

# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 28th March 2025



# 'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

## Attendance



# Attendance Matters!



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**

Dear Parents and Carers,

SPAG: Answers on the worksheet please.

On Tuesday this week, Courtenay and Templar attended the Newton Abbot Music Festival, held at Coombeshead, for the very first time. We worked with over 200 pupils, a live music accompaniment and expert Music teachers for a workshop. It was such a fantastic experience to see the children collaborating with other children on shared outcomes. All the schools performed 3 shared songs with one individual performance per school: All Saints Marsh performed 'My Lighthouse,' with actions, really well. It is a school favourite and they made all the ASM staff very proud! It was a really great morning – full of fun and musical learning – and well worth all the hard work to learn the songs.

#### Star of the Week

Jenson for showing such maturity this week and making so

In Maths this week, we are learning about decimals. Decimals can confuse children, as they represent number values of less than 1, so it helps to think

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many contributions in class.

of them as money in the first instance. For example, 6.28 makes little sense until you see it as £6.28. Then the children are more confident at adding and subtracting with decimals and identifying value. This website is a useful starting point for extra practise:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgbtrmn

Our current English unit in Templar has stirred the children to produce some really powerful writing during lessons. The unit is based on the book 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. This author is very skilled at shifting the reader from one feeling to another, often within just the same sentence. The stunning illustrations in the book capture the impact of war on a young family, forcing them to become refugees.

Mrs Mott and Miss Blakesley Templar Class teachers

#### **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.



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## 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.

# 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

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#### **SUMMER TERM**

MAY 2025
15.5.25 Forde Bake Sale
JUNE 2026
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 **1** st 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 <a href="Free school meals - Support for schools and settings">Free school meals - Support for schools and settings</a> 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.

### **FACEBOOK**

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

# **Parking Permits**

We have bene 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.





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.

#### **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 avilable for all children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

To book your place please visit: https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationand families/family-support/haf-programme/

> For ages 5-16 years Places are limited

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

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 <a href="Eequ - After school"><u>Eequ - After school</a>. In place of school. Beyond school.</u>

#### **DEVON FAMILY HUB NEWSLETTER**



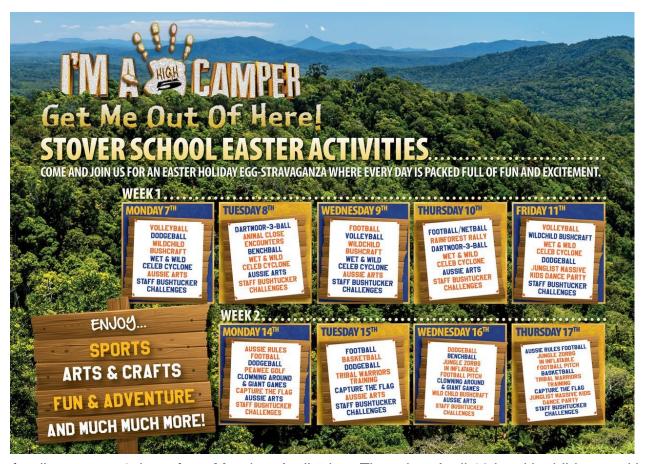
#### In this month's issue...

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**



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: <a href="https://eequ.org/book/high-5-camps-stover-school-with-sports-coaches-south-west-high-5-14332">https://eequ.org/book/high-5-camps-stover-school-with-sports-coaches-south-west-high-5-14332</a>





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