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Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

13th March 2026

Dear Families,

As we move through the spring term, it's wonderful to see our school so full of activity, learning and community spirit. This week's bulletin highlights the wide range of opportunities available to our children—from our many clubs and music lessons to upcoming events such as the Rock Steady concert and Easter service. You'll also find helpful reminders about class routines, key dates, and safeguarding information, as well as news from our PTFA, who continue to support the school through fundraising and community events. Thank you, as always, for your continued involvement and partnership in school life.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe

Headteacher



Who's Here to Help



Useful Links

- Absence Request - [Absence Request Form](#)
- Admissions - [Admissions](#)
- Clubs - [Our School Clubs](#)
- Medicine Form - [Administration of Medicines](#)
- Music Form - [Music Tuition Form](#)
- Nursery - [Our Nursery and How to Apply](#)
- Policies - [Policies and Governance](#)
- Term Dates - [Term Dates](#)

Class Information at a Glance

Class	Teacher	Year Group	PE Day	Forest School	Biking
Sparrows	Miss B	Nursery			
Wrens & Robins	Miss Mifsud / Mr Jones	Nursery / Reception	Tuesday AM & Friday AM		
Year 1 Robins	Mr Jones	Year 1	Thursday AM	Monday PM	Summer 1
Swallows	Miss Zaki / Mr Bird	Year 1/2	Monday PM & Thursday AM	Monday AM	Spring 1
Kingfishers	Miss Hardy	Year 2	Tuesday PM	Friday PM	Wednesday PM
Tawny Owls	Mrs Stoneman	Year 3	Tuesday PM (Saints), Wednesday PM	Wednesday PM	Autumn 2
Nightingales	Mrs Eversfield	Year 3/4	Thursday PM & Friday AM	Friday PM	Spring 2



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Woodpeckers	Miss Wakeham	Year 4/5	Thursday PM	Wednesday PM	Autumn 2
Swifts	Dr Short	Year 5	Wednesday PM & Friday PM	Thursday PM	Spring 2
Goldfinches	Mrs Davis	Year 5/6	Tuesday AM	Tuesday PM	Autumn 1
Red Kites	Miss Humphries	Year 6	Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday	Autumn 1

What's My Child Learning?

Explore our Curriculum Maps: [Dartington Church of England Academy - Curriculum](#)

Clubs

- Breakfast Club: 7:45–8:40am (Mon–Fri) | £4.50 full / £1.50 short | *Book via My Child At School App*
- After School Club: 3:00–6:00pm | £9 per session (20% sibling discount) *Book via My Child At School App*
- Sports Clubs (Saints South West): KS1 Tue | KS2 Thu | Football Fri [Saints Southwest](#)
- Frazoo Exotic Animal Club: Tue after school | Email: frazie@frazoo.co.uk
- Photo Seeds: Thursday 3.15pm – 5pm | Email emma@emmastoner.com
- Spanish Club: Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime | [Kidslingo](#)
- Craft Club: Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.30pm | Email helenmepham@gmail.com
- Gardening Club – Thursday and Friday lunchtimes with Miss Eyland
- Quiet Club – Each lunchtime in the library
- *New* Argyle Community Football Club | Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm
- *New* Art Club – Wednesday 12.30pm KS1 | Wednesday 3.15 – 4.45pm KS2
<http://www.thewowhaus.co.uk/book>

Music

- Music Lessons - We offer



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- Violin, Piano, Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Recorder, Flute, Clarinet. Please complete the form here [Music Form](#)
- Rocksteady Band Lessons: Learn an instrument in a fun group setting! To find out more please visit their website here - [Home - Rocksteady Music School](#)

<p>A BAND FOR EVERYONE</p> <p>Band lessons take place in school and there's no experience necessary!</p>	<p>HAVE FUN AND LEARN</p> <p>Rocksteady's unique curriculum includes up to 300 musicianship, performance and instrument skills.</p>	<p>INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED</p> <p>All instruments for lessons provided. Choose if they shine on vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass.</p>
<p>END OF TERM CONCERTS</p> <p>Watch as your child boosts their confidence by performing in the end of term concerts</p>	<p>PROGRESS AT THEIR PACE</p> <p>Children can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated, Trinity Music qualification.</p>	<p>LED BY PROFESSIONALS</p> <p>Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning an instrument fun.</p>

Key Dates

Spring Term 2026:

- Start 6 Jan | Half Term 16–20 Feb | End 2 Apr

Summer Term 2026:

- Start 21 Apr | Half Term 25–29 May | End 22 Jul

Calendar Events:

- 24th March – Rock Steady Concert
- 1st April – Easter Service
- 1st April - Curriculum Open Afternoon 2.30pm
- 6th May – Class Photos
- 11th – 14th May – SAT's week
- 21st May – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop
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- 10th June - Year 3 Trip – RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 17th June – Year 4 Trip - RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery



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Safeguarding

WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE?

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Mr Trewinnard

Designated Safeguarding Lead L3 trained

Miss Coombe

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead L3 trained

Miss Wilson

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead L3 trained

Mrs Eversfield

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead L3 trained

We use **CPOMS** to record timelines of incidents.

IT COULD HAPPEN HERE!

PROFESSIONAL CURIOSITY

Mental health	FGM	Neglect	Physical abuse	Emotional Abuse
HSB	Child on Child	Prevent Duty	Trauma	Anxiety
Poor attendance	Fabricated or Induced illness	Family Stressors	Withdraw	Sexual abuse
Domestic abuse	Child missing in education	Online safety	Parent mental health	Bullying Cyber bullying

Disclosure Checklist:

- * Stay calm - don not express shock, panic or disbelief
- * Find a private, safe place to talk
- * Be a listener NOT an investigator - Can you tell me more about that?
- * Believe the child
- * Reassure them for doing the right thing
- * It is not their fault—what can we do to make them feel safer?
- * Be proactive - Every child has the right to be safe strong and free
- * Don't make promises you cannot keep - you will tell someone to get more help
- * Inform the DSL / DSL / Police , dependent on need and record on CPOMS

If you are concerned that a child is being abused please call [0345 155 1071](tel:0345 155 1071) or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk. If it's an emergency call **999**

What should I do if I have a safeguarding concern?

Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility. If you ever have concerns about the welfare or safety of a child, please report them immediately.

How to report a concern:

- **Contact the school directly:** Speak our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy Safeguarding Leads.
- If you think a child is at risk of significant harm or want to talk about your concerns about a child or family, you can contact Devon Children's Services on 0345 155 1071. Calls are confidential and you can choose to remain anonymous.
- Link to website <https://www.devonscp.org.uk/make-a-request-for-support/parents-carers-public/>

If a child is in **immediate danger**, please call **999**.



Your vigilance helps us keep every child safe. Thank you for working with us to protect our school community.

PTFA

Welcome to Dartington PTFA

All families who have children at our school are welcome along to the Parent, Teacher, Friend Association (PTFA). Our organising committee plans events and works closely with the school to identify funding needs. We're always happy to welcome new members who'd like to get involved!

Our Aims

- **Community** We aim to strengthen the bond between the school and our families.
- **Fundraise** The money we raise goes to all sorts of things - from topping up the essentials to providing added enrichment to the school experience. Last year, alongside a calendar of events, we also funded a poetry exhibition and helped create a dedicated reading shed in the school playground.
- **Making memories** Sampling a homemade bake, dancing at the disco, ice lollies on sports day - our events aren't just for fundraising, we want to come together and have some fun.

What's On

For the latest news on events and fundraising, please refer to the PTFA notice board outside school. We also run a WhatsApp community which includes individual class groups, there's a QR code to scan on the noticeboard.

Christmas jumper swap!

Don't throw out the Christmas sweaters.

We are planning to organise a school wide swap in November 2026.

Please hold on to your jumpers or bring them to school for us to sort and store.

Interested to get involved, have ideas to share?



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We know lots of people have a lot on their plate, but if you think you might be able to give us a hand occasionally or regularly, we would love to hear from you. We hold meetings at the start of each term, please get in touch to confirm the next date.

Email: ptfa@lapsw.org

For more information and to make an online donation: www.dartington-primary-ptfa.co.uk



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Dartington Community News



OPEN EVENING 2026

Tuesday 17th March 5-7pm

Totnes Independent School is a non-punitive, independent school for children aged between 11 & 16.

Our school gives students the confidence and support to enjoy their learning and realise their full potential.

No need to book.

**Just show up
and explore
our incredible
school!**

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www.totnesindependentschool.co.uk





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DEVELOPMENT CENTRE SOUTH DEVON



ARGYLE
COMMUNITY
TRUST

FREE OPEN TRIAL

LOCATION : PAIGNTON ACADEMY 3G, TQ3 3WA

DAY : THURSDAY 12TH MARCH

TIME : 5 - 6PM

AGES : 6 - 12

The development centre is primarily aimed at players seeking to further their development alongside their grassroots club under the guidance of FA-qualified PAFC coaches. This is a great opportunity to take the first step on our pathway and players who excel at this centre will be invited to attend the elite hub.



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To book or for more info please email Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk



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Cake Stall

Wed 18th March

3.15pm



All cakes £1
(cash & card)

Fundraising for Y6 Leavers





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EASTER HAF PROGRAM



TOTNES LEISURE



HOLIDAY CAMP



Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April

8:30am - 13:00pm

Ages 5-12

6+ Activities Planned Everyday



LEARN. PLAY. SHINE

www.sportystars.co.uk | [@sportystars_uk](https://twitter.com/sportystars_uk)



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EASTER ROADSHOWS

SOUTH DEVON 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm | boys & girls all abilities aged 6 - 14 | £24 per day



kingsbridge community college
8th & 15th April

Devon FA, Newton abbot
9th & 16th April

Paignton Academy, Waterleat road
10th & 17th April

KEVICC, Totnes
14th April

For more info email
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**BOOK
NOW!**





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WHO'S IN THAT EGG?

Easter holidays at
Buckfastleigh Library

KAT'S CREATURES
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL - 2PM

Come and meet some amazing reptiles and learn about their lives
£2.00 per child
Booking essential, limited spaces



WHO'S IN THAT EGG CRAFT AND TREASURE HUNT

We'll be making popping up eggs, with all the variety of creatures that might come out of them!
Free but donations welcome
Running whenever the library is open



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EASTER HOLIDAYS
AT BUCKFASTLEIGH LIBRARY



Friday 10th April at 2pm

Join Kat and meet her creatures, a blue tongued skink, a leopard gecko, hog nosed snakes, a giant African land snail and a baby orchid preying mantis. You might even get to feed a bearded dragon

£2.00 per child, Age 4+

Booking essential, limited spaces

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