



Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 28th February 2025



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	91%
Courtenay	99% AMAZING!
Templar	99% AMAZING!

This week's whole school attendance: 96.2%
Last week's whole school attendance: 94.3%

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 – and many of them are currently taking part in a final day's fun at Heatree activity centre on Dartmoor!

In terms of lessons, we have been making good progress with our new maths unit about mass and capacity, and the children have been answering many fluency, reasoning and problem-solving questions about different grams and kilograms as part of this.

In RE, we have started a new unit about Islam, which has so far considered how Muslims might show obedience and self-sacrifice to Allah. We have also discussed the Five Pillars of Islam and how adhering to these should enable believers to become 'good Muslims'.

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Star of the Week

Adon is Star of the Week for making such a great effort with his learning and being so helpful. Well done!

In Music, we have been practising songs (such as 'Mr Blue Sky') in advance of Courtenay Class pupils taking part in a music event alongside other local schools next month.

In Science, we have learnt about different bones in the human body, compared these to the skeleton of a diplodocus dinosaur and also researched how there are 3 main types of functions for different bones: upright support, protection and movement.

As a reward for their good behaviour during recent weeks, the children have earned 22 'marbles' and so they can bring a soft toy into school on Tuesday 4th March (as long as their soft toy is not too massive!). The children are very excited about this!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Morton

MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

We Believe:

We are Stronger Together

This half term, our school value is love, and we have been reflecting on what love means in our daily lives. In worship and class discussions, we have been exploring: *Can we measure love?* Some children have suggested that love can be seen in acts of kindness, generosity, and care for one another, while others believe love is something we feel but cannot measure. It has been wonderful to hear the children's thoughtful responses as they consider how we can show love in our school community and beyond.

We all belong in our School Trust

Our Year 4 children had an unforgettable adventure on Dartmoor during their residential trip! From stargazing under the night sky to using maps to navigate new trails, they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm. They tackled river climbing with determination, worked as a team, and developed new outdoor skills while having plenty of fun along the way. Their resilience and excitement shone through, and we are incredibly proud of how they represented our school.



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In Removing barriers for all

Our afterschool club has been thriving, with children enjoying a fantastic mix of activities this week. Whether getting creative with arts and crafts, playing energetic sports, or relaxing with a picnic, the children have made the most of their time together. It has been lovely to see friendships flourish and hear laughter fill the school even after lessons have finished for the day. Please book via the MCAS app.



In realising the possible so that all children can flourish

A huge well done to our new house captains, who have already shown great leadership and enthusiasm in their roles. They are a fantastic team, and we can't wait to see how they support their friends and help foster a strong sense of community across the school. Their first challenge is coming soon—keep an eye out for the exciting plans they have in store!




The recently published Annual Report to families can be viewed on our website at: [Learning Academy Partnership - All Saints Marsh C of E Academy](https://www.all-saints-marsh-lap.co.uk)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 2025

17.2.25 – 21.2.25 HALF TERM

28/2/25 – 4/4/25 KS1 Gymnastics ASC

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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

OFFICE NEWS

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.


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.

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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

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

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

Wednesday 12th March 3.15 – 17.45.

Thursday 13th 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.

Isham National English Hub


Isham National English Hub would like to invite you to attend a **FREE** session to support you with helping your child at home in their reading journey.

During this free, hour-long session, The Isham National English hub team will be sharing videos and practical solutions to support practice at home.

The focus will be on supporting your child to become an expressive fluent reader.

This session is targeted at families (including grandparents), carers, childminders and before/after school provision workers. It is designed to support children from pre school age up to the end of Key Stage One (Year 2).

Booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kjhUjU312B>

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FAMILY SUPPORT



Cosy Nights, Brighter Days

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
6 MARCH 2025

At Bedz4Kidz, we believe that every child deserves a **quality sleep environment**, which is why we donate a bedtime story with every bed we deliver. A good night's sleep helps children feel happier, healthier, and more focused at school. We've put together this list of bedtime stories—some you may already know and others that might be new to you—all chosen to help your child relax before bed. Because every child deserves **Cosy Nights, Brighter Days**.

KS1 bedtime story list

 <p>1. The Flying Bath <i>Julia Donaldson & David Roberts</i></p>	 <p>6. Can't You Sleep, Little Bear? <i>Martin Waddell</i></p>
 <p>2. Peace at Last <i>Jill Murphy</i></p>	 <p>7. We're Going to find the Monster <i>Malerie Blackman & Dapo Adeola</i></p>
 <p>3. Omar, The Bees and Me <i>Helen Mortimer</i></p>	 <p>8. Dream Big, Little One <i>Yashfi Harrison</i></p>
 <p>4. The Huddle <i>Sean Julian</i></p>	 <p>9. The Cat and the Rat and the Hat <i>Em Lynas and Matt Hunt</i></p>
 <p>5. Lila and the Secret of Rain <i>David Conway</i></p>	 <p>10. Octopus Shocktopus <i>Peter Bentley & Steve Lenton</i></p>

KS2 bedtime story list

 <p>1. The Boy at the Back of the Class <i>Onjali Q. Raúf</i></p>	 <p>6. The Girl Who Stole an Elephant <i>Nizrana Farook</i></p>
 <p>2. Asha & the Spirit Bird <i>Jasbinder Bilan</i></p>	 <p>7. The Island at the End of Everything <i>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</i></p>
 <p>3. Charlotte's Web <i>E.B White</i></p>	 <p>8. The Night Bus Hero <i>Onjali Q. Raúf</i></p>
 <p>4. When life gives you Mangoes <i>Kereen Getten</i></p>	 <p>9. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane <i>Kate DiCamillo</i></p>
 <p>5. The Secret Garden <i>Frances Hodgson Burnett</i></p>	 <p>10. The Boy Who Grew Dragons <i>Andy Shepherd</i></p>

Choose a story that is calming and positive before bedtime. Books with gentle rhythms, warm endings, and relaxing themes help children feel safe, happy, and ready to sleep. Please remember to contact your schools pastoral team should you need support with bed frames, mattresses or bedding to ensure your child get's a quality night's sleep.

Happy Reading & Sweet Dreams!



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PARENT/ CARER DROP IN PEER SUPPORT SESSION



Connect with other Parents and Carers within your community. Share your knowledge, experiences and insights with others within our supportive group.



Thursdays
9.15am-10.45am




The Courtenay Centre
Newton Abbot

**COME AND JOIN US AND SHARE YOUR
VIEWS AND IDEAS FOR SESSIONS**

Open to
Parents and
Carers with
children of
any age



Free
Refreshments
Available

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WORKSHOP

ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

with
David Birch
star of the original West End cast
of
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Wednesday 16th April 2025
Thomas Hall School, Exeter


Juniors (ages 5-11) - 9am to 12pm
Seniors (ages 12-18) - 1pm to 4pm

Free demonstration for families at the end of each workshop
£30 per child

Singing, Dancing and Acting!

To book your place,
email tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk



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