



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2025



Reminder - We are a
Nut & Kiwi Free school

Latest News

Happy Friday! I am not sure that I can remember a rainier start to the Autumn term – let's hope that things improve at some point soon! In the meantime, please do ensure that your children bring a coat to school so that they can get out for some fresh, albeit slightly damp, air.



Children across the school have been completing a shared literacy project, based on the book, The Flower Block. This has been a brilliant way to start the year, with children from across the school all able to talk with each other about their work. Next week we will be producing a shared display to celebrate the learning across the school – exciting! Next week we also welcome a range of authors into school from the Appledore Book Festival – ask them about who they meet and enjoy sharing a signed book from them.

Key Stage 2 head out for their annual cross country at Pilton Community College next week – good luck and enjoy it! Next week also brings an opportunity for our Upper Key Stage 2 children to visit some local secondary schools. Please ensure that you have let the school office know if you are planning on visiting a local secondary school so that absence can be coded correctly.

Have a great, relaxing weekend – we had some very snoozy reception children by the end of the week!

Next week's whole school emotion: Confusion



School Development News

This week's staff meeting focused on planning and leading successful and safe school trips. Staff explored best practices and discussed Devon County Council's legal and safety requirements, including risk assessments and documentation to ensure all trips meet county standards. We're committed to providing enriching experiences while keeping pupil safety at the heart of every visit.

Class Dojo

Last week we introduced Class Dojo as a platform to celebrate and share learning across the school. We now have 245 parents connected to our school. If you are struggling to connect to your child's class then please don't hesitate to contact their teacher who will be more than happy to help.



Uniform

A further reminder that hooped or dangly earrings are not to be worn to school and children will be asked to remove these (where possible) or cover them with tape. Children should not be wearing rings or smart watches. Long hair should be tied back so that it is out of children's faces. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

Well Done!



Well done to Louis, Archie, Elliot and Thomas who played a great round robin at the weekend for Barnstaple Youth FC; winning or drawing all games! Great effort and teamwork by all players!

Congratulations!

Well done to Chloe and Oliver who took part in the 1 mile charity run - Barney to Beach, supporting the charity, Families in Grief.

Completed and still smiling, even in the rubbish weather!



Attendance

Great attendance this week! Well done, Year 4!

W/B: 15/09/2025

1	94.1%
2	96.0%
3	91.0%
4	98.1%
5	96.3%
6	90.7%
Overall	94.6%

Lost Property

Another plea to please ensure that all of your children's clothing items and belongings (bottles, snack pots, etc) are clearly named so that they can be easily reunited with them!

Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday 24 th September	KS2 Cross Country Trip. Please see separate email and ensure you have completed the permission on MCAS
Monday 20 th October	Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church - children only event
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 3 Multi Sports Event More details to follow shortly
Friday 24 th October	Trust - Non-Pupil Day
Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	Half Term

Term dates are available on our website.

PERSISTENCE
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TEAMWORK
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CURIOSITY
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COMMUNICATION
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Congratulations to this weeks Award Winners

Isla R - Periwinkles
Hugo N & Seb K - Starfish
Isla D & Oscar H - Polecats
Chloe N & Yinny V - Stoats
Conner G & Xander G - Otters
Chloe T & Alfie T - Kites
Norah B - Puffins
Aria S & Oscar A - Tawny Owls
Ciara W and Harley E - Porpoises
Oliver PT & Tristan A - Grey Seals
Myla L & Evie G - Red Deer
Charles H & Penny-Lee W - Badgers
Apologies to Harry C - Porpoises and Maya S - Grey Seals who were missing from last weeks Newsletter!

GTS YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 - OPEN MORNINGS & OPEN EVENING

Open Mornings from Monday 22nd September through to Friday 26th September. Arrival from 8.50am. Tours start at 9.05am. See the school in action. This is the ideal opportunity to get a real feel for the atmosphere of the school and ask your tour guides lots of questions. Parents and pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are welcome to attend our Open Mornings. The morning tours get underway with a welcome talk before having a tour around our school. At the end of the tour, you are welcome to stay for light refreshments and talk to members of our Senior Leadership Team.

Open Evening on Monday 29th September from 6pm - 8pm

Staff and pupils look forward to welcoming all Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families to our Open Evening. Please arrive early to allow time to be seated in the Drama Studio for the Headteacher's welcome at 6pm. There will be a second introduction at 7pm to allow for numbers. Following a welcome talk from our Headteacher, you will have the opportunity to wander around our school. All department areas will be open and staffed for you to ask any questions you may have about GTS.

To book a place on our tours, please register a place using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/y7m79riFLd>



PILTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Monday, 22nd September 2025 * Headteacher talks at 6.00 pm & 7.00 pm

OPEN MORNINGS - 24th, 25th & 26th September at 0930.

Visit our website or scan the relevant QR code to secure places at one of the evening talks or morning tours.



OPEN EVENING



OPEN MORNINGS



Choosing your Secondary School?

Open Evening Thurs 18th Sept

Open Mornings 22nd - 24th Sept



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE
THEPARKSCHOOL.ORG.UK

OR SCAN THE CODE



Bideford College

Open Mornings

9.15am – 11am

22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th September 25

Open Evening

4pm – 7pm

25th September 25

Atlantic Academy

Open Mornings

9.15am – 11am

29th and 30th September 25

1st, 2nd, 3rd October 25

Open Evening

4pm – 7pm

1st October 25

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

SNAP STREAK

97

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.



SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🍌 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.



SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.



SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.



ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.



Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.



ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.



BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

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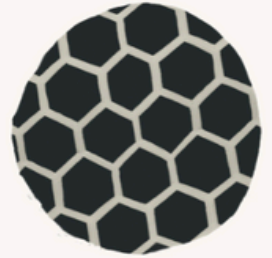
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AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Join our fun filled after school football club
PE or sports wear, water bottle &
shin pads recommended
Girls & Boys



<https://romar-sports.classforkids.io/info/1292>

Monday | years 3 - 6 | 3.25 - 4.25pm

08/09/25 - 08/12/25 | 13 weeks

£78

FREMLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL





IMS

Instrumental
Music
Services

Music Lessons at Fremington Primary School



Piano, Violin, Guitar, Singing and Woodwind lessons with Emma




Email: imsnorthdevon@gmail.com






1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pinwheel, Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans	Fish Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake & Crusty Bread (v)	Lentil Roast with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Plant-based Sausage Pinwheel, Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans (v)	Golden Veggie Goujons & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo
Served with	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Brownie	Flapjack	Fruit Jelly	Shortbread Biscuit
Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Tuna Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Baguette

Week One: 21 Apr | 12 May | 9 Jun | 30 Jun | 21 Jul | 15 Sept | 6 Oct



2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Mac n Cheese & Crusty Bread (v)	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice	Honey Roast Gammon with Mash & Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Chicken Bites & Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet and Sour Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v) & Crusty Bread	Vegemince Cottage Pie & Gravy (v)	Plant-based Sausages in Tomato Sauce with Pasta (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo
Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas and Carrots	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Oaty Cookie	Toffee Cream Shortcake	Jam Sponge & Coconut	Chocolate Shortbread
Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Tuna Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Baguette

Week Two: 28 Apr | 19 May | 16 Jun | 7 Jul | 1 Sept | 22 Sept | 13 Oct



3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Swirl with Potato Wedges (v)	Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy	Breaded Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo Wrap with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta (v)	Loaded Bean Bake & Garlic Bread (v)	Plant-based Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy (v)	Tomato and Courgette Frittata with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheesy Pinwheel & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Cabbage and Carrots	Crunchy Salad Sticks	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Vanilla Ice Cream	Blueberry Cupcake	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Oatcake	Vanilla Crunch Bar
Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Tuna Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Baguette

Week Three: 5 May | 2 Jun | 23 Jun | 14 Jul | 8 Sept | 29 Sept | 20 Oct

*Available Daily:
Fresh Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives