



Newsletter—Friday 24th October 2025

Next week—W/C Monday 3rd November 2025	
Monday:	DT Week
Tuesday:	Class Three PE
Wednesday:	Y2-Y6 Cross Country Class One Outdoor Learning (Please remember appropriate footwear)
Thursday:	Class Two PE
Friday:	Class Four PE 3.00 Celebration Collective Worship KS2 Sports Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of the year is always a long and busy one. But what an excellent start to the new year it has been. The children have all settled and are now thriving in their new classes, showing amazing learning behaviour, attitudes and politeness day in, day out. It really is a pleasure to see so much great learning, pride in achievements, and kindness across the school. Many thanks to all our pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm, to our staff for their dedication, and to parents and carers for your continued support. We can all have a well earned break now and come back (hopefully) refreshed for the push towards Christmas!

**This week**

**Book and a Biscuit**

Many thanks to all of you who were able to come to BaaB on Wednesday. I hope you all enjoyed looking at the wonderful work your children have been doing this term so far. The children's books show good leaning; significant progress and, in the majority of cases, are wonderfully presented. It is nice to see children taking the initiative with their books and really challenging themselves to set out work carefully.

**Class 4 at Exeter Races**

Class 4 had a really enjoyable and worthwhile day at Exeter Racecourse on Tuesday. We travelled with Y5&6 children and staff from Beaford and from Brayford. The day revolved around maths in different contexts and the children all had chance to use and extend their knowledge. As so often seems to happen on trips, several members of the public and the staff delivering the day said how polite and well behaved the children were.

**Next week**

Half term holiday!

**Week beginning 3rd November**

Monday 3rd children return to school

**Wednesday 5th TEAM Cross Country running event.**

This event is open to all children who would like to have a go from years two to six. It is a fairly gruelling run around the school field and through Quarry Woods; it is not compulsory in any way. If your child would like to run in their year group race (against children from other TEAM schools), that would be great. Children who do want to take part will need to come to school on the morning of the races in PE kit and have trainers on their feet. It is essential that they bring school uniform to change in to as the course is likely to be wet and muddy. Runners will also need a drink and healthy snack.

Have a lovely break,

Rob Norton  
Head of School

## Notices

### **Class Two DT Week**

Our first week back after half term will be focusing mainly on Design and Technology. The children Class Two will be designing and creating a free-standing space ship. Please can you collect clean recycling to help us with our project and bring it in on the first two days back. Items may include cereal packets, small cardboard boxes e.g. cereal bars, teabag boxes, bottle lids, washed plastic containers - yogurt pots, anything space ship like! Thank you very much.

### **Class Three DT Week**

Please can Class Three bring in any spare cardboard tubes/tin foil the first day back after half term, to help with our DT project. Thank you.

### **Poppies**

Mrs Pearce will have poppies available for a donation the first week back after half term, ready for Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November.

### **Church Notice**

On Halloween, 31st October (Halloween), the church will be open from 6.00-8.00pm for trick or treaters, with hot chocolate/juice and gift bags for children.

## School Calendar

### **October**

W/C Monday 27th: Half Term

### **November**

Mon 3rd: School restarts

Mon 3rd: DT week begins

Thu 13th: Class 4 Big Event. Trip to Tiverton Museum

Wed 19th: After School Church Club

Fri 21st: Children in Need Day - non-uniform

Fri 28th: PTA Non-Uniform Day—bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair Tombola

### **December**

Tue 9th: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm

Wed 17th: School Christmas dinner

Thu 18th: School Christmas production (TBC)

Fri 19th: Carol Collective Worship in the church at 2:45pm

Fri 19th: Last day of term

### **January 2026**

Tue 6th: School restarts

### **February**

Tue 3rd: London Residential (Y5) departs

Fri 6th: London Residential returns

Mon 9th: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm

Fri 13th: Last day of the half term

W/C Mon 16th: Half Term

Mon 23rd: School restarts

Mon 23rd: DT week begins

### **March**

Wed 11th: SGH Residential (Y3/4) departs

Fri 13th: SGH Residential returns

Fri 21st: Red Nose Day - non-uniform

Tue 31st: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm

## April

Thu 2nd: Easter Service in the church at 2:30pm

Thu 2nd: Last day of term

Mon 20th: School restarts

## May

Mon 4th: Bank Holiday - no school

Mon 11th: Y6 SPaG SAT

Tue 12th: Y6 Reading SAT

Wed 13th: Y6 Arithmetic and Maths 1 SAT

Thu 14th: Y6 Maths 2 SAT

Sun 17th: Bude Residential (Y6) departs

Fri 22nd: Bude Residential returns

Fri 22nd: Last day of the half term

W/C Mon 25th: Half Term

## June

Mon 1st: Non-Pupil Day

Tue 2nd: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Thu 18th: Vision Day

## July

Wed 15th: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm

Mon 20th: School Sports Morning

Tue 21st: Leavers' Service at 2:00pm

Tue 21st: Last day of the school year

## What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!



### Learning Lions (Class One)

What can we do to help our environment?

What can we do to help in our community?

Go for a listening walk, what sounds will you hear?



### Exploring elephants (Class Two)

Can you go for an autumn walk and collect natural objects?

Can you print your autumn objects in paint to create some artwork?

Can you draw a picture of you and write about your 5 senses?

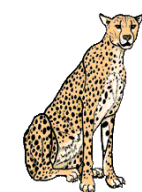


### Inventive Impalas (Class Three)

What did you write in your welcome card for Sam in Jigsaw?

Can you explain the rules of rounding?

What have you enjoyed learning about the Romans this term?



### Challenging Cheetahs (Class Four)

What can you remember about our history project this half term?

Can you tell someone about your report to Sherlock Holmes?

Can you explain the basics of Tag Rugby?

## Home Activities and Homework Tasks

### **Class One:**

Please spend time reading with your child and practising their new phonic sounds.

### **Class Two:**

Please aim to read with an adult for 15 minutes each day and **record in reading records.**

### **Class Three:**

Reading log book, multiplication tables and spellings.

### **Class Four:**

Read for 60 minutes at least (Y6) and 45 minutes at least (Y5). Maths homework to be returned on Tuesday please.



## Next Week's Menu—W/C Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Sausage roll</b> V – Quorn sausage roll Potato Wedges, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn  Peach melba	<b>Minced Beef Pie</b> V – Quorn mince pie Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg  Fruit Jelly	<b>Roast of the Day Pork</b> V – Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg  Fruit salad	<b>Chicken and veg Casserole</b> V – Vegetable casserole Crusty bread  Jam sponge and custard	<b>Fish Fingers</b> V – vegetable fingers Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg  Shortbread Biscuit

### Class One

This week in class one, we have been focusing on the story 'The listening walk' by Paul Showers. We have been on our own listening walk around the village and have also written about the places we visited and the sounds that we heard. We have been practicing all of our set 1 sounds this week in Phonics and have blown Mr Northmore and Mrs Warner-Smith away with how many sounds we have learnt when completing our Autumn 1 phonics assessments. In maths, we have been investigating the numbers 3 and 4 and have also focused on counting one more/ less than a specific amount. In addition to this, we have been learning how to look after our environment and the steps we need to take to ensure our World is looked after.

### Class Three

Class 3 worked really hard in English to type up their letters and put them in an envelope addressed to the witch! In Jigsaw they produced some beautiful cards to a fictional character called 'Sam', a boy who was starting school for the first time due to being in hospital for most of his life. Their comments and messages showed what a welcoming, thoughtful and empathetic class they are! In Science this week we found out more about the three 'states of matter'. Did you know that while majority of solids hold their shape when being transported, some solids such as sand, sugar and flour change shape. We enjoyed learning new basketball dribbling and passing skills in PE. These skills were successfully applied into our games play.

## **Class Two**

In Class Two this week we have been reviewing our learning all about 'Dinosaur Detectives'. We have been completing our work in our sketchbooks and it was lovely to share our work with the parents/carers during Book and a Biscuit. Thank you for coming into our busy classroom!

In Art this week, we have developed our drawing and mono-printing skills. In drawing we used pencil to create observational drawing of ammonites. We used printing ink and rollers to skillfully create a mono-print background of dinosaur skins. Once these were dry, we then used polystyrene to draw our ammonite images. We then printed these onto our dinosaur skin background. The results were fantastic! These will be displayed in our classroom after half term, so we would love for you to come and have a closer look.

When we come back after half term our project will be changing to 'Moon Zoom' where we will learn all about space.



## **Class Four—William H**

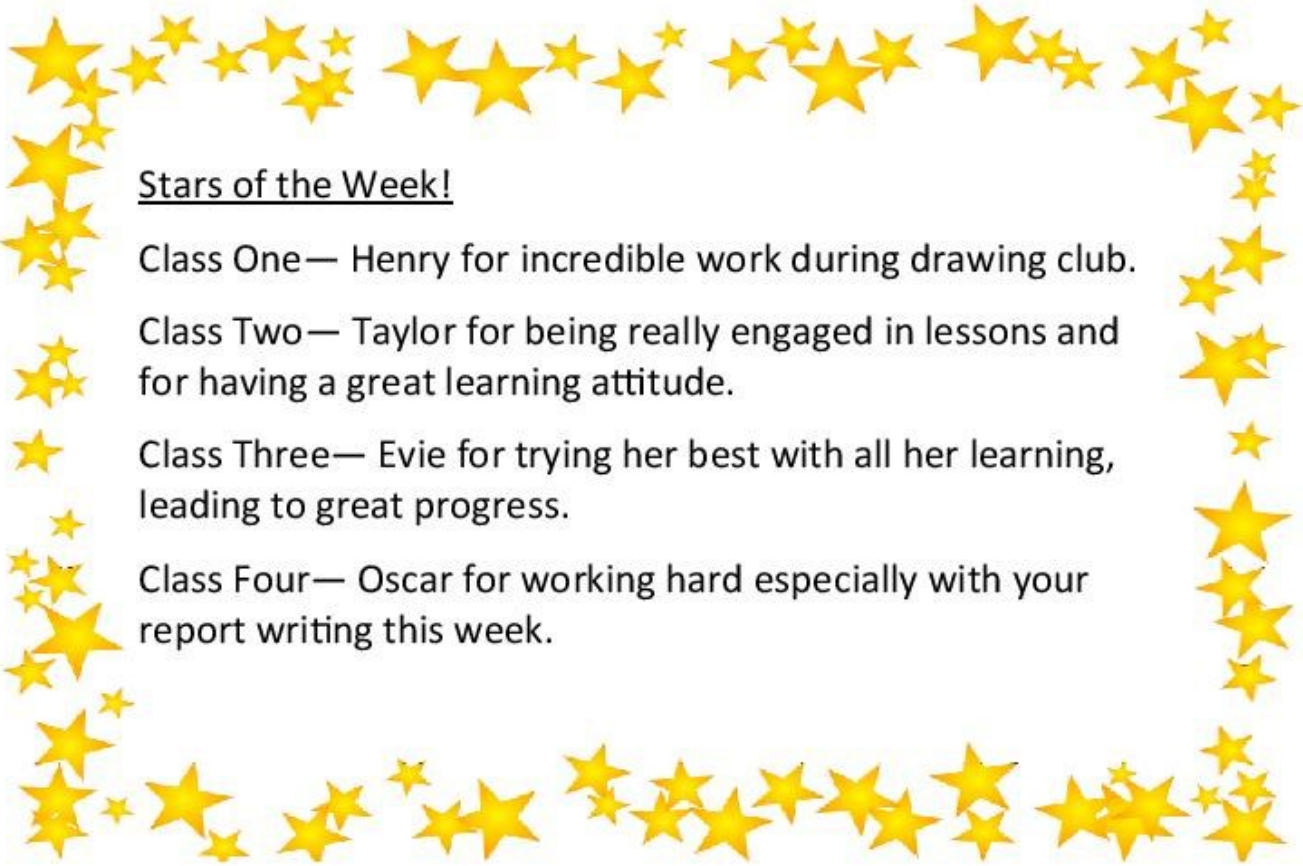
This week in Class Four, we have been seeing how North Devon was changed by the expansion of the railway network during the Industrial Revolution; using primary sources of evidence. We were mainly looking at maps of Barnstaple comparing how 1640, 1860 & 1900 railways made up the town as a thriving community.

In English we have written a formal report to Mr Sherlock Holmes. On Tuesday we had the opportunity to go to Exeter Race Course. First, we looked at the scales and the jockeys need to weigh themselves before and after just to make sure they haven't cheated.



## Stars of the Week and Reading Stars

Certificates to be presented at Celebration Collective Worship on Friday 24th October 2025, 3.00pm in the church.



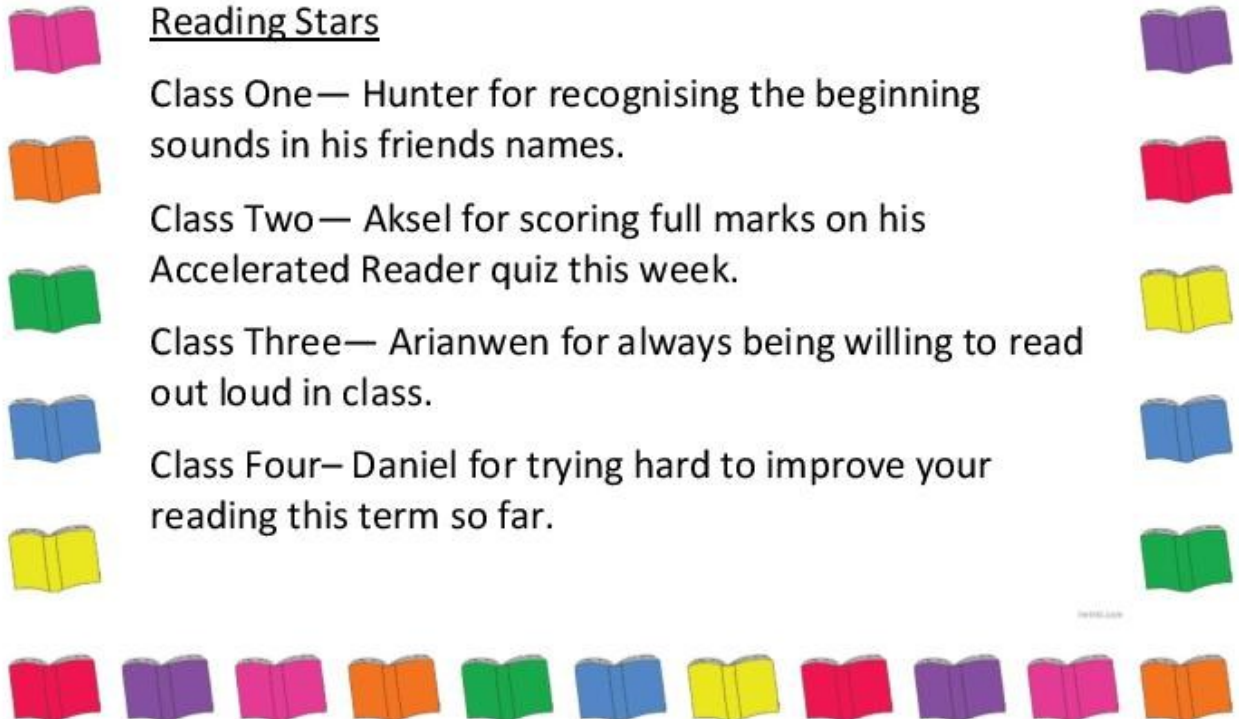
### Stars of the Week!

Class One— Henry for incredible work during drawing club.

Class Two— Taylor for being really engaged in lessons and for having a great learning attitude.

Class Three— Evie for trying her best with all her learning, leading to great progress.

Class Four— Oscar for working hard especially with your report writing this week.



### Reading Stars

Class One— Hunter for recognising the beginning sounds in his friends names.

Class Two— Aksel for scoring full marks on his Accelerated Reader quiz this week.

Class Three— Arianwen for always being willing to read out loud in class.

Class Four— Daniel for trying hard to improve your reading this term so far.



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# Light Party

Umberleigh Christian Fellowship,  
EX37 9AR  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct  
16:30 – 18:30

**Sweets**  
**Games**  
**Fire**  
**Hot dogs**



Booking Link: [Umberleigh light party Tickets, Fri 31 Oct 2025 at 16:30 | Eventbrite](#)

School holidays adding to  
your energy costs?



## Our energy team can help

citizens  
advice

Torrige, North,  
Mid & West Devon

Call us on **01237 879 233** to see if you're eligible for help with fuel vouchers and grants, and to receive tips on how to cut your bills



**CHILDREN  
IN NEED**

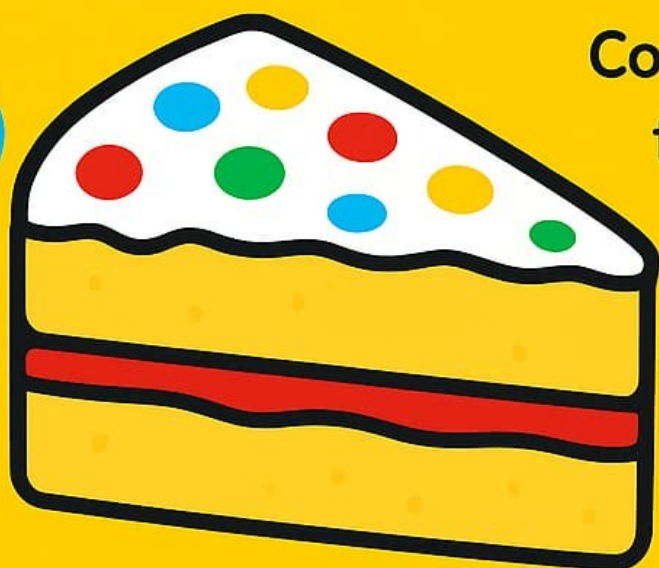
# **CAKE SALE**

**Sunday 26th October**

**2:00 pm – 4:15 pm**

**High Bickington Church Hall**

Join us for an afternoon filled with delicious cakes and community spirit – all in support of BBC Children in Need!



Come along, bring your friends & family, and help us raise money for a fantastic cause.

# TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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Part of TEAM MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

For more information and how to apply directly with My New Term please visit our website

<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies>

We currently have 7 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

## Trustee with Financial Expertise

EDV/2025/TMT/20736

Team Multi-Academy Trust

TEAM Multi Academy Trust are seeking a Trustee with Financial Expertise - Help Shape the Future of Education in North Devon

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ Voluntary

**New** • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

## Cleaner

EDV/2025/PBCEA/95951

Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy

The appointed person will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.84 Hourly
- Grade B | 5HPW (1 HOUR PER DAY APPROX 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY) |

**New** • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

## 1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV/2025/PIA/51012

Pilton Infants' Academy

Pilton Infants' School is looking to appoint a 1.1 SEND TA to join our academy as soon as possible.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ £13.26 Hourly
- Grade C | 27.5 HPW | 38 Weeks | Term Time Only

**8 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

## Cleaner

EDV/2025/PIA/83795

Pilton Infants' Academy

The appointed person/s will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.65 Hourly
- Grade A | 10HPW (2 HOURS PER DAY TO BE WORKED AFTERNOON/ EVENINGS) | 41 WEEKS

**8 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

## Specialist SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV/2025/BCPS/84290

Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

We're looking for a caring, motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our school community and play a key role in supporting our pupils' learning and development.

- 📍 Beaford, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8LJ
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Full-Time
- £ £13.90 Hourly
- Grade D | 30 HPW (08:30AM - 3:30PM MONDAY - FRIDAY) | 39 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

**8 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

## 1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV/2025/HANTCPS/14953

Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support 2 children in year 3 to supervise throughout the day. In-service training will be...

- 📍 Lovacott, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3PU
- 🕒 Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ £12.84 Hourly
- Grade B | 9 HPW (MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 08:45AM - 12PM EACH DAY)

**8 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

## Cover Supervisor

EDV/2025/WCEPA/08608

Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our team, working closely with class teachers to support pupils in engaging meaningfully with their learning. The successful candidate...

- 📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8AH
- 🕒 Permanent/Term Time Only | Part-Time
- £ £13.90 - £14.82 Hourly
- GRADE: D | 27.5 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY) | 39 WEEKS | PERMANENT / TERM TIME

**8 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP