



Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 25th January 2025



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	92%
Courtenay	99%
Templar	95%

This week's whole school attendance: 95.4%

Last week's whole school attendance: 96.6%

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

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

Please continue to read 4 times a week, and log this in the reading journal. Please practise times table facts with your child 3 to 4 times per week. Spelling and Maths homework will be sent home each week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children of Courtenay Class have enjoyed another excellent and exciting week, in which they have gained new knowledge and skills.

In Science, we conducted an experiment which involved testing different rocks for hardness; durability; how they react with water; and how they react to a mild acid (vinegar). The children were particularly excited when the chalk samples started to fizz as parts of the previously-solid rocks became gas after white wine vinegar was poured onto it!

In History, we have been learning about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain, and how the five kingdoms of Wessex, Mercia, Kent, Northumbria and East Anglia were ruled by kings who oversaw societies which also involved thanes and churls. The children particularly enjoyed re-enacting some

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Star of the Week

Amelia is Star of the Week for always making such a great effort with her learning and being so kind to others. Well done!

rather 'brutal meetings' between the 5 kingdom tribes!

In PE, the children continued with their development of technical tennis skills, in Art the children tried to mimic the colour choices of local artist Brian Pollard, and in RE they discussed ways in which Christians might not always find it easy to follow God's instructions but they try their best to make the World a better place.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Morton

MESSAGE FROM MR GRINSILL

We Believe:

In Act of Worship this week, we continued to explore our value of perseverance, focusing on the timeless story of the hare and the tortoise. The children reflected on the important message that consistency, steady effort, and determination over time can lead to success. Through this story, they considered how this lesson applies to their own lives, both in school and at home, encouraging them to stay committed to their goals and embrace the journey, no matter how long it may take.

We are Stronger Together

This week, we held our Ethos Advisory Committee meeting, bringing together headteachers from the Torquay hub of schools alongside wider committee members. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the current position of each school and share insights into our progress and priorities. We also explored the incredible support and resources available to us as part of our school trust, reinforcing our collective commitment to fostering excellence and collaboration across our community of schools. These discussions are vital in shaping our shared vision and ensuring the best outcomes for all our pupils.


We all belong in our School Trust

This week, our staff came together to reflect on and strengthen our implementation of our trauma-informed behaviour policy. Through collaborative discussions, we explored how we can continue to support the emotional well-being and positive behaviour of all our children in a compassionate and consistent way. This shared commitment ensures that our approach remains effective and aligned with our school values. Next week, we look forward to sharing key aspects of this policy with the children during assembly, helping them understand how it supports our school community and their own growth.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2025

8/1/25 - 12/2/25 KS1 Lego Club ASC
10/1/25 – 14/2/25 KS2 Gymnastics ASC
16/1/25 - 13/2/25 KS1 Cooking Club ASC

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23.1.25 – PTFA Bake Sale – FORDE
30th Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting 2.30pm

FEBRUARY 2025

7.2.25 NSPCC Number Day
13.2.25 – PTFA Bake Sale – COURTENAY
28/2/25 – 4/4/25 KS1 Gymnastics ASC

MARCH 2025

6.3.25 World Book Day
13.3.25 -PTFA Bake Sale – TEMPLAR

OFFICE NEWS

You will have already noticed the traffic disruption due to the gas pipe upgrades. We are noticing that cars are using Salisbury Road as a rat run to avoid the queuing traffic on the Avenue. Please be vigilant with this increased traffic and use the car park at Osborne Street to drop and collect your child. If you need a parking permit, please let Mrs Webber know. Thank you for your support in keeping our school family safe.

COMMUNITY NEWS

At ASM, we are very lucky to be part of a Music Network. We have been asked to share the following information: it sounds like a really fun, lively and interactive performance (with an opportunity to attend a free workshop if there are spaces available AND a free book!)

Big Dreams Project

Big Music Collective have been working in collaboration with Paddleboat Theatre Company delivering the Big Dreams Project in the Teignbridge District which has included school music & theatre workshops; community art workshop creating the book and culminating in the Big Dreams Live Show.

We would like to invite you to the Big Dreams Live Show on Saturday 1st February at Ashburton Arts Centre. Plus an opportunity to sign up for a free pre show Shadow Puppet Workshop (Limited Spaces Available). We would love to celebrate this project together and GIFT the children with a free copy of the new Big Dreams Book.

Please find attached more information.

More Information: <https://www.bigmusiccollective.com/big-dreams-live>

Book Tickets: <https://wegottickets.com/event/637961>

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