



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

## Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	96%
Courtenay	97% Well Done
Templar	95%

This week's whole school attendance: 96.1%

Last week's whole school attendance: 97.4%

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

*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

## Home Learning

Reading: Reader identities – see separate sheet

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every day, Templar have a Reading for Pleasure session. This can be some time in our Book Nook, or listening to the teacher read aloud, or other book chat such as recommending books to our friends. This week, I asked the children what they would like to do in Book Club Reading for Pleasure sessions because it's really important that these sessions are learner-led, with texts that tempt and that they are fun and informal. The children had great ideas! They have been recorded and will shape the content of our future Book Club sessions.

## Star of the Week

Dominic has tried really hard to follow the examples he has

Mrs Mott also shared her Reader Identity. This is how I see myself as a reader. We journeyed through when my love of reading started, my favourite book, book memories and much more. For home learning, the children are going to reflect on their own reader identities so that we can

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been given in class.

chat about it in class.

Templar class have finished Reach Outdoors now, but PE remains on a Tuesday until further notice. Please can the children come into school in their PE kits on Tuesdays (and Fridays as normal). Thank you.

Mrs Mott and Miss Blakesley  
Templar Class teachers



### MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

#### **We Believe:**

This week in Active Worship, we've been focusing on the theme of *courage* and the importance of standing out from the crowd. Through stories and reflections, the children have been encouraged to think about moments in their own lives when they've shown bravery, whether it's trying something new, standing up for a friend, or speaking out for what's right. It has been wonderful to see the children exploring this value with such thoughtfulness and enthusiasm.


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

We're also excited to announce that our house captains will be named next week! We are so proud of all the children who have applied for these important roles. Their applications and commitment to representing their houses have been outstanding, and we look forward to celebrating the successful candidates as they step into leadership.

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

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the survey about After School Club provision. Your feedback has been invaluable, and I'm delighted to let you know that we are now finalising the details. Next week, I will share more formal information, including times and pricing, so you can start planning for the term ahead. Your support and input have been greatly appreciated. In realising the possible so that all children can flourish

Finally, we're celebrating some brilliant writing this week in Courtenay Class! The children have created brochures about our school, capturing the essence of our wonderful community. It was such a pleasure to see how passionately the children wrote about their experiences, and I'm sure anyone reading their work would be inspired to join us. Well done to everyone involved—you've truly showcased the small school with the big heart!

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## Devon Music Hub

We are delighted to share that All Saints Marsh Academy has just started an exciting new link with Devon Music Education Hub. Over the next few months and years, this partnership will enable our children to access a range of quality music experiences – and it promises to be lots of fun! In the first instance, we would like to make parents aware of the Devon Music Education Hub website as it has a Parents tab (see link below).

<https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/parents-carers/hiring-an-instrument/>

This page explains how to hire an instrument at significantly reduced rates of only £33 a term (with further discounts available for children in receipt of funding). This can support children with learning instruments in private lessons outside of school, for self-learning or to support musical experiences in the future in school.

## FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTAMS TREE COMPETITION

Mrs Webber has entered a competition and won ourselves a Christmas Tree from the Haldon Christmas Tree Centre. It will be arriving at the start of December to be displayed pride of place in our conservatory.

Each year we have a competition with our Trust schools, who can design the best tree! Mrs Webber is very competitive and is aiming high again this year! We really want to win but need your help!

This year we would like to celebrate our new house team names and colours. We are asking for each child to bring in a coloured decoration according to the house team they are in:

Green—Flying Scotsman

Red —Great Western

Yellow— Pullman


Blue—Mallard

And if they can be train related even better!

If you are not sure which house your child is in please ask their Class Teacher.

Please be as creative as you can! Please bring in your decorations by **Friday 1st December** to display.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER 2024

27.11.24 History Club - 2.45 -4pm Museum Trip

### DECEMBER 2024

2.12.24 Year 5 Lantern making workshop

5.12.24 Year 2 Christmas Journey at Abbotsbury Church 10 - 11.30

6.12.24- Forde Forest School

6.12.24 - PTFA Non school uniform - In exchange for wearing non school uniform please bring in a chocolates or sweet treats for our the PTFA Christmas Fete.

11.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day / PTFA Cinema Trip / Christmas Dinner

11.12.24 Lantern Parade - Newton Abbot Town Centre

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 Non school uniform – In exchange for wearing non school uniform please bring in a cake or sweet treat for the PTFA cake stall.


18.12.24 PTFA Christmas Fete PM

20.12.24- Forde Forest School



Please take a look at our new Christmas Newsletter – with all our fabulous Christmas activities in one place.

[Christmas-Newsletter-2024.pdf](#)

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**WE ARE HIRING!**

**Learning Support Assistant – All Saints Marsh C of E Academy**

21 hours per week / 38 Weeks Per Year  
 £12.45 - £12.65 per hour  
 Fixed Term until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025  
 Closing Date – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (9am)  
[www.lapsw.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.lapsw.co.uk/vacancies) or email [allsaints@lapsw.org](mailto:allsaints@lapsw.org)

### Household Support Fund

I am pleased to announce that we have access to further funding to support families on low incomes with food and utility costs through a new round of the Household Support Fund, being administered by Devon County Council -Early Help and Action for Children. The scheme runs until the **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025**.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

#### - Food

#### - Support with energy and water bills for household purposes

Such as, for example, insulation or energy efficient items which reduce bills, the purchase of essential equipment such as fridges, freezers, ovens, slow cookers or costs associated with obtaining, installing or repairing/servicing such items (e.g. a boiler). Likewise, to invest in simple energy efficiency measures which will pay back quickly, such as insulating a hot water tank, fitting draft excluders to a front door, or replacing energy inefficient lightbulbs or essential electrical items. The intention of this is to provide sustainable support which results in immediate and potentially long-lasting savings for the household.

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**- Wider essential needs not linked to energy, water or food**

These may include, but are not limited to, support with other essential bills, which if unpaid would prevent the household from either earning income or would make them lose income. Items such as broadband or phone bills, clothing, period and hygiene products, transport-related costs such as repairing a car, buying a bicycle, or paying for fuel/transport fares. This list is not exhaustive.

**This fund is NOT able to provide funds for the following** (which is **not** an exhaustive list):

Items deemed non-essential, washing machines, driers (often heavy consumers of energy), furniture, flooring, and school uniforms (for the latter issue the school should be contacted initially).

If you are eligible and would like to apply for support, please contact Mrs Webber.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Newton Abbot


# LANTERN PARADE WORKSHOP

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Fancy making your own Lantern and taking part in 'A Night Among Amazon Animals' Lantern Parade on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December?

**Public workshop held at**  
The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot  
**Tickets available from Newton's Place on 01626 201120**  
Morning workshop 10am - 1pm  
Afternoon workshop 2pm - 5pm  
**£5 per ticket! - (CASH ONLY)**



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