



# Courtenay 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

Please ensure that children are reading at least 4 times a week and it is recorded in their reading records.

Spellings and maths homework will be sent home weekly.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week here in Courtenay class this week.

In English, the children have been immersing themselves into poetry. We are still writing to entertain but are now focusing on poetry. We have been looking at a poem all about a boy that cannot see but uses his senses to describe colour.

In Maths this week, we have explored all things Roman numerals which the children have absolutely loved having a go at. We ended the week by completing our Addition and Subtraction elicitation, which allows me to

<p>Spelling tests will take place each Friday.</p>	<p>see what the children already know in this unit before we start our new learning.</p> <p>As Historians, the children have been, making comparisons between the Old Stone Age, the New Stone Age and the Iron Age. It has been amazing to see how much information the children have retained from our History lessons over the past few weeks.</p>
<p><b>Star of the Week Savannah</b>  <b>For showing excellent teamwork and support towards all her peers at our Reach Outdoors session.</b></p>	<p>In PE, the children have had an incredibly fun session by taking part in the Fun Run! The children all had big smiles on their faces as they took part in completing as many laps as possible. Well done Courtenay class!</p> <p>The children had another incredible day at their 2<sup>nd</sup> Reach Outdoors session. Even though we had to battle the rain, the children all took part in a second indoor climbing session and a buscraft session, The children learnt how to safely make and light a fire and even got to end the session by making smores!</p> <p>A quick reminder that do not have our next Reach Outdoors session until the first Tuesday back after half term (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November).</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!  Miss Grimes 😊</p>

**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

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

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:

- Cost of Living Crisis (money)
- Housing
- Employment and training
- Mental health
- Being an unpaid carer
- EHF App, Access and more...

Helping you with your health and well-being.

**Time:** 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Location:** The Courtenay Centre

Logan Community Centre, The Courtenay Centre, The Courtenay Centre, The Courtenay Centre

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**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

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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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