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Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

30th 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

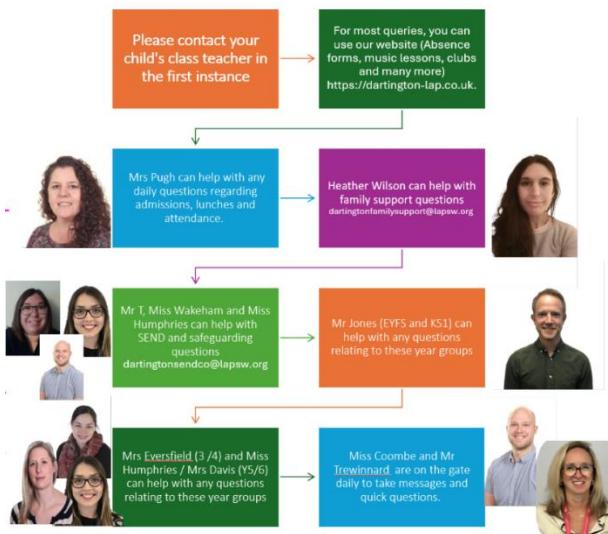
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Who's Here to Help



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	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@emmastonner.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 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](#)



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:

- 30th January – Year 5 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip
- 5th February – PTFA Cinema Club
- 11th February – Curriculum Open Afternoon 2.30pm
- Thursday 12th February – Year 3 & 4 – Panto Trip
- 24th February and 26th February – Parent Consultations – Book via the MCAS App
- 2nd March – Year 1 & 2 – National Marine Aquarium Trip
- 1st 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

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 / 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. 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.
- 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/>



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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 5th 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.



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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

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



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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 25TH - APRIL 1ST

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@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 **FEB20** which runs until January 31st

[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://wegotickets.com/ashburtonarts) (10% fee)

or reserve by emailing boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk

Free tickets available for under 18s

Doors open 2.30pm



Book Here



COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
15 WEST ST, ASHBURTON TQ13 7DT

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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

Saturday 7th February 2026

11:00 - 13:00

**Riverside Community Centre
Station Road
Bovey Tracey
TQ13 9AW**

Complete
your
consent
form here



For more information
please speak with a
member of the team

Call us on

01392 342678

kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net



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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

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

St. Mary's Church, Dartington
Sunday 1st February 10.30am





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