



# Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	87%
Courtenay	99%
Templar	99%

This week's whole school attendance: 94.6 %  
Last week's whole school attendance: 96.9%

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

*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

Home Learning

Spelling tests will take place each Friday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week in Courtney class with lots of fantastic learning happening.

In English we have been looking at the language we use and thinking about the impact it then has on the reader. We have been using precise verbs to describe actions in a story. One child wrote "The monster gobbled it up!" using gobbled to show the speed in which the monster ate – fantastic work!

Star of the Week

Charlie for being a fantastic member of Courtney class.

In Science this week we have been identifying and naming a variety of living things in the environment. Children looked at natural objects, labelling them and thinking about why different trees might grow different sized and shaped leaves. I wonder if you can spot a Horse Chestnut at home over the weekend?

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On Friday we were joined by the PTFA who helped us create some Christmas crafts ready for the Christmas Fayre. We had lots of fun using paint and glitter.

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate today to support our Christmas Fayre next week!



### MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

#### **We Believe:**

This week at All Saints Marsh, courage and bravery have been on full display as our children have embraced new challenges and experiences with enthusiasm. From creative workshops to public performances, every child has shown resilience and determination to step out of their comfort zones and achieve something extraordinary.


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

We were thrilled by the success of the lantern-making workshop and the vibrant drumming sessions that Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed this week. Their creativity and rhythm were a joy to witness! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make these events so memorable. Don't forget, the children will proudly showcase their lanterns during the Newton Abbot Lantern Parade on Wednesday, December 11th. It would be wonderful to see parents lining the route to cheer them on—your support means so much.

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

Our choir has been working tirelessly in preparation for their performance this Sunday at Avenue Church. These young performers have shown incredible commitment and bravery, practising diligently to deliver a beautiful show for



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the public. Their songs celebrate the joy of the season and their courage in sharing their talents with the community is inspiring.


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

Finally, a reminder that Wednesday, December 11th, is Christmas Dinner Day and our whole-school cinema trip! To make the day extra special, children are welcome to wear their favourite Christmas jumpers. We're looking forward to a day filled with festive cheer and celebration. Please ensure you've confirmed meal choices and permissions for the trip. Thank you for your continued support in making these events so memorable for our children!

### **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.



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## 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.



**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



**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

- 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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## FAMILY SUPPORT

### ACTION FOR CHILDREN NEWSLETTER




#### In this month's issue...

- **TOP TIPS** - this month's Top Tip topic looks at how to save money this Christmas.
- **PARENTING PRE-TEENS** can be a challenging time. We share some information and guidance on how you can stay close as your children move into adolescence.
- **IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR..** Or is it? Christmas can be a challenging time for some people. We share some tips and resources for making the festive period a little easier.

We've also got our usual features - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - information about upcoming events the Devon Digital Team are running, SEND, DECEMBER AWARENESS DAYS and much more, so grab a [Christmas spiced latte](#) (other flavours are available!) and a mince pie (if you're not already fed up with them...) sit back and enjoy this month's newsletter!

(To view the contents of the **Newsletter** [CLICK HERE](#) or on the “**Go to this Sway**” link below).

Check out our [Devon Family Hubs website](#) where you can find a wealth of information about our face-to-face and digital services across Devon, together with information about SEND services, what's on in the community and signposting to Ages and Stages advice. There's also a link to our [Request for Contact form](#)

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COURTENAY STREET  
NEWTON ABBOT

# XMAS SUNDAY MARKET

1ST, 8TH & 15TH DECEMBER

FOOD →  
DRINK →  
CRAFT →

10AM-3PM

Newton Abbot  
The Plot Deli

use the link <http://bit.ly/3Sjp5bV> 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.

## 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)**




## Festive Events at Newton Abbot Library

**MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER**  
Launch of **Letters to Father Christmas**, £3 per letter pack, purchase from the library

**WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER**  
Newton Abbot Library at **Victorian Evening**/late night shopping, 5-8pm

**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
**Father Christmas** at **SOLD OUT** 10-12

**WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER**  
**Carols and crafts** at the library from 1pm  
Craft stalls held by The Community Shed and Knit & Natter. Christmas Carols sung by Wolborough Primary School at 1.30pm\*

**SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER**  
**Christmas Story Time** followed by themed crafts, 10:30am\*

**WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER**  
**Bounce & Rhyme with Father Christmas** 10-10:30  
Book at [bit.ly/NAeventbrite](http://bit.ly/NAeventbrite) (tickets live from 11/12)

**SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER**  
**Christmas themed Sensory Play** 10-11am\*  
**Chocolate Lilly Making** - slots available for booking 9am-4pm. £7.50 per child, book at [bit.ly/santachocolatelillies](http://bit.ly/santachocolatelillies)

**PLUS...**  
**Christmas Raffle**, running until Saturday 21st December. Tickets £1 each, purchase from the library

\*Drop-in, free event. Donations towards our charity welcome!

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity 1770092.  
To donate, please visit [librariesunlimited.org.uk](http://librariesunlimited.org.uk)



South West Water

South West Water  
Community Support, The Courtenay Centre on 11th December 10:30am-12:30pm.


Come and speak to them about how they can help save you money on your water bill, discuss the range of tariffs and schemes available to you.

At some stage in our lives, we can all benefit from a bit of extra help. This could be due to a physical or learning disability, illness, age or communication requirement, or other reasons.

Our Priority Services are available to anyone living within our region, even if you are not the bill payer. The help available doesn't have to be for you, if you're an account holder or nominated carer you can register on behalf of someone else. Come and get registered!



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# 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
- NHS App Access
- And more...

Helping you with your health and well-being.

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

**Location:** The Courtenay Centre

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