



**DARTINGTON**  
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# Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

## 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another fantastic residential, I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all the children. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, resilience and excellent teamwork, creating memories that will last a lifetime. A huge thank you goes to the staff who gave their time, energy and unwavering commitment to make the trip such a success. Their care, encouragement and dedication ensured that every child had the opportunity to grow in confidence, develop new skills and enjoy an unforgettable experience. Well done to everyone involved – the residential was truly amazing and a wonderful example of our school community at its very best.

Miss Coombe,

Headteacher



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# We Are **HIRING**

After School Club  
Assistant

- Dartington C of E Academy
- Hours: 16.25 hours per week
- Salary: £12.85 per hour
- Closing date: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July



 [www.lapsw.co.uk](http://www.lapsw.co.uk)  
 [dartington@lapsw.org](mailto:dartington@lapsw.org)





## 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	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



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<b>Tawny Owls</b>	<b>Miss Stoneman</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tuesday PM (Saints), Wednesday PM</b>	<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>
<b>Nightingales</b>	<b>Mrs Eversfield</b>	<b>Year 3/4</b>	<b>Thursday PM &amp; Friday AM</b>	<b>Friday PM</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Miss Wakeham</b>	<b>Year 4/5</b>	<b>Thursday PM</b>	<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>
<b>Swifts</b>	<b>Dr Short</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Wednesday PM &amp; Friday PM</b>	<b>Thursday PM</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>
<b>Goldfinches</b>	<b>Mrs Davis</b>	<b>Year 5/6</b>	<b>Tuesday AM</b>	<b>Tuesday PM</b>	<b>Autumn 1</b>
<b>Red Kites</b>	<b>Miss Humphries</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Friday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Autumn 1</b>

## 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](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>



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## 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>

## Key Dates

### Summer Term 2026:

- End 22 July

### Calendar Events:

- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Production 1.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Production 9.30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service – 9.30am at St Mary's Church
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Rock Steady Concert

### Autumn Term 2026:

- Starts 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026



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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:03451551071) or email [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto: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.

## 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 your child to take throughout the day. Please ask for a Medicine Administration form from the office or click on the link above under Useful Links.



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We hope this helps you to make decisions about whether your child is well enough to come to school. Any questions, we will be happy to discuss them with you.

For latest advice from NHS - [NHS Advice - Should I keep my child off school](#)

**UK Health Security Agency** **NHS**

## Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**  
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glendular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Stapped cheek

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfnc>.

## 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.



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- **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.

## NEXT UP

Keep an eye on the noticeboard outside school or join the what's app community for updates.

## ☀️ Dartington PTFA Summer Fair ☀️

Thanks to you, we had a brilliant afternoon and raised over £1400 for the school!



## ♥️ Fundraising Update

Thanks to your incredible support, we've raised £4,000 so far this year!



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As well as putting money aside towards the long-term goal of new play equipment, your fundraising has already helped support:

- Author visits
- Plants and materials for new sensory garden
- New art supplies and footballs for after-school club

Every cake bought, book sold and event attended makes a real difference. Thank you.

**Get involved? Our events are made possible by family volunteers. More hands and ideas are very welcome - please get in touch with events team**

**[Hello@dartington-ptfa.co.uk](mailto:Hello@dartington-ptfa.co.uk)**

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



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## Dartington Community News

# SUMMER HOLIDAY ADVENTURE CLUB

Unforgettable Outdoor Experiences for Ages 6-12



Give your child a summer they'll never forget.  
At *Dynamic Adventures*, we don't just keep children busy—we inspire confidence, build friendship, and create real outdoor experiences that last a lifetime.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Kayaking & Canoeing
- Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP)
- Rock Climbing & Abseiling
- Archery
- Bushcraft Skills
- ...and much more

**DETAILS**

- Location: Dartington, Devon
- When: Monday – Friday throughout August
- Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Ages: 6-12 years

All delivered by *qualified*, experienced instructors in a safe and supportive environment.

**BOOK NOW**  
Spaces are limited—Secure your place today!  
Scan to book:  
[dynamicadventurescic.co.uk/summer-holidays-adventure-club](https://dynamicadventurescic.co.uk/summer-holidays-adventure-club)



Where confidence grows and adventure begins. ✨

Spaces are limited, so secure your child's spot early! For full details, dates, and booking information, visit: [Dynamic Adventures Summer Club](https://dynamicadventurescic.co.uk/summer-holidays-adventure-club)



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# ARGYLE SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS

## SOUTH DEVON 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm | boys & girls all abilities aged 6 - 14 | £15



### PAIGNTON ACADEMY

JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>

AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup>

### KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>

AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup>

### KEVICC, TOTNES

JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>

AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup>

For more info email  
[Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk](mailto:Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk)

**BOOK  
NOW!**



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**WonderWild**  
— play - explore - connect —



## Summer Holidays Forest School



**Nature crafts** for  
children ages 5-11

Outdoor **play** on our  
beautiful **site** near  
**Landscope and**  
**Ashburton**

Day: 09:30-15:00  
£35 per day per child

Dates available:  
27, 28, 29, 30, 31 July  
10, 11, 12, 13 August

**play - explore - connect**

**For info & booking**  
**contact Claire:**



@WonderWild\_forestschool



WonderWildforestschool@gmail.com





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# WILD ADVENTURERS

## SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB



£40 a day\*

**LET THE WILD TIMES BEGIN!**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 28th July - 26th August -2026

Pondfields, Dartington

### ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Games

Woodland Wanderings

Free Play

Campfire Cooking

Team Challenges

Den Building

Bushcraft

Waterway Adventures

And Much More

**BOOK NOW:** [www.wildembers.org/wildadventurers](http://www.wildembers.org/wildadventurers) or scan the QR code

\*Discount for siblings





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Libraries  
Unlimited

## BUCKFASTLEIGH LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

### Summer Book Quest 2026

July  
**27**

#### Horse and Cart Rides

Free horse and cart rides 10am-2pm round Buckfastleigh with horse related history displays and crafts.

August  
**07**

#### Boat Building

Join us at 11am for a boat building session out of jolly pop sticks and recycled materials - feel free to bring your own bits.

August  
**10**

#### Boat Floating

We'll be trying out our boats, at Buckfastleigh pool at 12.45 - prizes for who can go the fastest, carry the most weight or just stay afloat!

August  
**28**

#### Parachuting Pegs

Join us at 10am making paper parachutes and peg people to make the leap, then we'll go to the MIC to test them from a height

September  
**01**

#### Train talk with South Devon Railway

Come along to find out about how steam engines and how they work at 2pm

All  
Holiday

#### Crafts and treasure hunts and prizes

All holiday we'll be offering crafts from hot air balloons to roller skates, treasure hunts and the occasional competition





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THE  
SUMMER  
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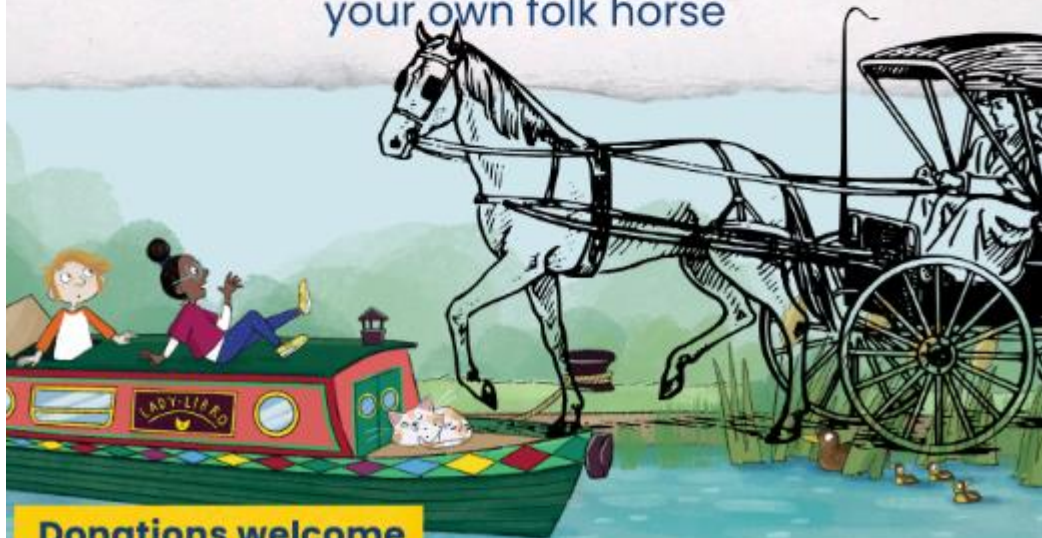


## FREE HORSE AND CART RIDES

Buckfastleigh Library

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 10am-2pm

Book a slot for a ride around Buckfastleigh with Dartmoor Carriages, come and learn about the history of horse and cart transport and make your own folk horse





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**To all Bakers, Makers and Gardeners!**



The **Totnes & District Show** will be held on **Sunday 26 July**.

Entries are invited for the

**Homecraft, Handicraft and Horticulture Competitions.**

There is a wide range of classes to suit all abilities!

Entry fee only 75p per exhibit.

**Cash prizes - you may even win a Pennywell Farm VIP prize!**

**Entries are open to all, not limited to the Totnes area**

For more information, please visit the **TOTNES SHOW** website:

<https://showingscene.com/events/totnes-show-2026-jul-2026/homecraft-handicraft-horticulture/classes>

Or contact the HHH Steward on

[hhhtotnesshow@gmail.com](mailto:hhhtotnesshow@gmail.com)

**Please note!**

Judging will take place the day before the show, Saturday 25 July

Get your discounted entry tickets for the show via

<https://totnesshow.ticketsrv.co.uk/tickets/>



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**LTA ACCREDITED + COACH**  
**ELLIOT VEALE KINGSBRIDGE**  
**CHILDREN'S AFTERSCHOOL TENNIS!**

**JOIN THE FUN, LEARN THE GAME!**

WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY MORNINGS
 4:30pm - 5:30pm: BEGINNER/IMPROVER	 4:30pm - 5:30pm: BEGINNER/IMPROVER	 9:30am - 10:30am: BEGINNER/IMPROVER
 5:30pm - 6:30pm: TEEN YELLOW	 5:30pm - 6:30pm: TEEN YELLOW	 10:30am - 11:30am: TEEN YELLOW

**CONTACT & MORE INFO:** <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisCoaching>  
**Elliot Veale: 07825 346288**

**ALSO AVAILABLE:** Adult & Junior Private Lessons, Holiday Camps, and a Professional Restringing Service.



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# SUMMER SPECIAL **DAILY** FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITIES



NUTRITIOUS COOKED MEAL EVERY DAY  
CHEF DEMOS + NUTRITION GUIDES



ANIMAL HQ VISIT | GO KARTS | LOCAL TRIPS  
MAGICIAN & ENTERTAINER | PRIZES  
CERTIFICATES | and much more

10am-3pm

**FREE** FOR ALL CHILDREN  
AGED 5-14 ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFIT  
RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS  
[ £25 per day for pupils not eligible ]

For locations, dates and bookings please visit

**SHEARSOCCKER.CO.UK**

for more information contact

**ADAM SHEARER 07967 124844**



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DARTMOUTH  
NEWTON ABBOT



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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*



## Contact Us

Tel: 01803 862357

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

Address: Shiners Bridge, Dartington, TQ9 6JU

### **Parent Information**



[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)