

Letter from Mrs Huish and Mrs Eversfield 02.06.25

Dear Families,

As we enter the final summer term, we are filled with excitement for the wonderful opportunities that await us. This term promises to be a memorable one with events such as Sports Day, residential trips, and Transition Day on the horizon. We are currently working on the staffing structure for September. Our dedicated teachers, who know each child individually, are carefully placing them in the right classes to meet their needs. This is a significant task, but we are committed to ensuring the best fit for every student. We will communicate your child's new class ahead of Transition Day, which is on Monday, 30th June 2025.

On Transition Day, children will start in their normal classrooms and, after lunch, will be supported in meeting their new teachers spending an exciting afternoon

getting to know each other. Additionally, we are hosting a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting after school for parents to come and meet their child's new teachers. Typically, we hold this event in September, but after listening to your feedback last year, we believe it will be more beneficial to have these conversations now, allowing families to connect over the summer. There will be more information about this closer to the date.

We are excited to share another update on the implementation of our new Relational Approach to Behaviour. We have been working closely with our teachers and children to ensure greater consistency and understanding and we would like to empower you, our parents, to understand this approach. Our policy focuses on relational support for all children, building their awareness and skills of self-regulation. We no longer use 'C' or 'Stage' consequences, as children expressed that these terms made them feel more anxious and didn't always provide opportunities for them to regulate or repair after their behaviour choices. Instead, we have developed widget resources to help children



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understand our expectations, a flow chart for behaviour choices, and self-regulation menus to aid reflection for those who need it. To support your understanding, we are offering two morning workshops. We invite you to join us on the following dates to learn more about the new policy and how it can benefit your child.

Wednesday 25th June 2025 09:00 – 09:30 – Part 1: Our Relational Approach and expectations at Dartington.

Wednesday 02nd July 2025 09:00 – 09:30 – Part 2: Scaffolds for self regulation.

If you are unable to attend, please find our new policy on the website. We will also send a copy of our slides out to you after the event.

As always, we will be on the gate every morning alongside Mr Trewinnard and Miss Wilson, our Family Support Worker. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Warmest wishes, Mrs Huish and Mrs Eversfield





Removing Barriers: Year 6 SATS Conga We couldn't be prouder of our Year 6 children for completing their SATS with such incredible pride and determination. Their journey has been filled with hard work, resilience, and unwavering commitment, and seeing them reach this milestone is truly heartwarming. The celebration was nothing short of magical as they danced through the school in the annual Year 6 conga line tradition. The sight of all the children coming out of their classes to cheer them on was a beautiful testament to the support and camaraderie within our school community. Well done, Year 6 – you have inspired us all!

Stronger Together: New Website

We have identified that sometimes it can be difficult to find the information that you need from our school website. We have been working hard behind the scenes to develop a new school website which will be much more user friendly and have all of the information that our community needs at the drop of a hat. We are pleased to announce that the website is now live. <u>Dartington Church of England Academy - Home</u> When you go to the website,



VIRTUAL ADMIN OFFICE

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you will notice that there is a new 'Virtual Office'. This will be the one stop shop for all forms that you may need as well as any useful links that you will need and help you to get the information that you need quickly and during the times that you need it. Please do let us know your feedback around this as we will be using this to build the website you need moving forward.



Realise the Possible: Bee Day Fun!

In May, we celebrated the BEE-rilliant World Bee Day. Miss BEE-land and the school councillors organised a day full of activities centred around why bees

are so important to our school eco-system. #togetherwegrowtogetherweflourish It was such fun to see the inspired fancy dress efforts and enjoy a day filled with Bee themed events and activities. We can't wait for next year! Thank you to Miss Eyland for such wonderful learning and memories!



Stronger Together: Our Fabulous Kitchen Team!

No gas? No problem! Last month's gas breakdown may've meant that we couldn't cook any hot food but that didn't stop our amazing kitchen staff from ensuring that every child had something substantial to eat. Freshly made sandwiches from our sandwich bar. Delicious! #removingbarriers





Realise the Possible: Year 5/6 Art Curriculum! Our art curriculum is rich and offers such amazing opportunities for our children to build skills and knowledge in art. Written by our talented Art Leader, Miss Zaki, it is bespoke and meets the distinctiveness of our community incorporating lots of opportunities with nature 'en plein air'. This term our Y5/6 children took part in a leaf printing workshop as part of their current unit of art learning. They created some truly spectacular pieces of art that will help them with their final independent work. Just look at what they achieved!

Realise the Possible: Football Tournament

We are super proud of our wonderful children who were selected to take part in a football tournament last term! They represented our school and played against some other schools showing such a fantastic sporting attitude and healthy competition. We are delighted to hear that Mrs Faulkner, our PE leader, is already planning some more future events with Mr Stronge so that we can build on this brilliant experience for more children.

Stronger Together: Office Communication Times

Mrs Pugh is in our admin office daily to answer any questions. Our office communication times are detailed below:

Monday	08:30 - 12:30	14:00 – 16:00
Tuesday	08:30 - 12:30	14:00 – 16:00
Wednesday	08:30 - 12:30	14:00 – 16:00
Thursday	08:30 - 12:30	14:00 – 16:00
Friday	08:30 - 12:30	



At all other times, we ask that you use the bells posted in the school reception, email or speak with the class teacher or school leader on the gate. There is a wealth of information for parents on our website too including our new 'Virtual Admin' section as your one stop shop to getting the information you need from wherever you are Dartington Church of England Academy - Home

Dates for your Diary 2024-2025:

24th - 25th June - Year 4 Residential

25th June 2025 09:00 – 09:30 – Behaviour Policy Coffee Morning: Part 1: Our Relational Approach and expectations at Dartington.

27th June - EYFS Booknic

2nd July 2025 09:00 – 09:30 –Behaviour Policy Coffee Morning: Part 2: Scaffolds for self-regulation.

30th June – Transition Day – Meet the Teacher

7th - 9th July - Year 6 Residential

16th July – Year 6 Performance 9.30am – 10.30am

16th July – Curriculum Open Classroom 2.30pm – 3.15pm

17th July - Year 6 Performance 2pm - 3pm

18th July - KS1 Sports Day AM

18th July - KS2 Sports Day PM

21st July - Year 6 Leavers Service 2pm - 3pm