



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

## Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

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

This week's whole school attendance: 96.1%

Last week's whole school attendance: 94.9%

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

*Our whole school attendance target is 96%*

## Home Learning

**Science:** The children have chosen either: Research Jane Goodall OR Design the 'perfect' plant.

**SPAG:** worksheet

## Star of the Week

Chloe for the considered and

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Reading, we are reading 'Nush and the Stolen Emerald,' by Jasbinder Bilan. She writes passionately about Indian heritage and the relationship between England and India in the 1800s. Her books are also embedded in mystery, which builds cleverly in pace throughout the book. In Templar, we are becoming aware of our own 'Reader Identities' so please ask your child how this book fits in with their 'Reader Identity.' You could ask questions like, 'Tell me what you know about this author. How is she similar/different to other authors you have read?' 'What is it you enjoy about her writing style?' 'Would you like to read other books in this series?' 'Would you recommend her books to a friend?'

Our French learning for the first part of this Half Term has focussed on pronunciation. There are a few sounds in French that although they appear

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conscientious way she is trying very hard to respond to her targets in her writing. She is also a super whizzy Mathematician who generously helps others in this subject!

to be slept the same as familiar English sounds, they are actually pronounced very differently. In our French lessons, we have invested a lot of time into practising the different phonemes and are starting to grow in confidence tackling given sentences, instead of just singular words. We still need more practice but we're very enthusiastic!

Mrs Mott and Miss Blakesley  
Templar Class teachers

### MESSAGE FROM MR GRINSILL

#### **We Believe:**

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

This week, we have been thinking about the value of perseverance and how we can show resilience in our daily lives. The children have reflected on the story of Noah and how his unwavering faith and determination helped him through challenges. We discussed how perseverance means continuing to try, even when things feel difficult, whether in our learning, friendships, or trying new things. It has been wonderful to see the children recognising their own moments of perseverance and encouraging each other to keep going.

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

We had a fantastic time celebrating Number Day! The children arrived in some brilliant costumes, showcasing their love of numbers and maths in creative ways. From times tables superheroes to number-covered outfits, their enthusiasm was inspiring. As part of our commitment to developing strong maths skills, all our KS2 children have access to Times Tables Rockstars, an excellent platform for building confidence with multiplication facts. We can't wait to celebrate the children's achievements in assemblies and see their progress.

#### **In Removing barriers for all**

Exciting news—our after-school club is launching soon! All information has been sent home, and we are thrilled to be able to offer this provision for our families. This club will provide a safe, fun, and engaging environment for children after the school day, with a variety of activities to enjoy. We look forward to welcoming children to the club and seeing them take part in new experiences.

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

We want to take a moment to celebrate our school's attendance and thank families for their ongoing support in ensuring children are in school every day. High attendance is crucial for children's learning and development, and we are here to help if any families need support in maintaining regular attendance. If you have any concerns or challenges, please do reach out to us—we are happy to work together to support you and your child. Let's keep aiming high and ensuring every school day counts!

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JANUARY 2025

10/1/25 – 14/2/25 KS2 Gymnastics ASC

16/1/25 - 13/2/25 KS1 Cooking Club ASC

### FEBRUARY 2025

13.2.25 – PTFA Bake Sale – COURTENAY

28/2/25 – 4/4/25 KS1 Gymnastics ASC

### MARCH 2025

6.3.25 World Book Day – Please see letter sent home

12 and 13.3.25 Parent Consultations

13.3.25 -PTFA Bake Sale – TEMPLAR

### APRIL 2025

2.4.25 Easter Service at St Paul's 1.45pm

7 – 22.4.25 Easter Break

23.4.25 Back to School

### SUMMER TERM

## 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.

### Facebook

We have changed pages – please follow us at


<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsLAP> to keep updates with what's going on



# Afterschool club

We are delighted to share some exciting news – our brand-new afterschool club will be launching on Monday, 24th February 2025!

The club will be based in our outside classroom and run by two of our dedicated staff members, Louise Sims and Kara Hawkins.

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The club will run Monday to Friday from 3:00pm to 6.00pm with the following session times and costs attached;

15.00 - 16.00 - £4.50

15.00 - 17.00 - £7.50

15.00 - 18.00 - £11.00

We are also pleased to offer a sibling discount to support families with more than one child attending.

Bookings will be available through the MCAS app, making it easy for you to secure a place. If you have any questions or need support with booking, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, where our team will be happy to help.

This is an exciting time for our school, and we are thrilled to be able to offer this additional provision, something many of our parents have asked for. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this will have on our children and families.

### Parent Consultations



We are holding face to face parent consultations at school on the following dates:

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 17.45.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 -17.45.

Booking is via the MCAS app and the Parents evening tab. There is a drop down box in the top left corner where you can select the date. Parents of children in Templar only need to book 1 of the days either with either Mrs Mott (Wednesday) or Miss Blakesley (Thursday). If you have any issues, please let Mrs Webber know. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's Teacher

and discuss their progress.

### FAMILY SUPPORT

#### Household Support Fund

We have access to additional funding via the Household Support Fund to support families on low incomes with food and utility costs. The scheme runs until 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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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.

**- 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).

We can only refer one application per household, so if you have already applied in this round (November 24 – March 25), we are unable to refer at present. Families, who have not previously received funding will be prioritised.

If you are interested in applying, please let Mrs webber know.



Please see below a link to our monthly digital **Newsletter** for Parents and Carers.

The Newsletter contains a wealth of information, tips and guidance and we would be grateful if you would kindly share this with parents and carers of children at your school.

**In this month's issue...**

We'll look at **Tantrums vs Meltdowns** - what's the difference and give you some tips and advice on how to cope when they occur.


Also, it's **World Book Day** on the 6th March. We look at why reading is so important and signpost you to

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information and resources, (including where you can get FREE books).

We've also got our usual features - **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** - information about upcoming events the Devon Digital Team are running, **SEND, FEBRUARY AWARENESS DAYS** and much more, so grab a cuppa, 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).

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