



Dartington C of E Academy

16th January 2026 Bulletin

Dear Families,

Welcome to our new Weekly Bulletin!

Each week, we'll bring you all the key information you need—straight to your inbox. From important dates and class updates to clubs and safeguarding guidance, this bulletin is designed to keep you informed and connected with everything happening at Dartington C of E Academy.

You'll find both regular updates and standing items, making it easy to keep track of essential information. Thank you for taking the time to read and stay engaged with our school community—we truly value your partnership.

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	Thursday PM	Friday PM
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



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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

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](#)

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

- 30th January – Year 5 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip
- 4th February – Curriculum Open Afternoon
- 9th February – Parents Consultations
- 12th February – Parent Consultations
- 1st April - Curriculum Open Afternoon

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/ DSL/ Police , dependent on need and record on CPOMS

If you are concerned that a child is being abused please call **0345 155 1071** or email 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

The aim of the PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friend Association) is to help our children get the very best out of their school experience, by helping to provide the 'extras' that help to make school memorable. All funds raised help provide extra resources to support and enrich the school experience for our children. We are currently fundraising for an adventure playground, musical instruments, and some new books for the library.

As a parent run charity, we need as much support as possible to run events, brainstorm ideas and provide feedback. So please get in touch if you would like to get involved. Please visit their website on [Dartington Academy PTFA](#)

- **WhatsApp link:** www.chat.whatsapp.com
- **Email:** ptfa@lapsw.org
- **Jade** – jparfitt@lapsw.org
- **Jenny** – jfenwick@lapsw.org
- **Michael** – mcampbell@lapsw.org

More news to come, on our upcoming events!



Dartington Community



We're recruiting Trustees!

Caring Town is looking for **new Trustees** to help take our exciting community work forward.

Founded in 2013, we bring together health and wellbeing groups to support the most vulnerable and build a more resilient town.

We're especially keen to hear from people interested in becoming:

- **Chair**
- **Treasurer**
- **Fundraiser**

No previous trustee experience needed — just passion for community and collaboration. These are volunteer posts.



Interested? Need more info? Contact **Carole Whitty** at carolewhitty@icloud.com by January 31st

Classical Music Assemblies Project

A message from Rachel one of our music teachers

Over the last year I coordinated a project in school to see the effect of a fun classical music assembly once every half term. Classical music has a depth and power of storytelling that is exciting, nourishing and accessible for children. We asked children for their responses and results showed the most popular piece was Stravinsky's Firebird Suite (Finale) with lots of positive comments about many of the other pieces. They could name many composers and pieces of music.

The Year 9 KEVICC students coming in and playing their classical pieces (grades 5-7) made a big impression. Children often have no idea of their potential and level of ability they can reach. Over a third of students said they would really love to learn an instrument to play classical music.

Lessons are available at school and at the Saturday morning music centre at KEVICC (www.sammtotnes.org). There are also lots of music groups to participate in including choirs. Instruments can be hired easily through Devon Music Education Hub

Rachel Miller

Piano and woodwind peripatetic teacher at Dartington C of E Primary School



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