

# Pilgrim Primary Academy

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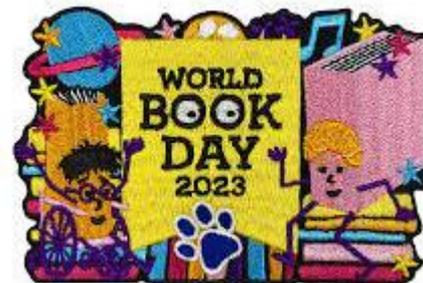
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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week of learning this week and today we have had a wonderful World Book Day today in school. New books arrived in classes to read to children, chosen by their teachers, just for today. The children have celebrated books, stories, authors and illustrators to inspire them to read a wider range of books and even to become authors and illustrators themselves. We had pebble painting, poetry writing, drama, painting and collage activities going on across school and classes have settled down to have a bedtime story together (in their PJs) enjoying time today to just get lost in a book.



There are lots of great links to other reading activities on the World Book Day website. Why not try to listen to an audio story each day in March [via this link](#):

[free audiobooks](#) for all ages on World of Stories, available until 26 March 2023.

Also, click on this link to access a fantastic storybook library made by one of our staff, Miss Szorny:

[digital library 4-11.pptx](#)



Look out for photos of our World Book Day on our Facebook page!

## Comic Relief Red Nose Day March 17th



Like many schools, we will be raising money for Comic Relief this year and we have several events on this day so we can have fun raising money. We will be inviting children to come to school on Friday in 'Funny Mufti' (however that is interpreted!). We want to see silly hair and outrageous clothes (wear them back to front, inside out or go bright and bold!). We are asking for a donation to the charity of 50p or more per child (details about payment through ParentPay link to follow nearer the time).

**Biscuits for sale!** Ed's Red Nosey biscuits will also be available on this day at an additional cost of 50p, made by Sue, our cook.

**Comic Relief Talent Show:** Oh yes! There is no end of talent at Pilgrim and why not show it off for Comic Relief? We will be inviting an act to represent each class to go head to head in a talent battle! We will have judges and prizes for the most impressive and entertaining act. There might even be a surprise entry for the children to enjoy. Get rehearsing as the classes will be picking their acts in the run up to Comic Relief Day - children will get more information next week from their teachers....



**We will send a reminder and more details of all our Comic Relief events as separate communication nearer the time**

## Pilgrim Curriculum Focus - What have we been up to?

### Cosy Cottage Team - Farm Life

In Cosy Cottage, the children have been learning about life on a farm. We have learnt all about the different animals and where we get our milk, wool, meat, eggs and different produce from. We have had lots of fun finding out about what farmers do and even felt what it must feel like to milk a cow and also did some sheep shearing! We all had so much fun being farmers and learnt lots of new skills.



### Fair Trade Fortnight



The 27th February marked the start of FairTrade Fortnight. In assembly this week the children have learnt about the “future of food” and the impact of climate change on farmers’ ability to grow crops for us to buy. The assembly also explored the poor amount of money some farmers get paid for their produce and how this is unfair. The pupils learnt that by buying things with the fair trade logo it supports farmers to receive a fair wage but also to employ environmentally friendly farming practices, thus protecting the planet.



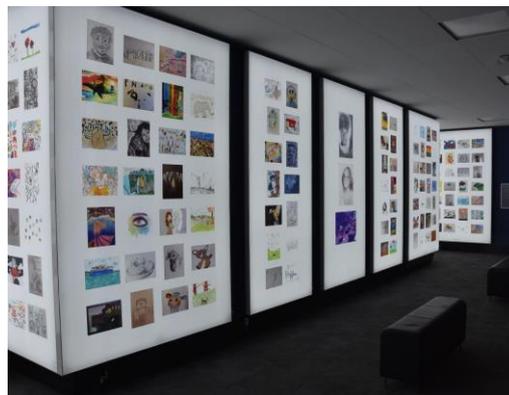
### Healthy Eating at Pilgrim

Eat Them to Defeat Them - the multi award-winning campaign from Veg Power and ITV which uses advertising and a schools’ programme to get kids to eat more vegetables - is back for its 5th year! This year the schools’ programme has a new theme “the veg are taking over the world” which we have supported with ideas to celebrate the wonderful global diversity of food in school menus. The children here at Pilgrim are enjoying trying the “globally diverse” dishes and eating more vegetables and getting their Eat Them to Defeat Them stickers!





### Talented Artists and Competition Winners!



Emma in Y5 and Denise in Y6 have been selected as winners of a young people's drawing competition run by The Box in Plymouth. They were asked to create a drawing to meet the theme "the joy of drawing" during Art club and Mr Monteiro submitted their artwork. Their prize was to have their work displayed at The Box with the other talented winners. Doesn't it look great?

### Year 4 Lions class went rockpooling...

As part of the " Generation Ocean Project to encourage our appreciation of the National Marine Park on our coast, the pupils in 4LJ Lion class went to visit the beach at Mount Batten. They had a great time exploring the rock pools and enjoyed observing a range of sea creatures in their natural habitats. The hermit crabs, limits and star fish were firm favourites!



## Community Information

### Lost Property - come and claim it!

We have so much lost property! Over the last week, we have put our lost property out on the KS2 playground in the morning, in the hope that it will be claimed. At the end of next week, we are going to be donating any unclaimed uniform to the Uniform Store in Plymouth (see below). Please come and look for any lost uniform and items before then. Thanks.



**Uniform  
Store  
Plymouth**

The Uniform Store which provides Plymouth families with free pre-loved uniform is open again! It now has a permanent location and can be found at 93 New George Street (formerly Bon Marche) opposite the pannier market. The opening hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-1pm. The service is open to anyone to use.

## Dates for your Diary

10.03.23	Tigers Class Assembly
22.03.23	Parents Consultation Meetings <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>
23.03.23	Parents Consultation Meetings <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>
17.03.23	COMIC RELIEF DAY - more details will follow
24.03.23	Owls Class Assembly
31.03.23	Orcas Class Assembly
<b>03.04.23</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>



### **Change of Date: Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings**

We are having to **CHANGE THE DATE** of our Parents/Carers teacher meetings due to the dates coinciding with the next planned NEU strike action days. The new dates are just one week later on:

**Wednesday 22nd March 3.30-6.00pm (later finish)**

**Thursday 23rd March 3.30-5.00pm**

Apologies for this but the clash of dates could not have been foreseen. During the meetings you will be able to have a 10 minute face to face meeting with your child's teacher, receive your child's Spring Term report and discuss how they are getting on at school. More details will come to you nearer the time about how to book appointments.

### Pupils to Celebrate!

We are now presenting a Star Learner recognition in every class weekly AND the children are recognising one of their class team for a Pat on the Back for conduct each week too. Lots to celebrate so well done to these children:

	<b>PAT ON THE BACK</b>	<b>STAR LEARNER</b>
	<b>From 21/02/2023 until 03/03/2023</b>	
Year 1	Wiktor S / 1MS whole class	Miray C / Oshee S / Keziah B / Alisa A
Year 2	Maiah N / Elya A	Autumn G / Eva M / Jaden M / Daiyan H
Year 3	Isabelle A-J / Alya M	Isabelle A-J / Aliya B / Maddakai C / Alani H
Year 4	Ioanna N / 4LJ whole class	Mason C / Tasnim M / Alicia-Maie H / Oscar B
Year 5	Lacey R / Alison O	Somod O / Alfie S / Layal A / Abdulrahman A



### A Special Commendation for Conduct

A very special mention to these children who have been recognised in school for going above and beyond expectations for exceptional conduct in classrooms and around school:

- Elle - Foundation**
- Jwad - Year 2**
- Blake - Year 4**
- Sarah - Year 5**
- Tanisha - Year 6**
- Adea - Year 6**



Children who receive a special commendation will enjoy a 'Hot Chocolate Party' with Mr Goodwin.

### Attendance

Attendance is slowly creeping back up so thank you for making sure that your child is in school every day when they are not ill. As a school, we are not attending at the same level as other schools nationally and we are below our yearly target of 95%. Let's keep trying to improve as the year goes on!

**Congratulations to 2 classes who tie for the best attending class in the last 2 weeks: Year 6 Falcon class and Year 1 Sea Stars who have achieved a fantastic 98.1% attendance in the last fortnight.**

Well done! Dolphins in Year 5 remain the best attending class of the year to date though (but only just as the Falcon class are catching you up!).

Pilgrim Primary Attendance (400 pupils)	Attendance School (target 95%+)	Attendance National (Primary schools)	Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am)
Up to w/e 03.03.23	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Best class (year to date) 95.3%</b>	<b>Year 5 Dolphins</b> 	<b>Best class (last fortnight) 98.1%</b>	<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>  <b>Year 1 Sea Stars</b> 



There are **44** pupils in school with **100%** attendance to date!

**100%**

I told you we have been busy! Time for a rest now so enjoy your weekends everyone and see you on Monday.

**Mrs L Meek**  
**Headteacher**