



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	97%
Courtenay	96%
Templar	98% Well Done!

This week's whole school attendance: 96.8%  
Last week's whole school attendance: 97.1%

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

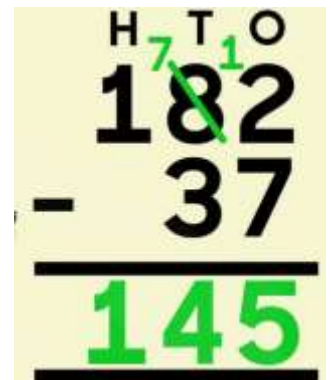
*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

Home Learning

SPAG worksheets.  
Please answer on the sheet.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week started brilliantly with a trip to Newton Abbot Museum. The workshops were led by the Museum staff and they focussed on our current History research question: What was the impact of the railway on Newton Abbot? Maps showed us that the introduction of the railway meant a lot more houses and businesses were built in Newton Abbot as people came to seek work or holiday here. We were really lucky because we were allowed to handle so many items and the children even wore Railway uniform and used train



**Star of the Week**

Lewis for his amazing writing

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outcome in English! Lewis is so determined to be show his skills and is becoming brave with his ideas. Keep it up Lewis!

signals!

In Maths this week, we have been looking at subtraction with exchanging. This means when it is necessary to exchange a digit in the top row of numbers in order to complete the subtraction; sometimes, more than one exchange is necessary.

This link gives examples and opportunities to practise more at home:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zc78srd#zv8xdfm>

In Science, we are exploring adaptation and evolution. After reading The Molliebird story, about how animals adapt over time to suit their environment, the children had to categorise different types of adaptation such as Behavioural or Functional Adaptation. They then learned about examples of plants and animals that have adapted successfully, before designing their own adapted human. Please do ask them about this as there were some innovative and well-considered suggestions across the class. We also giggled about some of the quirkiest ideas!

Mrs Mott and Miss Blakesley  
Templar Class teachers

Please note: PE days are –  
Friday EVERY week

Reach Outdoors - Tuesdays in two week blocks

When it is not a Reach Outdoors Tuesday – no PE

Please see the letter from Mrs Webber. These sessions require different or additional PE kit.

### MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

#### **We Believe:**


It was truly wonderful to see so many of you joining us for our Harvest Festival celebrations at the church this week. The children did an amazing job of sharing the true message of Harvest, reminding us all of the importance of gratitude, community, and giving. Their readings and songs created a beautiful service that reflected their hard work and understanding of this special time. We are incredibly proud of them for putting on such a meaningful and memorable celebration!

#### **We are Stronger Together**

It has been absolutely brilliant to see so many creative applications coming in to name our new house teams! We are truly impressed by the thought and imagination that has gone into each entry. It's clear how much time and effort the children have put into choosing names that reflect the spirit of our school and community. We can't wait to share the winning names with you all soon!

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



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The children in Templar class had a brilliant time at the museum this week, and they returned full of excitement, eager to share what they had learned about the fascinating history of the railway in Newton Abbot. It was wonderful to see their curiosity sparked by such a rich part of our local heritage. These community links are so important in bringing history to life for our children, and we're delighted to announce that the museum staff will be running a History club next term, giving even more opportunities for hands-on learning and exploration.



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

A final reminder that our [Parent Feedback questionnaire](#) is now open! We encourage all our parents to take part, as this is your chance to share your thoughts on what we do well and where we can improve. Your feedback is incredibly important to us, and it helps ensure that we are moving the school in the direction that best meets the needs of our families. By working together, we can provide the best possible experience for your children, so please take this opportunity to have your voice heard!



### **OCTOBER 2024**


- 14.10.24 Individual school photos (siblings from 8.30am)
- 15.10.24 –Templar – Reach Outdoors
- 15.10.24 EYFS Meeting 2.45
- 18.10.24 – Forde Forest School
- 15.10.24 EYFS Meeting 11.30 and 2.45
- 22.10.24 –Templar – Reach Outdoors
- 24.10.24 Grandparents Day KS2 (2 – 2.30, KS1 2.30 -3). See letter for more details.

### **NOVEMBER 2024**

- 5.11.24 – Courtenay Reach Outdoors
- 8.11.24 – Forde Forest School
- 8.11.24 Flu Immunisations – Please see letters emailed home
- 12.11.24 – Courtenay Reach Outdoors
- 22.11.24- Forde Forest School
- 22.11.24 PTFA Non school uniform – In exchange for wearing non school uniform please bring in a cuddly / soft toy donation for our the PTFA Christmas Fete.

### **DECEMBER 2024**

- 6.12.24- Forde Forest School
- 6.12.24 – PTFA Non school uniform – In exchange for wearing non school uniform please bring in a chocolate treat for our the PTFA Christmas Fete.
- 11.12.24 – Christmas Jumper Day / PTFA Cinema Trip / Christmas Dinner
- 12.12.24 PTFA Christmas Disco KS1 3 -3.45 KS2 4 – 5pm

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17.12.24 Nativity St Pauls Church PM

18.12.24 PTFA Christmas Fete PM

20.12.24- Forde Forest School

## FAMILY SUPPORT



**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**WEDNESDAY**

11th September  
9th October  
13th November  
11th December

A free one stop shop for help and advice for anyone who is struggling with the following:

- Care of Living Costs (Energy)
- Housing
- Employment and Training
- Mental Health
- Being an unpaid carer
- WHS App Access
- And more...

Helping you with your health and well-being.

**Time:** 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Location:** The Courtenay Centre

Logos: Courtenay Centre, All Saints Marsh, Forde Forest School, Follow Courtenay Centre on Social Media for updates, Instagram, Facebook

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Slow Cooker Saturday**

**SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER**

9.30AM TO PREP AND CHAT  
& RETURN AT 5PM TO COLLECT YOUR MEAL  
AT THE COURTENAY CENTRE


Join us once a month to meet up and prepare a slow cooked meal to take home!  
Each month will be a new recipe. It is completely free to join to join in.  
We'll provide all the ingredients, slow cooker and utensils you will need to prepare your meal.  
You'll just need to bring a pot to collect your meal at the end of the day.

Book your **FREE** space here

Prebooking is **essential** due to limited spaces.  
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Big Music Collective & Paddleboat Theatre Present ...



# BIG DREAMS PROJECT

## OCTOBER HALF TERM FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS

• Mon 28th Oct - 10am - 12pm - Newton Abbot Library

• Tue 29th Oct - 1 - 3pm - Teign Heritage Centre

### COLLAGE & DOODLES:

WELCOMING FAMILIES OF ALL AGES -  
MINIMUM AGES 6+ / 20 SPACES AVAILABLE  
FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Join in and have your artwork  
printed in a published book!

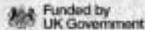
Come and create doodles & collaged illustrations  
to be printed in the REAL Big Dreams Story Book  
which will be published and printed.


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THE PRINTED BOOK ONCE PUBLISHED!

### Book Tickets Here:

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