



Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 7th 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

Please read 4x a week.

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

Dear Parents,

The children have been really busy with their learning this week and we are almost at the end of another half term!

In Art this week the children planned their final pieces, inspired by our focus artist Eric Carle. They were able to choose the animal they wished to create and the medium they would like to use – collage, paint or oil pastels. I can't wait to see the final pieces next week.

In Maths we have continued learning methods for addition and subtraction. The Year 1 and EYFS children have been looking particularly at doubling - knowing double facts will help them enormously when they get to multiplication and division and with more complicated addition problems. Any support you can give at home with learning double facts

Star of the Week –
Frankie – for showing our school

value of perseverance this week in Maths.

would be so beneficial. Here is a link to a video you could watch with children at home:

[Doubles Addition Facts Song](#)

In Science the children enjoyed the practical activity of testing materials to find out how stretchy they are! We are looking at the properties of materials and seeing why some materials might work well for some things and not so well for other purposes.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Perry-Bates and the Forde Class Team

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.

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 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.

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 31st 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 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 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).