



# Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Please read 4x a week.

Please see your child's Home Learning book which comes home every **Friday**

Dear Parents and carers,

A busy week this week in Forde Class with lots of exciting learning happening in all areas of the curriculum! Thank you to all who were able to donate today for Red Nose Day – it was strange to see a sea of red in assembly instead of our usual blue!

In Maths children have been looking at length and height – they have used rulers to measure objects in and around the classroom. We have also been revisiting some prior learning such as addition and subtraction. These skills are vital for children to master so we have been having another practice at remembering some of the strategies and methods we can use to add and subtract successfully.

Star of the Week:

Ezra – For using wonderful Maths vocabulary!

In writing, children have been writing a recount of the trip we took to the library. The children have worked hard on these pieces of writing and remembered to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops where appropriate.

In Geography we have been looking at how climate changes around the globe. We coloured heat maps to show the hottest and coldest places in the world.

We have had fun using basic coding skills this week by thinking about instructions. We were then able to use our partners as 'robots' and instruct them to go where they needed to go! We then looked at the Beebots and saw how it is important to be accurate when giving instructions so that the Beebot reaches its required end-point!

In RE children have continued their learning around Islam. We were lucky to hear about Ramadan in assembly on Friday when Iman from Year 4 stood up and talked to us about how he is fasting for the first time. The children have been learning about how Muslim people pray and the importance of prayer in to Muslim people.

Our Science learning this week was exciting – we are putting all of our knowledge on Materials into practice by designing boats. The children thought carefully about the materials they would need to build a boat that would be able to cross an expanse of water. We get to build them next week!

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Perry-Bates and Miss Rippon

### 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 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 26<sup>th</sup> March marked with your child's name.

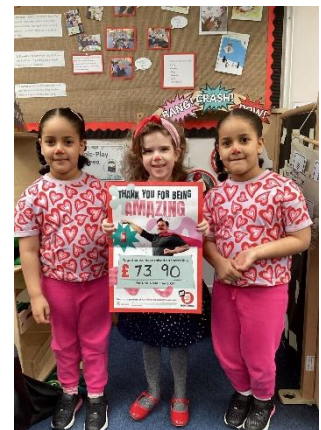
Here are some of the fabulous creations from last year for inspiration!



## **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  
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 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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**Schools celebrate World Book Day**  
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THE latest act in a lengthy drama over the historic Alexandra Theatre in Newton Abbot will be given our seal of approval...  
 Teignbridge Council planning committee is being advised as part of plans from the theatre's charitable Community Benefit Society for a new art installation for a bar and cafe...  
 Supporters say it is part of a long-running campaign, and the new facilities will help the theatre pay for itself. There have been 122 letters in favour of the application and just two against.  
 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 over 1000**

**Wardham - a plethora of Pupils from All Saints Marsh in Newton Abbot**

There were Harry Potter, Cuckoo, Mad Hatter and Alice and many more at this year's World Book Day. Pupils across Teignbridge joined in the annual event which encourages youngsters to read and celebrate reading for pleasure.

Children from All Saints Marsh C of E Academy marked the day in style with a book-themed morning. The children enjoyed a story being read to them by staff at the library.

They had a busy and fun day in book-inspired art and craft.

Each child took home a book character matching them to home from a fantastic collection of books that will spark their own interest from their local bookshop.

Headteacher Liam O'Sullivan said: "There was a wonderful buzz around the school as the children came in and celebrated each other's World Book Day outfits."

A laughter filled the classrooms as they read to each other. Some brought their own stories to read to each other.

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In Newton Abbot school, staff and pupils dressed up as characters from their favourite books.

The day started with a parade of costumes which the boys received from a bus.

and got to work (our group was awarded a certificate) as part of the day. Pupils got dressed up as world famous authors and read from their favourite books and the staff can come along about reading where the children read to us and listened to the staff read.

The day finished with an after school World Book Day show where lots of story characters were on display.

**Miss Johnson in the Mad Hatter with Liam Matthews in Alice in Wonderland from Marstonhamstead Primary School**

**Teachers from Marstonhamstead Primary School**

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



Pupils from All Saints Marsh, C of E 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."

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

All Saints Marsh C of E Academy



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.



## 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



## 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)

The Courtenay Centre logo is in the top right corner.



**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 logo and The Courtenay Centre logo are at the bottom.

**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

**NEWTON ABBOT**

**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 use our inspirational 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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Wolborough Street  
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Tel: 01626 201 121  
Email: [groups@newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk](mailto:groups@newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk)

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**Costume Library**  
Newton Abbot Library

Borrow a costume from our costume library! We have a wide range of outfits for children to choose from, including a range of sizes and styles. Browse the full selection in our children's library.

Items can be borrowed from the staff desk for up to three weeks, just like a normal library book.

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