



# Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

## 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Families,

We've had a wonderfully enriching week at school, highlighted by the joy and inspiration of our recent trip to the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Our pupils were captivated by the live music and the energy of the performers—an experience that sparked curiosity, conversations, and plenty of smiles on the journey home. As we carry that excitement forward, we're now looking ahead to World Book Day, with lots of creative activities and celebrations planned to share our love of reading across the school. A letter will be with you soon with all the details you need to get involved!

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:

- 5<sup>th</sup> March – 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
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – With a Shakespeare Focus
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Service
- 1<sup>st</sup> April - Curriculum Open Afternoon 2.30pm

- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photos
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May – SAT's week
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop

## 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 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

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](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/>

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 News




# 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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# BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

All donations will go to the 'TQ9:Together We Care' programme organised by Caring Town Totnes.

**Sessions available**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026  
**SEND Session: 10:30-12:30**  
**Public Session: 13:00-16:00**

- The sessions are free (but you are welcome to make a donation).
- The sessions are for families with children up to the age of 8
- The sessions are parent supervised.
- They are in the Sports hall at Totnes Leisure Centre.

**What's available at the centre:**

- Bouncy castle
- Soft play
- Warm space
- Tea and coffee, with biscuits and fruit
- Seating area
- Music

**Totnes Leisure Centre**  
Borough Park Road  
Totnes TQ9 5XW  
**01803 862992**



**NO BOOKING REQUIRED**



## Dartington Recreation Association

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, there will be some improvement works being carried out in the playground. The team will need access from the car park side and two parking spaces will be blocked off. They will be installing new surfacing on the cable way and improving drainage around the trampoline and see saw area. The fencing in the playground should remain for up to four weeks.



## Contact Us

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