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# Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

## 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you've enjoyed reading our new weekly School Bulletin—now in its second week! We would love to hear your thoughts so we can continue to make it as helpful and informative as possible. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please do let us know. We would also like to apologise for the changes to the dates for Parent Consultations and Open Classrooms; due to staff training, we have had to reschedule these events. Please see the updated dates listed below. You'll also find an exciting update from our PTA and a new Art Club, including details of upcoming events we are delighted to share with you.

Miss Coombe

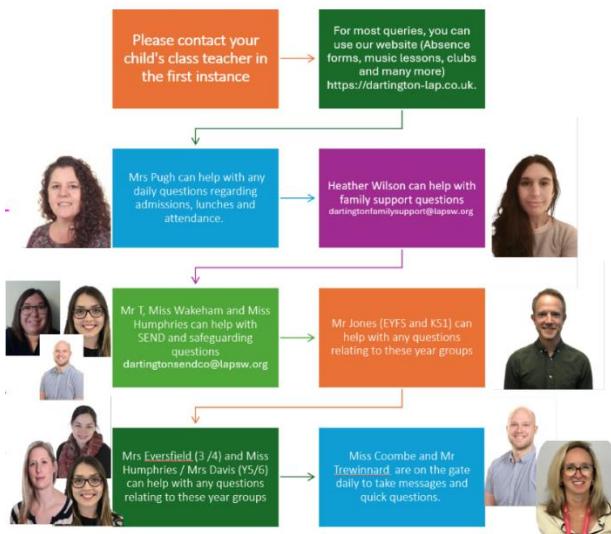
Headteacher



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## Who's Here to Help



## Useful Links

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

## Class Information at a Glance

Class	Teacher	Year Group	PE Day	Forest School	Biking
Sparrows	Miss B	Nursery			
Wrens & Robins	Miss Mifsud / Mr Jones	Nursery / Reception	Tuesday AM & Friday AM		
Year 1 Robins	Mr Jones	Year 1	Thursday AM	Monday PM	Summer 1
Swallows	Miss Zaki / Mr Bird	Year 1/2	Monday PM & Thursday AM	Monday AM	Spring 1
Kingfishers	Miss Hardy	Year 2	Tuesday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM



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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*
- 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@emmastonner.com](mailto:emma@emmastonner.com)
- Spanish Club: Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime | [Kidslingo](#)
- Craft Club: Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.30pm | Email [helenmephham@gmail.com](mailto:helenmephham@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 Singing, 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](#)

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

# Key Dates

## Spring Term 2026:

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

## Summer Term 2026:

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

## Calendar Events:

- 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip
- 5<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA Cinema Club
- 11th February – Curriculum Open Afternoon 2.30pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 & 4 – Panto Trip
- 24<sup>th</sup> February and 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 1 & 2 – National Marine Aquarium Trip
- 1<sup>st</sup> April - Curriculum Open Afternoon 2.30pm

## Safeguarding

# WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE?

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Mr Trewinnard	Miss Coombe	Miss Wilson	Mrs Eversfield	
Designated Safeguarding Lead L3 trained	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead L3 trained	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead L3 trained	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead L3 trained	<p>We use CPOMS to record timelines of incidents.</p> <p>IT COULD HAPPEN HERE!</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL CURIOSITY</p>
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

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

**Disclosure Checklist:**

- \* Stay calm - do 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 / DDSL / Police, dependent on need and record on CPOMS

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.

## PTFA

### Welcome to Dartington PTFA

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

### Our Aims

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

### What's On

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

**PTFA Cinema Club - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.**



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Early years and KS1 will go straight from school. Doors open for KS2 at 4.45pm. There will be a creative tie in with the movies and of course, popcorn!

Location: School Hall.

Price and details to follow on WhatsApp, the PTFA Noticeboard and school email.

### **Christmas jumper swap!**

#### **Don't throw out the Christmas sweaters.**

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

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

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

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)

**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

### **Important consultation on Library Cuts**

Devon County Council have issued a survey called 'Shaping the Future of Devon's Library Service'. <https://devonlibraries.commonplace.is/> or google 'Devon Library consultation'.

Have your say on the proposals **by 22nd Feb – you don't have to be a library member.**

There is a main survey and a short one for under 16s, which could be completed for young children by an adult. **Every response shows the council that we care.**

For a local perspective on the survey please check out 'Friends of Totnes Library' on Facebook or Instagram.

**The Council, library staff and the Friends of Totnes Library ask everyone, whatever your views, to engage in the Survey. Also, that you spread the word in person and on social media about the consultation. A paper version is available at Totnes library. Thank you!**

<https://devonlibraries.commonplace.is/>



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ARGYLE  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

SOUTH DEVON 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm | boys & girls all abilities aged 6 - 14 | £20 per day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Devon FA, Newton abbot



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

kingsbridge community  
college

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Paignton Academy



[BOOK NOW](#)

For more info email

[Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk](mailto:Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk)



Argyle community trust are running Roadshows at various locations throughout February half term, and we would love to offer parents in your local community an early booking discount code **FE20** which runs until January 31<sup>st</sup>

[Argyle Community Trust | Holiday Camps | Shop | Abler](#)

[Argyle Community Trust | After School Clubs | Shop | Abler](#)



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**Starting in January, on Wednesdays, The Wowhaus will offer  
KS1 lunch-time and KS2 after-school art-club.**

Once Details have been confirmed in a few weeks, seats will be available to purchase via The Wowhaus website. I'll be sure to let you know when that is. :)





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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](http://atomlearning.com).

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



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