



# Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

## 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Families,

This week's bulletin shares updated dates for Parent Consultations and Open Classrooms, celebrates the launch of new clubs including an Art Club, and highlights upcoming school events such as trips, PTA activities, and curriculum open afternoons. It also provides quick access to useful links, class information, key term dates, and safeguarding guidance, along with news from the PTA about cinema events, book stalls, and future community initiatives. Families are encouraged to stay involved, explore the wide range of clubs and music opportunities on offer, and get in touch with any feedback to help shape future bulletins!

Have a great 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](#)

## 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	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](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 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
- 11<sup>th</sup> 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> February– Parent Consultations – Book via the MCAS App
- 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**  
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't 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

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.

## 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 – Change of Date – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

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.



**Used and Preloved Book Stall – Details to follow**

**World Book Day themed Bake Sale – Details to follow**

**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)



## Dartington Community




# SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026

**Smart tech, safe choices –**  
exploring the safe and  
responsible use of AI

Safer internet Day takes place on **Tuesday 10th February 2026**.

This year's theme focuses on supporting children to understand how technology and AI shape their online experiences, and how to make safe, responsible choices.

Across our Trust, safe internet use continues to be a priority and a key focus of our safeguarding work.




### Free Online Parent & Carer Sessions

To mark Safer Internet Day, we are hosting an online workshop for all parents and carers across our schools.

- **How smart technology and AI influence young people**
- **Key advice from trusted organisations**  
**Including the Internet Watch Foundation**  
**and NSPCC**

**9th February 6pm**  
with a repeat session  
**11th February 9.15am**



Both sessions are  
led by  
**Evie Semmens,**  
Trust Director of

Please use this link to book - [Safer Internet Day Parent and Carer Session - 9th & 11th February 2026 - Zoom signup](#)





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ARGYLE  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST

# SPRING TERM FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**LOCATION** DARTINGTON C OF E PRIMARY

**DAY** WEDNESDAYS | 6 WEEK BLOCK | FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

**TIME** 3.15 - 4.15PM

**YEAR GROUPS** Y1 - Y6

**PRICE** £33

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@paafc.co.uk](mailto:Ben.Thompson@paafc.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 **FEB20** 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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# Winter Dartmouth orchestra CONCERT

FEBRUARY 14TH 3:00 PM

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, ASHBURTON

Academic Festival Overture – Brahms

L'Arlesienne Suite No.1 – Bizet

Karelia Suite – Sibelius

Nutcracker Suite op 71a - Tchaikovsky

Conductor: Tim Pithers     Leader: Brenda Willoughby

Brahms's *Overture* – woven irreverently from four German student drinking songs – will raise a smile! Then to Finland for Sibelius's fiercely patriotic *Karelia Suite*, also written for students and constructed from Karelian folk tunes in a protest against Russian aggression. Be transported to the warm haze of Provence with Bizet's passionate *L'Arlesienne Suite*, and to round things off, we have a selection of Tchaikovsky's much loved *Nutcracker* ballet dances.

**£15** full price **£10** or **£7** if you prefer – please pay what you can from

[wegottickets.com/ashburtonarts](http://wegottickets.com/ashburtonarts) (10% fee)

or reserve by emailing [boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk)

**Free tickets available for under 18s**

Doors open 2.30pm



Video



Book Here



COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE  
15 WEST ST, ASHBURTON TQ13 7DT

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Dartmouth Orchestra is a registered charity (No. 1085224)



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 **CORNWALL & DEVON**  
School Age Immunisation Service  
*Provided by Kernow Health CIC*

**NHS**

**Flu**  
Vaccination

School Age  
Reception -  
Year 11

# Drop In Clinic

Complete  
your  
consent  
form here

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026

11:00 - 13:00

Riverside Community Centre

Station Road

Bovey Tracey

TQ13 9AW



For more information  
please speak with a  
member of the team

Call us on

**01392 342678**

[kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net](mailto:kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net)





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**Libraries  
Unlimited**

**£2 per  
child**



# Claire Barker

## Hettie Nettle's book for Hedgewitches

Tuesday 17th February -  
2pm

Buckfastleigh Library

Join Claire as she shares her beautiful book for Hedgewitches with us.  
Make a moss folk doll and buy the book to be signed by the author.  
(Event recommended age: 5+)

Spaces are limited - book in advance to get a spot

☎ 0345 155 1001

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**Come and  
celebrate  
Candlemas  
with us - the  
coming of the  
Light into the  
world**



**St. Mary's Church, Dartington  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10.30am**



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