



Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

12th June 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a real joy to see the children taking part in so many enriching personal development opportunities across the school recently. From building confidence and independence through Bikability to developing skills and resilience in swimming, these experiences are so important and it has been lovely to see the enthusiasm and pride from our pupils.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to contribute to our Relationships and Health Education (RHE) consultation. We truly value your support and the thoughtful feedback you shared—it makes a real difference.

We look forward to sharing further information with you soon, so please do keep an eye out.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe,

Headteacher



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LAST CHANCE - A simple way to say thank you to our teachers

Did you know there's a national **Thank a Teacher** scheme that allows families and pupils to send free messages of thanks to teachers and school staff?

With **Thank a Teacher Day taking place on 17 June**, now is a great time to start thinking about the staff who make a difference every day, from teachers and teaching assistants to office, site, and support staff.

You can send a thank-you message in just a few minutes via the Thank a Teacher website.

 [Send a "Thank You" card to an amazing teacher today!](#)

Let's join thousands of families across the country in celebrating the people who support our children to thrive



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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Tawny Owls	Miss 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*
- 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>



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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>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

Summer Term 2026:

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

Calendar Events:

- 17th June – Year 4 Trip - RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 22nd June – EYFS & KS1 – Author Visit
- 22nd June – Year 4 – Forest & Beach Residential
- 26th June – PTFA – Summer Fair
- 30th June – Whole School Transition Day
- 7th July – Curriculum Open Afternoon
- 8th July – 10th July – Year 6 Residential - UAC



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- 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Production PM
- 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Production AM
- 17th July – Sports Day – **NEW DATE**
- 21st July – Rock Steady Concert

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	<p>Disclosure Checklist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Stay calm - don not express shock, panic or disbelief * Find a private, safe place to talk * Be a listener NOT and 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 / DDSL / Police , dependent on need and record on CPOMS
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	

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](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.



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- 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



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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.

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	Glomerular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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

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!



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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.

NEXT UP

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

 **2 weeks to go until the Summer Fair** 

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone for an afternoon of community spirit and family fun!

We want the children to take part in as many activities as they'd like, so for £5 per child (suggested donation), they'll get a wristband to show. This will cover loads from the inflatables, to circus skills, face painting and more.

Plus, there'll be delicious food for sale with Dart Farm Butcher BBQ and School Farm salads. We're stocking bar with cold cans of IPA, Helles Lager, Cider and Pimm's.

SUMMER FAIR Friday 26 June | 3-6pm | The School Field

Join us and show your support. Wristbands available on the school gates from Monday of fair week.



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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

For more information and to make an online donation: 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



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](http://DynamicAdventuresSummerClub)



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Exeter Paediatric Integrated Care Solutions

invite you to:

Our 'Open Door' Event

29th June 4-7pm.

Come and discover what makes us different, explore our bespoke newly refurbished premises and hear about our new and established multidisciplinary services for children and young people 0-25 yrs.

All are welcome.

Glen and Hillfields House, Matford Park, EX2 8NL

Tel: 01392 829989

Website: www.epicsolutions.org.uk

Email: admin@epicsolutions.org.uk



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**Churston Ferrers
Grammar School**
Learning to create a better world



OPEN DAY

Booking is required
via this link



THURSDAY 25th JUNE 2026

10.00am - 11.20am Presentation and Guided Tour

4.15pm - 5:45pm Presentation and Guided Tour

5:30pm - 7:00pm Presentation and Guided Tour

****Parking will be available on-site for the afternoon Presentations and Tours****

Churston Ferrers Grammar School, Greenway Road, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 0LN
T: 01803 842289 W: churstongrammar.com E: enquiries@churstongrammar.com





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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

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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Dare to join a top Grammar School? It might not be as hard as you think...

If your son will be in Year 6 in September 2026, you can register to take the entrance tests for Torquay Boys' Grammar School from 1 March 2026. We're excited to welcome our next potential students!

The tests will be on Saturday, 19 September 2026 and they have been thoughtfully-designed to cover the Maths and English that your son has been learning at primary school. No extra tutoring is needed - just bring your enthusiasm.



Additional Support for Pupil Premium Students

We believe every child should have a chance to shine, no matter their background. That's why we're excited to team up with Atom Learning. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium, they can access a fantastic free online programme to help build their confidence and skills for test success. It has been shown that students with a glimmer of academic potential make more progress in schools such as TBGS, and this offer of PP support is part of our continued effort to

encourage as many students as possible to consider us for secondary school.

Not eligible for Pupil Premium? You can still try Atom Learning with a free five-day trial on their website: atomlearning.com.

To apply to take the tests, complete the online registration form: tbgs.co.uk/join-us

Why you should dare to join us?

TBGS is renowned for providing students with:

- a top-quality, rich and varied curriculum, which enables academic progress, whilst encouraging inquisitive minds;
- a wide range of extra-curricular pursuits, and sporting opportunities, contributing to developing the whole person;
- a caring environment and strong pastoral system allowing the nurturing of academic excellence of each individual.

The essence of what TBGS strives to do is captured in our clear mission to:

- **enable** students' enjoyment of learning for its own sake, whilst developing their creative talents to fulfil their intellectual potential;
- **provide** individuals with the knowledge and skills to respond to a changing world with confidence and humility;
- **encourage** each person to be reflective, open-minded and principled so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

Excellence Integrity Leadership



TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Book a tour
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OPEN DAY

Tours
8 July
at 9:30
& 2:00

Dare to be
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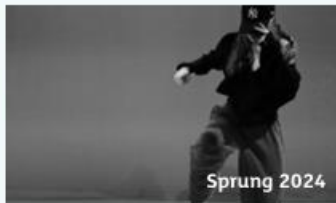
Music Festival 2025



Theatre Royal 2024



Ten Tors 2024



Sprung 2024

We have seen **record applications** to our College in 2026. Our Summer Open Mornings are a fantastic opportunity to come and see why so many students, parents and carers are making us their first choice school.



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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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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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Contact Us

Tel: 01803 862357

Email: 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



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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.

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

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



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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