



Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 24th 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 read 4x a week.

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

Dear Parents,

The children have been busy with their learning this week and have been working hard on their learning behaviour so that they are able to make the most out of their learning time.

In Science this week the children have been thinking about materials that are waterproof and materials that are absorbent. They experimented with different materials and recorded their results in a chart.

The Year 1 and Year 2 children have been working super hard on subtraction across 10 this week. They have been partitioning numbers to take them back to the closest 10, and then using their number bonds to support them to take away the remaining amount. The children in EYFS have been recognising and counting numbers to 10.

Star of the Week –

Arya – for her interesting

<p>observations and discussions in History</p>	<p>In History we have been learning about Samuel Pepys and why his diary was so important for us today. We looked at extracts from his diary and examined what we could find out from what he had written. The children are really enjoying using sources to deepen their knowledge and understanding in History.</p> <p>In Art the children were able to use oil pastels this week to recreate patterns and texture created by our focus artist, Eric Carle. Children enjoyed making different marks, blending and drawing lines to recreate an image of The Mixed-Up Chameleon.</p> <p>Thank you to all who donated cakes, cookies and their time to Forde Class's bake sale on Thursday. The children were very excited about it all day and I hope we raised lots of money towards our PTFA!</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend,</p> <p>Mrs Perry-Bates and the Forde Class Team</p>
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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
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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EXTENDED DAY 8.00AM - 6.00PM

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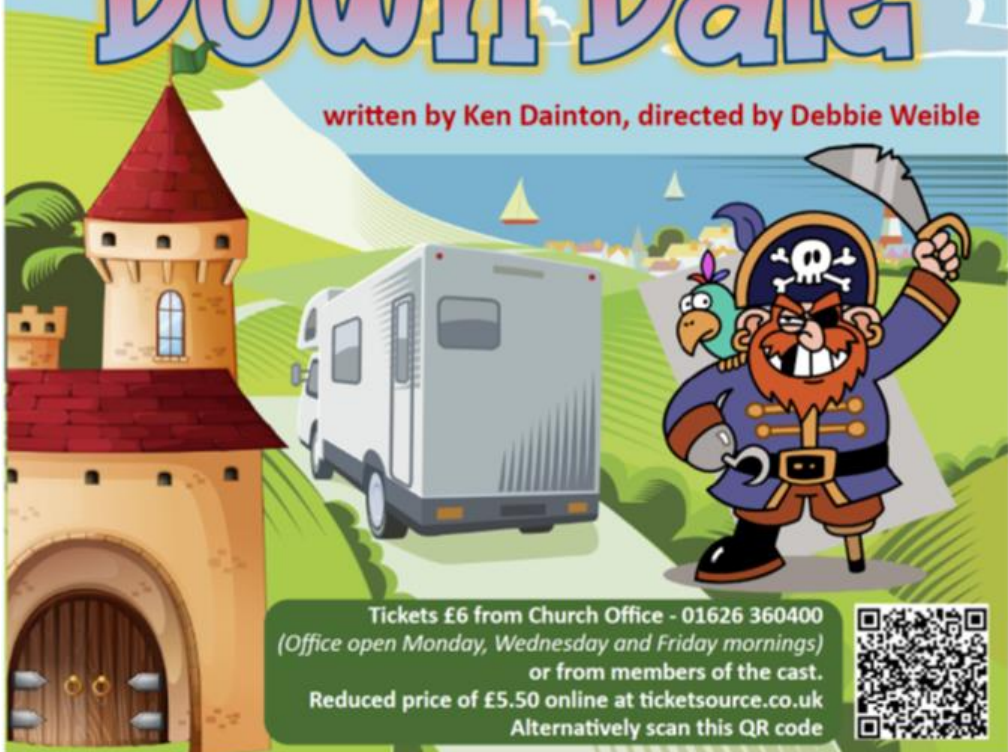
ONE ACT Pantomime

7.30pm Thursday 13 & Friday 14 February 2025

5.00pm Saturday 15 February 2025

UP HILLS & DOWN DALE

written by Ken Dainton, directed by Debbie Weible



Tickets £6 from Church Office - 01626 360400
(Office open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings)
or from members of the cast.
Reduced price of £5.50 online at [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)
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