



# Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

## 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and happy Easter break, with time to recharge and spend with loved ones. As we begin the summer term, we look forward to an exciting period of learning, growth and shared experiences across the school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we are delighted to welcome our pupils back and look ahead to all that this term has to offer.

### **Forest school and sunny weather**

As the weather continues to change, please ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately for the day. Comfortable, practical clothing that allows children to move freely and take part in outdoor learning is important, along with suitable footwear for playtimes (no open toe shoes). With warmer weather on its way, please can you ensure your child has a sun hat and is wearing sun cream. For Forest school sessions, children need legs and arms fully covered to ensure safety. Thank you for your continued support in helping children feel comfortable, safe and ready to learn.

### **Behaviour Beyond the School Gates**

We are very proud of the way our pupils represent our school in the wider community. We would like to remind families that, under education legislation, schools have the authority to address behaviour that happens beyond the school gates if it affects pupils' safety or wellbeing. This can include incidents on the way to and from school, online behaviour, or behaviour in the community that impacts others.

Our approach is always rooted in care, fairness and support. We work in partnership with families to help children make positive choices, learn from mistakes, and understand the importance of respect wherever they are. Together, we can ensure our pupils feel safe, supported and proud to belong to our school community.



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Have a lovely 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](#)
- Curriculum Booklets - [Dartington Church of England Academy - Curriculum](#)



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## 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	TBC	
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
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*



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- 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](mailto:frazie@frazoo.co.uk)
- Photo Seeds: Thursday 3.15pm – 5pm | Email [emma@emmastoner.com](mailto:emma@emmastoner.com)
- Spanish Club: Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime | [Kidslingo](#)
- Craft Club: Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.30pm | Email [helenmepham@gmail.com](mailto: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
- 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><b>A BAND FOR EVERYONE</b></p> <p>Band lessons take place in school and there's no experience necessary!</p>	<p><b>HAVE FUN AND LEARN</b></p> <p>Rocksteady's unique curriculum includes up to 300 musicianship, performance and instrument skills.</p>	<p><b>INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED</b></p> <p>All instruments for lessons provided. Choose if they shine on vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass.</p>
<p><b>END OF TERM CONCERTS</b></p> <p>Watch as your child boosts their confidence by performing in the end of term concerts</p>	<p><b>PROGRESS AT THEIR PACE</b></p> <p>Children can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated, Trinity Music qualification.</p>	<p><b>LED BY PROFESSIONALS</b></p> <p>Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning an instrument fun.</p>



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## Key Dates

### Summer Term 2026:

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

### Calendar Events:

- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photos
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May – SAT's week
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop
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- 1<sup>st</sup> June – 11<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 - Bikeability
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 – Author Visit
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Trip – RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Drowning Prevention Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Trip - RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – EYFS & KS1 – Author Visit
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 4 – Forest & Beach Residential
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – PTFA – Summer Fair
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Transition Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Curriculum Open Afternoon
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Production PM
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Production AM
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Reserved Sports Day



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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](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk). If it's an emergency call [999](tel: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/>



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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.

## Attendance

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school. The NHS have the following advice for illnesses.

**Coughs and Colds** – It is fine to send your child in to school with a cough or a common cold. However, you should keep them off if they have a fever over 38 degrees.

**Chicken Pox** – If your child has chicken pox, keep them off school until the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after they start appearing.

**Cold Sore** – There is no need to keep your child off with a cold sore.

**Conjunctivitis** – You do not need to keep your child off with this. They may come to school but will need advice from the pharmacy.

**Head lice** – There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice, but you will want to gain advice from a pharmacist on how to treat it.

**Impetigo** – If they have impetigo, they will need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until the sores have crusted over and healed.

**Sore throat** – There is no need to keep your child off with a sore throat unless they have a temperature too.

**Vomiting and diarrhoea** – If you think this is viral, children should stay off for 48 hours after being sick or having diarrhoea.

**Covid -19** – If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or cough, and feels well enough, they can still come to school. They should stay at home if they have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to do their normal activities. If a test is taken, they should remain at home for 3 days.

For any minor illnesses like the ones listed above or headaches, sore throats, coughs or hay fever etc, your child can come into school and you can bring medicine to the office for





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### 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.

### Spring Party

Thursday 2nd April from 3pm  
In the school orchard

There will be face painting, Easter themed crafts and a plant and pre-loved book sale. Plus, popcorn, bakes and hot drinks.

Join us to raise funds for school and celebrate the end of term.

### **\*Call out for baking contributions\***

If you'd like to donate to the sweet and savoury bakes, please bring in your baking on Thursday.

### Interested to get involved, have ideas to share?

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](mailto:ptfa@lapsw.org)



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For more information and to make an online donation: [www.dartington-primary-ptfa.co.uk](http://www.dartington-primary-ptfa.co.uk)

## Dartington Community News

**DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**  
SOUTH DEVON

**ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST**

**UNDER 6 & 7 FREE OPEN TRIAL**

LOCATION : PAIGNTON ACADEMY 3G, TQ3 3WA  
DAY : THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL & THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
TIME : 5 - 6PM  
AGES : UNDER 6 & 7 (YEARS 1 AND 2)

The development centre is 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.





PATHWAY



To book or for more info please email [Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk](mailto:Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk)

**SOUTH DEVON ELITE HUB**  
PAIGNTON ACADEMY, TQ3 3WA

**ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST**

**ELITE HUB OPEN TRIAL**  
MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE | U8 - U11 | 5.15 - 6.45PM

Plymouth Argyles new South Devon elite hub is now recruiting aspiring young talented footballers to join our training programme and excited to launch our first open trial session.

The elite hub will include 2 weekly training sessions, following the syllabus and structure of the academy with advanced coaching to enhance the players development and introducing match programmes in the 2026/27 season.





PATHWAY



TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL [BEN.THOMPSON@PAFC.CO.UK](mailto:BEN.THOMPSON@PAFC.CO.UK)



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## SPANISH CLUBS at Dartington C of E Academy



Learn Spanish through songs, games, role play and fun activities

**TUESDAY:**

12pm-12:30pm for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

12:30pm - 1pm for Year 1 & 2 **(Fully Booked)**

Teacher: Monica

Cost: £22 per month / per child

Free access to over 250 online games



**Summer term  
starts 21<sup>st</sup> April**

[patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk](mailto:patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk) To book a space please visit  
[www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/](http://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/)



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**Totnes & Dartington's Red Panda's football team.**



**Great space to make new friends in a safe & supportive environment.**

**Calling all girls in Reception, Year 1 & 2 to join our ever-growing girls only football club!**



**Sessions run every Monday 4:30 – 5:30 on KEVVIC astro, term time only.**

**Sessions include fun interactive games, learning new skills & building confidence.**



**Call or message Chris on 07939367558 to find out more or just turn up for a free trial!**



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## Children, Young People and Families Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

We offer a free, confidential advice line for children, young people and families on the Neurodiversity Pathway in Plymouth and Devon.

### Advice can include:

- Anxiety
- Diet
- Friendships
- Sleep
- Linking with other teams and services in your area
- School difficulties
- Support strategies



Contact us: 01752 435404 Monday - Friday, 09:00-17:00

### Have your say:

Share feedback to help us improve our services. Use the QR code to complete the questionnaire.



*We support people to lead independent, healthy lives*



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The poster features a dark green background with a gold and purple crest at the top center. Below the crest, the text 'Annual Public Meeting' is written in a mix of white and gold fonts. A gold banner below the title contains the text: 'An opportunity for the community to find out about the work of the parish council.' Below this is a red banner with white text for 'DATE', 'TIME', and 'VENUE'. The main content area is white with a light green border, featuring four items with icons: a microphone for 'Hear from groups the council has supported', a speech bubble for 'Ask questions of the council', a star for 'Find out about becoming a councillor', and a document for 'Hear an update on the council's strategic plan'. A dark green footer banner contains the text 'All residents are welcome — free entry' and 'No booking required. Come along and get involved.' The bottom left corner has the Dartington Parish Council logo and name, and the bottom right corner has the website 'dartington-pc.gov.uk'.

**Annual  
Public  
Meeting**

*An opportunity for the community to find out about the work of the parish council.*

**DATE**  
Monday  
18th May

**TIME**  
6 – 8pm

**VENUE**  
Things Happen Here /  
Meadowbrook

**ON THE EVENING**

- Hear from groups the council has supported**  
Including local projects & grant recipients
- Ask questions of the council**  
Your chance to share views & aspirations
- Find out about becoming a councillor**  
Help shape the future of Dartington
- Hear an update on the council's strategic plan**  
Our vision and priorities for Dartington's future

**All residents are welcome — free entry**  
No booking required. Come along and get involved.

**DARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL** [dartington-pc.gov.uk](http://dartington-pc.gov.uk)

## Contact Us

Tel: 01803 862357

Email: [dartington@lapsw.org](mailto:dartington@lapsw.org)

Address: Shiners Bridge, Dartington, TQ9 6JU

## Parent Information



Nature Adventurers – outdoor days at Slapton Ley

Nature Adventurers is a free outdoor activity for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and children in care who enjoy being outdoors.

Children will take part in hands-on nature activities in a supportive setting, with small groups of up to 16 children and four adults. The activity is aimed at 11 to 14-year-olds, with some flexibility for 15 and 16-year-olds if this would suit them.

Dates and times:

Tuesday 26 May and Wednesday 27 May, 10:00 to 14:30

Thursday 28 May and Friday 29 May, 10:00 to 14:30

Children can be dropped off at Slapton, and free transport is available from Kingsbridge or Totnes.



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[https://www.field-studies-council.org/shop/courses/nature-adventurers-slapton-ley-26-05-2026/?es\\_c=0C2A601FC8C312E5576375CABE5127DC&es\\_cl=E28438CB9EF3A4749435C7A4C163FE25&es\\_id=xg%c2%a342](https://www.field-studies-council.org/shop/courses/nature-adventurers-slapton-ley-26-05-2026/?es_c=0C2A601FC8C312E5576375CABE5127DC&es_cl=E28438CB9EF3A4749435C7A4C163FE25&es_id=xg%c2%a342)



[https://togetherness.co.uk/mul/cornwall-and-devon/?es\\_c=0C2A601FC8C312E5576375CABE5127DC&es\\_cl=6729865E9BBC3677D8AD6A924D37D1E0&es\\_id=xg%c2%a342](https://togetherness.co.uk/mul/cornwall-and-devon/?es_c=0C2A601FC8C312E5576375CABE5127DC&es_cl=6729865E9BBC3677D8AD6A924D37D1E0&es_id=xg%c2%a342)

Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay families: Build everyday emotional resilience!

Your free online learning. Big feelings, how the brain works, and relationship ideas for happier lives.

Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Councils gives families free access to Togetherness resources to support wellbeing. For parents, carers, grandparents, and young people.

Learn from NHS clinical psychologists, practitioners, and other parents. The pathways will help you and your family understand and manage emotions in everyday life.



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### Speech, language and communication Easy access drop in sessions

As part of the Balanced System, we are starting easy access drop ins for pre school children.

Would you like any advice and support for your child's speech, language and communication skills? Visit one of our easy access drop ins with your child to see a Speech and Language Therapist. Get advice, support and strategies from the team.

Drop in sessions are now being held in different locations across Torbay, South Devon and North Devon. Exeter, East and Mid Devon.

If you would like to attend a drop in, there is no need to book, simply use the table below find a location and time that works for you.

[https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/easy-access-drop-in/?fbclid=IwY2xjawRDJPlleHRuA2FlbQlxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEegDsR4TAkc6LUrecwNGuc4KyGadit-Egy6c6eEgVH8J-Az0hGdHWt-YHTSNs\\_aem\\_jkYG6-OTYCheUDTN1-zR0g&es\\_c=0C2A601FC8C312E5576375CABE5127DC&es\\_cl=70BD98FC47C9CAB4E97652D13A591423&es\\_id=xg%c2%a342#jump-collapse10010](https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/easy-access-drop-in/?fbclid=IwY2xjawRDJPlleHRuA2FlbQlxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEegDsR4TAkc6LUrecwNGuc4KyGadit-Egy6c6eEgVH8J-Az0hGdHWt-YHTSNs_aem_jkYG6-OTYCheUDTN1-zR0g&es_c=0C2A601FC8C312E5576375CABE5127DC&es_cl=70BD98FC47C9CAB4E97652D13A591423&es_id=xg%c2%a342#jump-collapse10010)



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**SEND Workshops for Families and Professionals in Devon or Torbay**

**Learn. Empower. Advocate. Prepare.**

A programme of workshops helping families and professionals better understand and support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

**Take part online**  
Join in via your computer, tablet or smartphone



### LEAP workshops – free online support for families and professionals

Parent Carer Forum Devon and SEND Family Voice Torbay, working in collaboration with Children and Family Health Devon (CFHD), are offering a new programme of free workshops for families and professionals across Devon and Torbay.

The workshops focus on SEND, and are designed to build understanding, confidence and practical skills to support children and young people in everyday life.

Topics include autism, sensory processing, masking, dyslexia and supporting independence.

[https://leapworkshops.org/?es\\_c=0C2A601FC8C312E5576375CABE5127DC&es\\_cl=71ECADB155925EBC18C9D658508CC35E&es\\_id=xg%C2%A342](https://leapworkshops.org/?es_c=0C2A601FC8C312E5576375CABE5127DC&es_cl=71ECADB155925EBC18C9D658508CC35E&es_id=xg%C2%A342)