



# Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

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

This week's whole school attendance: 96.9%  
Last week's whole school attendance: 96.1%

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

*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

Home Learning

Please read 4x a week.

Please see your child's Home Learning book which comes home every **Friday**

Dear Parents,

We've been busy this week in Forde Class and have managed to squeeze in lots of nativity rehearsals into our busy timetable! The children are doing so well with their lines – any help you can give at home with learning them would be greatly appreciated!

This week in Maths we have been looking at Place Value and finding numbers on a number line. The Reception children have been doing really well with subitising (knowing how many objects at a glance) numbers one to three.

**Star of the Week –**  
Irina – For working

In English the children have been writing up final pieces and I have been so impressed with their handwriting – it has been a real focus for us over

so hard on her handwriting!

the last half term so it is fantastic to see the progress the children have made in this area.

In Geography we were able to go out into the playground and do a bit of map reading! The children had a map of the school and were able to pinpoint where the different areas were with different coloured dots and even provided a key at the bottom of their maps!

In Science the children have been thinking about Winter and what that means for plants. They have set up a rain gauge in the playground and will check it next week to see how much rain we have had over the last week...hopefully not as much as last weekend!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Perry-Bates and the Forde Class Team



### Message from Mr O'Sullivan

#### **We Believe:**

This week we have been encouraging our children to find their voices and step into the spotlight! A new opportunity has been introduced for pupils to address the whole school on a topic that inspires them. A sign-up sheet is now available for anyone brave enough to share their passions and insights. For those looking to build their confidence, we're excited to announce a Public Speaking Club launching in the Spring Term, where children can develop their presentation skills in a supportive and fun environment. We can't wait to see the courage and creativity shine!

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

The School Council had a fantastic experience this week visiting Newton Abbot's Town Council. They learned about how local government works to support our community and even had the honour of trying on the councillor's ceremonial chain. The visit was both informative and inspiring, showing our young leaders how they can play a part in shaping their community.

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

The "History Hunters" had an unforgettable trip to Newton Abbot Museum. Exploring behind-the-scenes exhibits not usually open to the public was a true highlight, sparking curiosity and excitement among the

group. The children also enjoyed completing museum trails, bringing to life the fascinating history of our town. It's safe to say their passion for the past has grown even stronger!

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

Finally, we're thrilled to congratulate our new house captains: Savannah, Chloe, Keziah, Hettie, Felix, Lexi, and Keira. The strength and thoughtfulness of all the applications made this decision incredibly challenging, and we are so proud of everyone who put themselves forward. These captains are ready to inspire and lead their houses with pride—well done to all!

### **FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS 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.



### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

We have a Christmas post box in the hall where children can post their Christmas cards to their friends. These will be sorted and delivered to classes by Templar Class.





## Communicating with All Saints Marsh C of E Academy

**My child is unable to attend school today** Call or leave a voicemail before 8.30 a.m.

**01626  
365293**



**I have an urgent message for school today**

Call the office

**01626  
365293**



**I want to discuss my child's learning or wellbeing**

Speak to the class teacher at pick up to make an appointment via school email [allsaints@lapsw.org](mailto:allsaints@lapsw.org).



**I have a non-urgent question** (e.g. absence request form, after school club query)

Send a message on MCAS or email [allsaints@lapsw.org](mailto:allsaints@lapsw.org)



**I want to know more about an upcoming event or current learning in school**

Check weekly [Classes - All Saints Marsh C of E Academy](#) newsletters and website



**I want to check the term dates or read a school policy**

Check the weekly newsletter;  
Visit our website: [Home - All Saints Marsh C of E Academy](#)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER 2024

- 2.12.24 Year 5 Lantern making workshop (please bring packed lunches)
- 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](#)



**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)



**CHRISTMAS 2024  
ALL SAINTS MARSH C OF E  
ACADEMY**

**Christmas Events 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to our Christmas information booklet.

We're delighted to be celebrating all things festive this year and to be sharing them in this booklet with you. Whilst we'll be sharing info on social media too, we wanted families to have a 'one stop shop' of all the main information. This booklet includes details about all of the events taking place including the Nativity, Christmas Jumper day, Christmas lunch and much, much more!

Christmas is a wonderful time of year in school and we are so pleased to be able to put on so many events to make it special for the children.

We understand times are hard especially at Christmas so if there is anything we can support with, please get in touch with Mrs Webber, our Family Support Lead.

*Mr O'Sullivan*  
Head of Academy

**FLOURISHING FUTURES**

## FAMILY SUPPORT

### Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Department for Education (DfE) funded holiday activities and food (HAF) programme aims to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition as well as be more engaged with school and other local services.

The programme is for children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

The HAF programme covers four days at Easter, 16 days in the summer and days at Christmas – it does not run in half-term holidays.

The HAF winter 2024 programme is now live and available to book!

For more information please visit: [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme – Education and Families](#)

Providers who are local to Newton Abbot include:

[Holiday Activities - Newton Abbot](#) | [Shear Soccer](#) | [Soccer Camps](#)

[Sporting Steps Ltd - Booking by Bookwhen](#)



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### **Household Support Fund**

The Government has made funding available to local councils so that they can offer direct support to those most in need in their area. It's called the Household Support Fund.

It must be used to help people who are struggling to pay for food, energy, water bills and other related essentials, and specifically those households that may not be eligible for other support that is already available from the Government.

This year, Devon has been allocated a little over £5 million, and we are working closely with Devon's eight District, City and Borough councils as well as voluntary and community partners on several schemes that will support our most vulnerable residents over the coming months. Please visit your local council's website for details of what support is available in your area:

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

### **Citizens Advice Devon energy vouchers**

If you're struggling to pay your energy bill or have a prepay meter and can't afford to top it up, Citizens Advice Devon can help.

We've given Citizens Advice Devon money from the Government's Household Support Fund to provide fuel vouchers for electricity and gas to anyone struggling to meet their household bills, whether it's by prepayment meter, on receipt of a bill or by direct debit.

Citizens Advice Devon also provide longer-term support through initiatives that help homes become more energy efficient, as well as 'warmth bundles' to help people stay warm at home. These bundles include things like heated throws, body warmers or rechargeable hot water bottles.

Contact your local Citizens Advice office for more information.

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# 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)**



## SANTA'S GROTTO

Rotary Newton Abbot

**Santa's Arrival**  
 Saturday 30th November 10:00am

Saturday 30th November  
 Sunday 1st, Sunday 8th  
 Saturday & Sunday 14th & 15th  
 Friday 20th  
 Saturday & Sunday 21st & 22nd  
 Monday 23rd  
 December

Fermoy's Garden Centre, Totnes Road, Ipplepen, TQ12 5TN

All ticketed children will each receive a present from Santa's Elves.

*"It was absolutely brilliant - we have not been to one like it."*

*"All the little touches, like knowing the children's names."*

*"taking the time to listen to them talk and answering their questions."*

Facebook testimonial's December 2023

Rotary Newton Abbot will be distributing all monies raised to local causes.

**SCAN ME**

To book tickets for Santa's Grotto Santa please use the link <http://bit.ly/3SjpsbV> or scan the QR code.

These are ticket only family events, all adults\* and children who would like to attend require a pre-purchased ticket. \*no charge for adults but must obtain tickets.

COURTENAY STREET  
 NEWTON ABBOT

# XMAS SUNDAY MARKET


1ST, 8TH & 15TH DECEMBER

DRINK →

FOOD →

CRAFT →

10AM-3PM

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