



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

13th February 2026

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Open Classroom event. It truly was a joy to see so many families exploring learning together—our classrooms felt full of warmth, curiosity and proud smiles. We hope you enjoy using the new reading records that have gone home; they're a lovely way to celebrate your child's reading journey. Did you know that children who read for pleasure are more likely to experience improved wellbeing and stronger academic progress across the curriculum? It really does make a difference.

As the weather continues to throw us its wet and windy surprises, please help your child remember a coat each day so they can stay warm and comfortable during outdoor learning and play.

Wishing all our families a restful, fun-filled half term. Just a reminder that **23.2.26 is an INSET day**, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **24.2.26**.

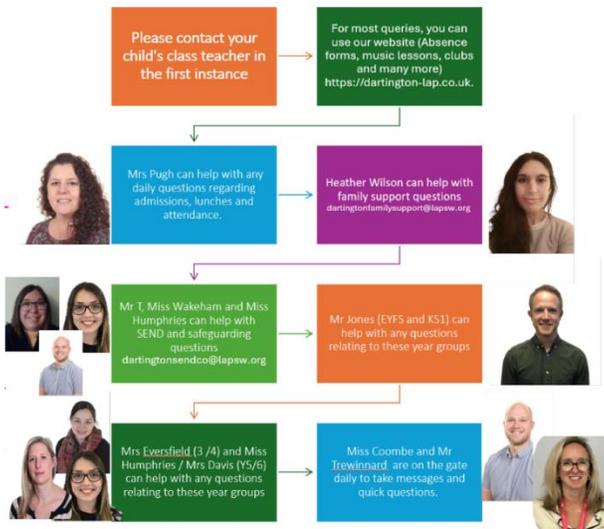
Have a great half term,

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
- 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
- *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](#)

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

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:

- 24th February and 26th February– Parent Consultations – Book via the MCAS App
- 2nd March – Year 1 & 2 – National Marine Aquarium Trip
- 5th March – PTFA Cinema Club
- 5th March – World Book Day – With a Shakespeare Focus
- 24th March – Rock Steady Concert
- 1st April – Easter Service
- 1st April - Curriculum Open Afternoon 2.30pm
- 6th May – Class Photos



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- 11th – 14th May – SAT’s week
- 21st 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 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 / DSL / 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.



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- 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.



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PTFA Cinema Club – Change of Date – Thursday 5th March.

🎨 To celebrate World Book Day, the PTFA will screen Matilda the Musical (PG) on 5th March in the school hall, after 3.15pm.

Parents can drop off or are welcome to stay.

£5 per ticket - includes popcorn.

🎫 Tickets will be on sale after half term or on the door.

🍪 Friday the 6th March we will run a Book and bake sale, 3pm onwards. The bakes will be book inspired to enjoy while browsing your next read!

📖 We are calling out for book donations!

Help us raise funds, please have a look over half term, all books welcome and we will be on hand to collect the week back.

Happy half term!

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 News

at Dartington School

The **WOAUS**

Wednesday ART CLUB

YR1 & YR2 LUNCH-TIME

KS2 AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

ART CLUB

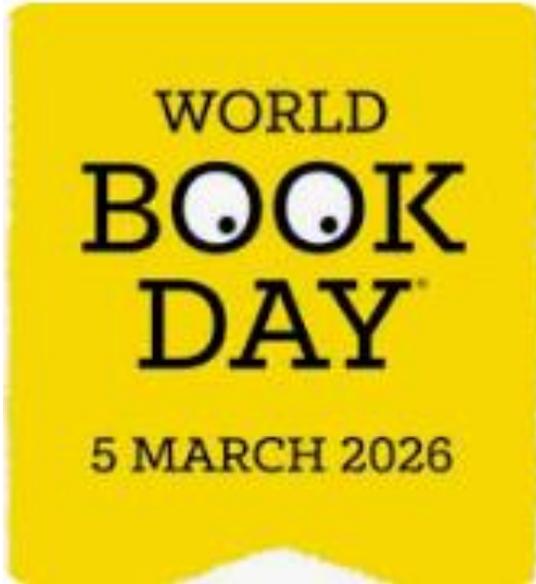
Year 1 & Year 2 lunch-time club £7

KS2 after-school club 3:15-4:45 £10

BOOK HERE: www.thewowhaus.co.uk/book



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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March -

World Book Day 2026 will be celebrated in school on **Thursday 5th March**. This year, we will be marking the occasion with a special **Shakespeare theme**, giving children the chance to explore some of the most famous stories and characters in literature. Please see more details here - [World Book Day](#)

★
Saturday 21st February
Community OPEN DAY
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FREE activities*

Totnes Leisure Centre
8:00-10:00 – Racquet Sports
10:00-11:00 – Sandygate Martial Arts
10:15-11:00 – Group Cycle*
11:00-12:00 – Yoga*
12:15-13:15 – Lane Swim
13:15-14:15 – Fun & Floats
14:30-15:30 – Family Swim*
14:30-16:30 – Racquet Sports*
All Day – Gym*
All Day – Sauna*

Scan to book your open day activities

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

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

Sessions available
Monday 16th - Friday 20th
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



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