

Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

8th May 2026

Dear Families,

As we continue to enjoy the brighter weather, it has been wonderful to see the children making the most of our school field and spending time outdoors in the sunshine this week.

This week's bulletin includes several important dates for the term ahead, along with some useful updates from our PTFA. We would also like to remind families about lunches for next week: Wednesday will be Sandwich Day, and Thursday is Census Day, with a special Census menu available. Please ensure all meal orders are submitted by Monday to help us plan effectively.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Coombe
Headteacher

School Packed Lunch Day – Wednesday 13th May

A reminder to remember to order your child's packed lunch by completing the form –

[School Packed Lunch Day - 13th May 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Please order by **Monday 11th May**

School Census Day – Thursday 14th May





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We're delighted to share some exciting news!

Our partnership of schools has been shortlisted in the prestigious *Times Educational Supplement (TES) Teaching Awards*, reaching the finals for **Inclusive Trust of the Year 2026**.

This recognition celebrates the way we work together as one family of schools. Rather than working in isolation, we actively share training, resources and expertise across all 18 schools, ensuring staff are supported and children benefit from the very best practice.

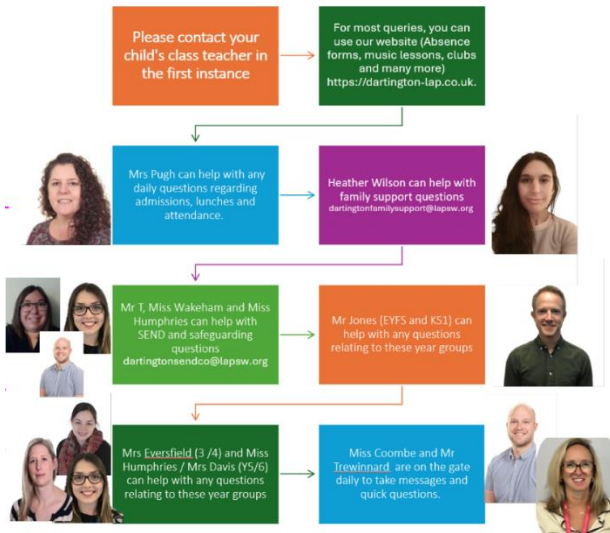
The shortlist also reflects the strength of our SEND support. It highlights the guidance we receive from our SEND experts and the collaborative work led by our SENDCO, **Mr T (Mr Trewinnard)** who works closely with SENDCOs across our schools to improve support and outcomes for children with additional needs.

We are also working hard to prepare for and respond to the government's SEND reform plans, making sure inclusive practice is at the heart of everything we do for all our children. To have this commitment recognised nationally is something we are incredibly proud of — and it is only possible because we work together as a strong, connected family of schools.

The TES finals take place in June, and we will be sure to share the outcome with you.



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](#)

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



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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:

- 11th – 14th May – SAT's week
- 21st May – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop
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- 1st June – 11th June – Year 5 - Bikeability
- 8th June – KS2 – Author Visit
- 10th June - Year 3 Trip – RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 10th June – Drowning Prevention Assembly
- 17th June – Year 4 Trip - RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 22nd June – EYFS & KS1 – Author Visit



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- 22nd June – Year 4 – Forest & Beach Residential
- 26th June – PTFA – Summer Fair
- 30th June – Whole School Transition Day
- 7th July – Curriculum Open Afternoon
- 10th July – Sports Day
- 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Production PM
- 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Production AM
- 17th July – Reserved Sports Day

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 an investigator - Can you tell me more about the t? * 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:03451551071) 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.



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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.



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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.

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	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonillitis
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/minfoc>

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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.

THANK YOU

The spring party raised over £500, thank you for your generous support. These funds will go towards a sensory garden at school.

MEET THE AUTHOR

The PTFA have worked with school to arrange visits by local authors - Erin Allgrove (KS1), Tom Palmer (KS2). You'll have received an email with more information.

NEXT UP

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

20 May - Seed and plant sale

26 June - Summer fair



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GET IN TOUCH

You can reach the PTFA on hello@dartington-primary-ptfa.co.uk

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



Dartington Community News

 **ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST**

SUMMER TERM FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

LOCATION DARTINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
DAY WEDNESDAYS | JUNE 3RD - JULY 15TH
TIME 3.15 - 4.15PM
YEAR GROUPS ALL YEARS
PRICE £30

Plymouth Argyle FC in the community trust is delighted to be holding a weekly football after school club in your child's school.

The sessions focus on fun, game-based activities and small-sided matches, giving children of all abilities the chance to develop skills.

numbers are limited to 18 places so we advise booking early to secure a place.

BOOK NOW! 

For more info email Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk



SOUTH DEVON ELITE HUB
PAIGNTON ACADEMY, TQ3 3WA

 **ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST**

ELITE HUB OPEN TRIAL

MONDAY 8TH 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

- Academy u9 - u18
- Pre - academy u7/u8
- Elite hub
- Development centre

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL
[BEN.THOMPSON@PAFC.CO.UK](mailto:Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk)






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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.



www.kingedwardvi.org.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 21st April**

patty.rojas@kingslingo.co.uk To book a space please visit
www.kingslingo.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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**People's
Emergency
Briefing**

Totnes

Totnes Civic Hall
May 15th, 6:30-9pm

In November 2025, in Westminster's Central Hall, ten leading UK scientists and experts to present clear, evidence-based insights on the escalating climate and nature crisis facing the UK. Their aim was to reset the national conversation by explaining the scale of the risks and the level of response required.

This powerful 45-minute film with Chris Packham documenting the landmark event invites us all to be part of the wave of actions that are being planned.

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TICKETS:





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
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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 banner at the bottom contains the text 'All residents are welcome — free entry' and 'No booking required. Come along and get involved.' The footer includes the Dartington Parish Council logo and website address.

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

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

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://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