



Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 12th July 2024



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	97%
Courtenay	96%
Templar	100%

This week's whole school attendance: 97.5%
Last week's whole school attendance: 98%

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

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

All: spellings

There will be some unfamiliar words this week. Please use a dictionary/online dictionary to make sure you are clear on the meaning.

Reading: A comprehension about 'The Highwayman.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started working on one of my favourite poems in English this week – 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. It is a narrative poem, which means it tells a story. Poetry can often be overlooked because of a misconception that the reader can't gain very much from poetry but 'The Highwayman' is packed full of a wide variety of strong emotions: love, fear, courage, risk – you name it, it's probably in there! There was an audible gasp from the children when the final twist in the poem was revealed: I am delighted with how well they have engaged with the poem. They worked in pairs or groups to draw the meaning of a stanza so that, when we put it together, we had unpicked the shape and story of the whole poem.

On Tuesday, Templar class and Year 4 Courtenay were lucky enough to go to Coombeshead Academy to watch their panto – Legally Blonde. The

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children really enjoyed their Christmas performance of Peter Pan so we had high expectations and the show did not disappoint! It is great to interact with secondary schools in this way as it gives the children a glimpse of what secondary education can be like so we're very grateful for the opportunity to go. It was very funny!

We also had a visiting author in Worship on Wednesday who enthralled us with her story of 'Chloe and the Bright Idea.' It is a brilliant story (with a mixture of fiction and truth) about bravery. If your child would like to purchase the book, please scan the QR code on the back of the bookmark they brought home.

Star of the Week

Ivy for being brave with challenging questions and striving so hard to challenge herself in her work. I am really looking forward to Year 5 with you Ivy 😊

Lastly, please can we make a polite request that, if possible, please can school dinners be ordered before school. Several children going through a main and dinner option takes a bit of time so it's really helpful if it's already ordered. Any questions about how to do this, please speak to Mrs Webber in the office. Thank you.

Mrs Mott and Miss Blakesley
Templar Class teachers

Please note:

PE days for Year 5 and Year 6 Templar are now Tuesday and Thursday.
Tuesday Y5: Gymnastics (normal school PE kit)
Tuesday Y6: Swimming (swimming kit and packed lunch)
Thursday Y5 and Y6: Athletics (normal school PE kit)

PE for Year 4: Thursday and Friday.

MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN


We Believe.....

We are stronger together

This week, our worship sessions had a special focus on reading, creating a buzz of excitement among the children. We were thrilled to welcome a local author, whose visit captivated and inspired our children. Additionally, Newton Abbot library paid us a visit to launch the summer reading challenge, encouraging a love of books and reading over the holidays. For more information on how to participate in the summer reading challenge, please contact the school or Newton Abbot library.

We all belong in our School Trust

It has been truly wonderful to see all children accessing the Forest School curriculum this year, with the

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last few groups completing their sessions this week. Watching the children engage in these activities with enthusiasm and curiosity has been incredibly rewarding. We extend our thanks to the Forest School teachers for their dedication and time in enriching our curriculum, ensuring that every child had the opportunity to learn and grow through these unique, hands-on experiences.

In removing barriers for all

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the PTFA for their remarkable efforts in hosting this year's summer fair. The impact of your fundraising events has been profound, enabling our children to enjoy free trips and providing resources for the school. Your commitment has made a significant difference for our children and for that, we thank you immensely.

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

We are delighted to announce that our Year 6 children are off on an exciting stand-up paddleboarding trip, a well-deserved celebration of their hard work throughout the year and their entire school journey. This adventure promises to be a memorable experience, rewarding their dedication and achievements. We look forward to hearing all about the brilliant time they have had at Goodrington beach and the wonderful memories they will create.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

19.7.24 Year 6 Cream Tea Event – Please pre order by completing the form

<https://forms.office.com/e/3KMkhUd1GL>

22.7.24 Leavers Assembly at St Paul's 1.30- 2.15

24.7.24 End of Term


OFFICE NEWS

Dear Families,

As we get ready to move into the next academic year we have reviewed parental consents within MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) and we need your permission to enable photographs and videos to be used. You have

the opportunity to choose 'Yes or No' for each consent type. The list also includes permission for an external photographer to take individual and class/group photos. Please log into your MCAS App and click on Parental Consents. Each consent has a full description for you to consider and further information can be found in our Photography and Video Consent Policy.



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Thank you to those who have already updated their preferences.

Can we also ask that you order your child's school dinner in advance at home (not in school) as this takes up valuable learning time. The kitchen also use the pre orders to plan what food need to be ordered. If you need help with this, please let Mrs Webber know.

FAMILY SUPPORT

DEVON Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

The Devon HAF programme for the Summer holidays is due to go live on Friday 28th June, parents of eligible children can start to book your spaces – letters will be sent home with the children today. For more details please visit: [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/haf)

There is an extended criteria which can allow 15% allocation of spaces for the following:

- Children in care
- Children previously looked after
- Children with EHCP's
- Young carers

Plant Sale, this Saturday

We're fortunate enough to have been given some pumpkin and gourd plants so we're having a plant sale! There will be no set cost so please make a donation on the day - you'll find the plants in the main foyer.

All money raised helps to support the amazing work our charity [Libraries Unlimited](#) continues to do across the county.

[Newton Abbot Seed Library](#)



Exciting News for Parents in Devon! 🍌🍷

We're proud participants of [Devon County Council Healthy Food and Activities Program \(HAF\)](#), and if your child receives free school meals, they can enjoy a fully funded swim and snack!! 🍌🍷

It's easy to get started. Just use the eligibility code you received from your child's school to join in on the fun. Let's make the most of this wonderful opportunity to keep our kids happy, healthy, and



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active.

Don't let these passes go to waste – spread the word and share this post with your friends and fellow parents! 🌟

🌟What is a HAF Club? It's a government-funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) program, providing children on means-tested benefits the opportunity to have a swim for free with an adult!!

? Who's Eligible? Children aged 5-16 who qualify for benefit-related Free School Meals.

? How do I book? Email aaron@fishkids.co.uk with your HAF code.



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YOUNG CURATORS' CLUB



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

FREE

AGES
8 - 16

BOOK NOW ON
OUR EVENTBRITE




EVERY TUESDAY FROM
30TH JULY UNTIL 27TH
AUGUST 10:30AM -
12:30PM
(COME TO AS MANY OR
AS FEW AS SUITS YOU)

TRY OUT BEING A CURATOR OF A
MUSEUM ACROSS THE SUMMER.
EXPLORE BEHIND THE SCENES,
LEARN HOW TO LOOK AFTER
PRECIOUS OBJECTS, CHOOSE
OBJECTS FOR A DISPLAY IN THE
MUSEUM, LEARN HOW TO
CONSERVE FRAGILE OBJECTS.



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