along a blanket and join us for an Easter holiday Picnic in the Park!  
We'll provide free lunch for children and parents.  
There will also be craft and games, like egg and spoon races and lots of other fun!

**No need to book.**  
**Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.**



**COMMUNITY FUND** **THE BUCKLAND CENTRE** **Newton Abbot cic**

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