



Courtenay Class

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	97%
Courtenay	98%
Templar	99% Well done so close!

This week's whole school attendance: 96.4%

Last week's whole school attendance: 97.9%

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children of Courtenay Class have enjoyed another exciting week of learning, when they have developed their understanding and made excellent progress during lessons.

In Maths, we have been tackling the concept of time: how to use an analogue clock to become confident with 'minutes past' and 'minutes to', and how to also tell the time using a digital clock format. Each of the children can now expertly explain 'minutes past' (for example, '25 minutes past 4' = 4:25) and show this on a diagram, but it will be worth some children practising a bit more at home (as they will at school) their understanding of how to tell 'minutes to' (for example, '20 minutes to 10' = '40 minutes past 9' = 9:40).

Star of the Week

Rehaan is Star of the Week for always setting a great example with his 'role model' behaviour and learning around the school.
Well done!

In Art, we have been learning about the Japanese digital photography artist called Mika Ninagawa, whose use of vivid colours and different perspectives permeates her artwork. During the coming weeks, the children will be creating their own digital photography artwork based around Mika's ideas – and so look forward to many colourful and imaginative creations by Courtenay Class!

In PE, we have been further developing our cricket skills; in History, we have learnt more about Sir Francis Drake and the reasons as to why he visited certain parts of the World during 1577-1580; and in French, we have been studying the names of different rooms in a house!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Morton

MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

We Believe:

We are Stronger Together:

This week, our focus value has been *compassion*, and it has been wonderful to see how our children have engaged with this through our assemblies and reflections on VE Day. The children listened carefully to stories of courage and sacrifice and showed great empathy as they learned about the importance of remembering those who served. Their thoughtful contributions and respectful attitudes have really demonstrated how they are living out our values in action.

We all belong in our School Trust

We are so proud of our incredible Year 6 pupils who have shown determination, maturity, and resilience in the lead-up to their SATs. Their commitment to learning and their support for one another have been truly commendable. SATs will take place next week, and we would like to remind families that children are welcome to arrive at school from 8:15am each day for a special Year 6 breakfast—an opportunity to relax, chat with friends, and start the day in the right way.

In Removing barriers for all

A big thank you to the REC for hosting our PE sessions this week—what a brilliant success it was! The children thoroughly enjoyed using the space and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. We are so grateful for the continued support from our local community in helping to enrich the experiences we can offer our pupils.

In realising the possible so that all children can flourish

Finally, a reminder to all Year 4 parents and carers that there will be a meeting on Tuesday 20th May at 3.00pm in Courtenay Class. This session will focus on the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check, what it involves, and how you can support your child at home. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.





Inter School Challenge!

We're excited to be invited to take part in a special inter-school challenge! Winning entries will have their drawings or poems engraved on plaques displayed on the new tree planters along Queen Street, Newton Abbot – a prominent and long-lasting way to showcase their creativity to the whole community.

Queen Street is a key walking route for many of our families heading to school or visiting the shops, cafés and local businesses. In partnership with Devon County Council, Teignbridge have been working to make the area safer, greener and more welcoming. Improvements include widened pavements, new crossings, 20 mph limit, reduced through traffic, new seating and the planting of beautiful Juneberry trees.

The Juneberry trees do more than brighten the street with their wonderful white blossom, gold or coppery coloured leaves, and lush berries – they can also support biodiversity by providing nectar for pollinators, and shelter and food for birds.

We would love for our pupils to take inspiration from the Juneberry trees – either by walking down Queen Street to see them in person or by reading our short Key Stage 2 fact sheet (school children of any age are welcome to enter). Then, we're inviting them to either:

- **Draw their best picture of a Juneberry tree, or**
- **Write a short poem about trees (up to 200 words).**

We ask for all entries to be submitted by **Wednesday 4 June**. A panel consisting of the Queen Street project team will then select seven winning entries from across the participating schools to be featured on the plaques on the wooden tree planters.

Have you seen the new Juneberry trees in Queen Street?

Queen Street, in the centre of Newton Abbot, is now home to 7 Juneberry trees. These trees are currently 2 years old and around 1.8 meters tall. They have green leaves and beautiful white blossom.

Juneberry trees

There are around 20 species of Juneberry tree. The Latin name for this species of Juneberry tree is *Amelanchier arborea*. These Juneberry trees are also known as 'Robin Hill'.

Juneberry trees can grow to around 8 meters in height by the time they are 25 years old. They will provide food and shelter for birds and nectar for pollinators.



Why do we need trees?

Trees are so important for many reasons. As well as looking beautiful, trees can:

- provide food and shelter for thousands of species of wildlife, from mammals and reptiles to birds, butterflies and bees.
- help all living things on our planet by absorbing carbon dioxide and converting it into oxygen. By absorbing carbon dioxide trees also help slow down climate change.
- reduce pollution by helping to clean the air.
- help to keep temperatures cooler on very hot days in urban areas. They can even help to save lives during hot summers!
- reduce flooding by intercepting rainfall and slowing down the effects of a storm.



The changing seasons

Juneberry trees are deciduous, which means they look different depending on the season.

- In spring, the trees burst into life with pink buds unfolding into a beautiful display of creamy-star shaped flowers, and bronze-coloured leaves transition to an emerald green.
- In early summer, the trees will produce lush berries for birds to eat.
- In autumn the leaves will become a stunning gold or coppery colour.
- In winter the leaves will drop and the trees will look bare.

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CLUB OFFERS:

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

2025

APRIL 2025

23.4.25 Back to school

MAY 2025

1.5.25 NAC visit to speak to pupils

12.5.25 - 15.5.25 SATS (Breakfast at 8.10 - 8.30)

15.5.25 Forde Bake Sale

JUNE 2025

10.6.25 - 22.7.25 Every Tuesday 10 – 11 Year 6 Swimming Lessons

19.6.25 Courtenay Bake Sale

20.6.25 Whole School Paignton Zoo Trip

27.6.25 Sports Day - Details TBC (Reserve Sports Day 11.7.25)

JULY 2025

7 – 9.7.25 Year 6 Residential

11.7.25 (Reserve Sports Day)

17.7.25 Templar Bake Sale

18.7.25 PTFA Summer Fete

21.7.25 Year 6 Leaves Treat

23.7.25 Year 6 Leavers Service 1.45pm St Paul's Church

OFFICE NEWS



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.

CRICKET

If your child enjoyed the fantastic cricket engagement day with Devon Cricket and would like to continue to play cricketplease contact our local club:

South Devon Cricket Sessions

When: Every Friday (6pm-7pm)

Where: South Devon CC (the rec - TQ12 2AR)

Contact: emma.schofield83@hotmail.co.uk





Newton Abbot RFC

Sunday 25th May 2025 - 10.30am

3K or 1.5K Course

Adult Ticket = £10

Junior Ticket = £8 (over 4's)

Fun for all the family. All proceeds to Jay's Aim Charity.
Medals for all finishers. Run or walk the course.

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