



Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 28th March 2025



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	97%
Courtenay	94%
Templar	99% Well done!

This week's whole school attendance: 96.6%

Last week's whole school attendance: 95.4%

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 Maths, we have been making further progress with fractions whilst developing our understanding of concepts such as improper fractions, mixed numbers and equivalent fractions. As per my previous weekly messages, it will be a great advantage for children in these fractions lessons if they are regularly practising and quickly recalling times tables at home (in addition to the times table practise we do at school).

In Geography, we have been researching and describing geographical similarities and differences between Exeter and Rome, such as with population densities, physical and human features, and heights above

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Star of the Week

Ashton is Star of the Week for greatly improving his focus, class contributions and maturity in recent weeks.
Well done!

sea level and associated risks of flooding.

In PE, the children have continued their development of physical athletic skills, in RE they have discussed ways in which Muslims can celebrate Eid after their Ramadan fasting has finished, and for Music they enjoyed taking part in a very successful and inspiring musical festival alongside other schools' pupils earlier this week.

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 focus has been on the value of *love*, and it has been wonderful to see the children embracing this in their daily lives at school. From acts of kindness in the playground to supporting one another in class, they have truly demonstrated what it means to care for and respect each other. Our House Teams have been a great way for children to show love and encouragement across year groups, and we are so proud of the positive atmosphere they continue to create.

We all belong in our School Trust


A highlight of the term was the fantastic music festival that our KS2 children attended this week. Their enthusiasm, talent, and teamwork shone throughout the event, and they represented All Saints Marsh with pride.

Whether performing or supporting their friends, they embraced the joy of music and showed great respect for the other schools taking part. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate creativity, and we are incredibly proud of all those who took part.



In Removing barriers for all

Next Wednesday, we are looking forward to our **Easter Service at St Paul's Church, at 1.45pm** where we will come together as a school community to celebrate this special time of year. The children have been preparing songs, readings, and reflections to share, and we would love for as many parents and family members as possible to join us. It will be a wonderful way to end the term and reflect on the messages of hope and new beginnings that Easter brings.

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In realising the possible so that all children can flourish

Finally, we would like to remind parents to be mindful when parking outside the school. We have noticed an increase in parents dropping off children from cars, which is creating congestion and, most importantly, increasing the risk to our pupils. Please ensure you park safely and responsibly to keep everyone safe. We appreciate your cooperation and support in making our school environment as safe as possible for all our children.

CLUB OFFERS

Please book via the My Child At School App. If the club is full please join the waiting list as spaces may become available.

SUMMER 1

KS2 Rounders and Cricket Fridays 25.4.25 - 23.5.25 3- 4pm

KS1 Cooking Tuesdays 3-4pm 29.4.25 - 10.6.25

KS2 Cooking Thursdays 24.4.25 - 15.6.25

SUMMER 2 (clubs not yet live on MCAS).

Tennis – TBC

KS1 Cooking Tuesdays 3-4pm 17.6.25 - 22.6.25

KS2 Cooking Thursdays 3-4pm 19.6.25 - 24.6.25

Spanish – TBC

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2025

2.4.25 Easter Service at St Paul's 1.45pm

3.4.25 Easter PTFA Raffle

3.5.25 Celebration of Learning - Year 1 and 2 - 2.40 - 3.pm

3.5.25 Celebration of Learning Reception - 8.50 - 9.10am

4.4.25 Treat for Class Bake Sale Winners

4.4.25 Templar Celebration of Learning 2.45pm

7 – 22.4.25 Easter Break


23.4.25 Back to School

SUMMER TERM

MAY 2025

15.5.25 Forde Bake Sale

JUNE 2026

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19.6.25 Courtenay Bake Sale

JULY 2026

7 – 9.7.25 Year 6 Residential

17.7.25 Templar Bake Sale

18.7.25 PTFA Summer Fete

OFFICE NEWS

Please take a look at our new summer school menu and ensure that you pre-book your child's options at home via the MCAS app. If you have any issues with the app, please let Mrs Webber know.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

With the recent change in Government in the UK, we have been informed that it is possible that there may be a change with new free school meal applications.

Currently if you apply for Free School Meals and you are successful your child is guaranteed to have free school meals until they leave Primary School at the end of Year 6. We have been informed that after **1st April 2025** this may change and your children would be subject to ongoing checks and if your circumstances change you may no longer be eligible and free school meals would stop.

Therefore, can we please encourage any family who thinks they may be entitled to free school meals (even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and therefore does not currently pay for their meals), to please apply as soon as possible and before the end of March 2025. If you are successful this will guarantee your child remains eligible until the end of Primary School.

You can make the application online at the Devon Citizen Portal [Free school meals - Support for schools and settings](#) Alternatively, please email the school at allsaints@lapsw.org and a paper form can be sent home which can be returned to the office who will then submit this for you. Please do remember though, this needs to be before the end of March 2025 to ensure you receive this on an ongoing basis.

If your child is already eligible then you do not need to take any action and your child will remain eligible until the end of Year 6.

If you have any concerns or questions please do contact the school office.

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FACEBOOK

We have changed pages – please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsLAP> to keep updates with what's going on

Parking Permits

We have been issued with new car parking permits by the Council. The permits allow you to park in Osborne Street car park for free at pick up and drop off. If you would like a new permit please let Mrs Webber know.



Afterschool club

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.

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FAMILY SUPPORT

DCC has introduced a new booking system for parents to access and book sessions on their Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

It's been designed with feedback from parents, to make it quicker, less complicated, and more convenient to use from mobile phones and tablets, as well as laptops and PCs.

The new system, partnered with EEQU, presents the full range of holiday activities available to parents, with links to each activity for further information including where and when the activity is, directions to it, and other important information about the activity. Parents can also register interest in attending it.

Once a parent has expressed an interest in their child attending the activity, the booking system will carry out an instant assessment of their eligibility to attend. If eligible, they will receive a confirmation of their booking, and be sent reminders in the lead up to the session.

If a parent needs to cancel the session for whatever reason, they can do so easily using the new booking system, which will enable other children on the waiting list to attend.

The Holiday Activities and Food programme is a government-funded initiative targeted at providing free activities and a nutritional meal to children and young people who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals during term time. In Devon, that equates to around 20,000 eligible free school meal children.

DCC have been delivering the HAF programme since 2018, and now work with over a 100 holiday activity providers around Devon that provide a wide range of activities for children and young people with all abilities.

The government has recently awarded DCC with £1.9 million to fund the HAF programme in 2025/26.

The activities run in school holiday time, covering 4 days in Spring, 16 days in the Summer, and 4 days in the winter. The HAF programme does not run in half-term holidays.

A spokesperson for the council said:

"The HAF programme is going from strength to strength with more and more holiday providers working with us to deliver a wide range of activities, with a nutritional meal, for children and



The HAF booking system is now live.


The Devon wide programme of events is now available

Fully funded places are available for all children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

To book your place please visit:
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/>

**For ages 5-16 years
Places are limited**

More information can be found at <https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>

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young people who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals during term time.

“We’re excited to have received funding again from the government for this academic year, and we’re delighted to have introduced a new booking system to make the programme more accessible and activities easier to book, without the need for the previous codes.

“We’d like to thank parents for helping us design the new booking system.”

For more information about Devon’s HAF programme, [please visit our website.](#)

The new booking system will go live on 27 March, at 8.00am, however parents and carers can view the available activities before that date [Eequ · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#)


DEVON FAMILY HUB NEWSLETTER



In this month’s issue...

As this is the last of our **Action for Children, Devon Digital Team** Parent Carer Newsletters, this month it looks a little different. We will signpost you to services where you will be able to get **advice, guidance and information** on a whole range of topics to continue to support you.

(To view the contents of the **Newsletter** [CLICK HERE](#) or on the “**Go to this Sway**” link below).

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COMMUNITY NEWS

I'M A HIGH CAMPER
Get Me Out Of Here!
STOVER SCHOOL EASTER ACTIVITIES
COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EASTER HOLIDAY EGG-STRAVAGANZA WHERE EVERY DAY IS PACKED FULL OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT.

WEEK 1

MONDAY 7 TH	TUESDAY 8 TH	WEDNESDAY 9 TH	THURSDAY 10 TH	FRIDAY 11 TH
VOLLEYBALL DODGEBALL WILDCILD BUSHCRAFT WET & WILD CELEB CYCLONE AUSSIE ARTS STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES	DARTMOOR-3-BALL ANIMAL CLOSE ENCOUNTERS BENCHBALL WET & WILD CELEB CYCLONE AUSSIE ARTS STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES	FOOTBALL VOLLEYBALL WILDCILD BUSHCRAFT WET & WILD CELEB CYCLONE AUSSIE ARTS STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES	FOOTBALL/NETBALL RAINFOREST RALLY DARTMOOR-3-BALL WET & WILD CELEB CYCLONE AUSSIE ARTS STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES	VOLLEYBALL WILDCILD BUSHCRAFT WET & WILD CELEB CYCLONE DODGEBALL JUNGLIST MASSIVE KIDS DANCE PARTY STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES


WEEK 2

MONDAY 14 TH	TUESDAY 15 TH	WEDNESDAY 16 TH	THURSDAY 17 TH
AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL DODGEBALL PEAWEE GOLF CLOWNING AROUND & GIANT GAMES CAPTURE THE FLAG AUSSIE ARTS STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES	FOOTBALL BASKETBALL DODGEBALL TRIBAL WARRIORS TRAINING CAPTURE THE FLAG AUSSIE ARTS STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES	DODGEBALL JUNGLE ZORBS IN INFLATABLE FOOTBALL PITCH CLOWNING AROUND & GIANT GAMES WILD CHILD BUSHCRAFT AUSSIE ARTS STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES	AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL JUNGLE ZORBS IN INFLATABLE FOOTBALL PITCH BASKETBALL TRIBAL WARRIORS TRAINING CAPTURE THE FLAG JUNGLIST MASSIVE KIDS DANCE PARTY STAFF BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES

ENJOY...
SPORTS
ARTS & CRAFTS
FUN & ADVENTURE
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

The funding covers 4 days, from Monday, April 7th to Thursday, April 10th, with children entitled to attend up to 4 sessions. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The sessions will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM each day.

Quick booking link: <https://eequ.org/book/high-5-camps-stover-school-with-sports-coaches-south-west-high-5-14332>

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COME ALONG TO OUR

EASTER FUNDAY

SATURDAY 19th APRIL 10am-4pm

**FREE EASTER
EGG HUNT!**

**FREE EASTER
CRAFTS!**

FREE REFRESHMENTS!


PLUS!

Bricks to the past will be displaying a selection of models (made from the world's favourite building bricks) from prehistory to the modern era.



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