



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

## Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	97% Well done!
Courtenay	96%
Templar	93%

This week's whole school attendance: 95.6%

Last week's whole school attendance: 97.1%

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

*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

Home Learning  
Spellings with the rules.

SPAG: word classes

Reading:

Comprehension

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, Templar class have completed their own newspaper report about the Big Bad Pig and the three little wolves. One of the sections of the newspaper explored why the Pig felt compelled to cause such damage to the homes of the three little wolves and we had some very funny, creative ideas! For example, throughout the story, the wolves cherish a china teapot: one child suggested that the Pig is destroying their homes because he wanted to buy the china teapot, but the wolves pushed in front of him in the queue! Another suggestion was that there was a history of family conflict between the pigs and the wolves – a bit like an animal version of Romeo and Juliet!

Year 5 and Year 6 are studying 'The House of Wisdom' in History this Half

## Star of the Week

Ivy for so willingly giving extra time to edit her writing.

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Term as a way of answering their Key Question: Why should we remember Baghdad 900AD? Looking to other cultures and countries as a way of explaining our own past and current life experience is really eye-opening for the children. We have learned that The House of Wisdom was created as a private library in 786AD in Baghdad, Iraq. In 830AD, it became a public centre for learning: it's aim was to seek knowledge by inviting scholars all of faiths, men and women, to debate learning and to translate important scholarly texts. This determination to develop learning, instead of just accepting what you knew, was really unusual for the time: debate, challenge and change is standard in universities today and the House of Wisdom is partly where such an approach came from.

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**


As we commemorate Earth Day in this week's worship, we've been reflecting on the role our school community plays in caring for our planet. It was wonderful to see our youngest children in Forde talk about recycling after completing activities in class. Encouraging our children to take an active role in making our school more eco-friendly is key to fostering a sense of responsibility towards the environment and this will be the role of the Eco Rangers. We eagerly anticipate seeing the innovative ideas and initiatives they'll propose to enhance sustainability within our school.

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

Last Friday every child in the school had the opportunity to participate in a Martial Arts session, and the enthusiasm and enjoyment were palpable. From learning new techniques to experiencing the discipline and focus of martial arts, the children were captivated throughout the day. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to engage both physically and mentally while learning valuable skills. We're grateful for the instructor's expertise and dedication in making this day such a memorable and enriching experience for our children.

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

Wednesday's Cricket Engagement Day was a resounding success! It was truly wonderful to witness the enthusiasm and excitement of the children as they participated in various cricket

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activities. Seeing them embrace the spirit of the game and enjoy themselves so thoroughly was incredibly heartening. We are fortunate to be within walking distance of this high-quality sports facility and through use of the tennis club are looking forward to creating more opportunities for our children.

### **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. If full up you will be added to a waiting list.

KS2 tennis club starts on 11.6.24 and is subsidised by the Academy. Please sign up via MCAS / Clubs.

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

30.4.24 Maths Challenge Day – Year 5

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

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Ready Player Read is Newton Abbot Library's brand new reading challenge for adults! Pop in and see a staff member to sign up for the challenge, and collect your free reading passport. You'll also get a voucher for a free book reservation to help you get started! Ready Player Read is packed full of 16 prompts to help you pick up something a little different from the shelves, and encourage you to do one of our favourite things - read! That's not all! Read just 10 prompts before the end of the year to be entered into our prize draw for a chance to win a book bundle.



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**CALLING ALL CREATIVES**



**GET INVOLVED IN OUR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE EVENTS THIS YEAR!**

**The theme this year is Marvellous Makers**

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**LAUNCHING TODAY!**

**IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK**



**NEWTON ABBOT LIBRARY**




**NEWTON SEED LIBRARY**

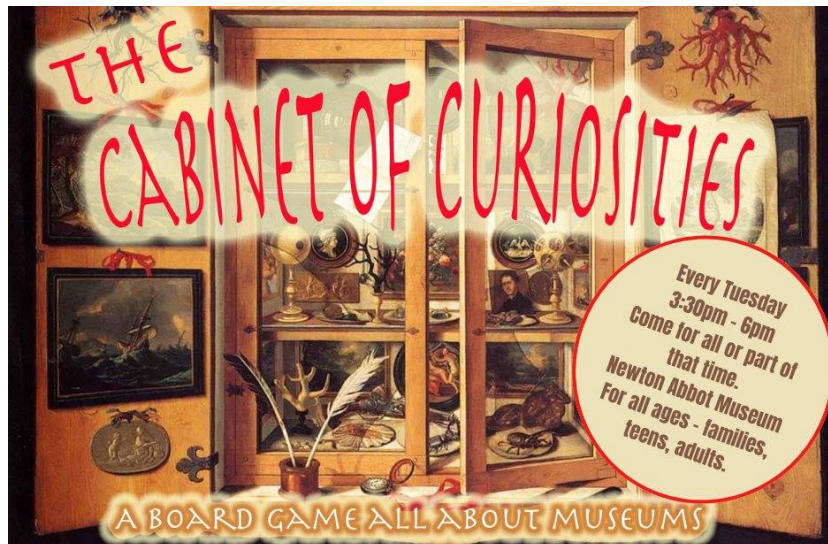


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Every Tuesday  
3:30pm - 6pm  
Come for all or part of  
that time.  
Newton Abbot Museum  
For all ages - families,  
teens, adults.

Help the museum invent a brand new board game.  
During sessions we will play games, talk about  
board games, explore the mechanics of how games  
work, and then we will invent a table top adventure  
about collecting and museums!

★ **FREE** ★  
Drop-in sessions  
(& free biscuits - yayyyy)



## Toddler Tuesdays

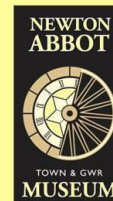


Weekly FREE  
sessions  
for 0-4 years


(Term Times Only)

Please pre-book on our  
website

Story Time  
Play  
Rhyme Time  
Sing-Along  
Craft activities once a month



Every Tuesday 9.30am-10:30am

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