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CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

20th March 2026

Dear Families,

We had some fantastic news this week: the PTA Film Club raised an impressive **£637!** We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work that goes into running these events and for the fun experiences they create for our children. With the weather improving, it has also been lovely to see pupils enjoying more time outside, making the most of the sunshine and fresh air this week.

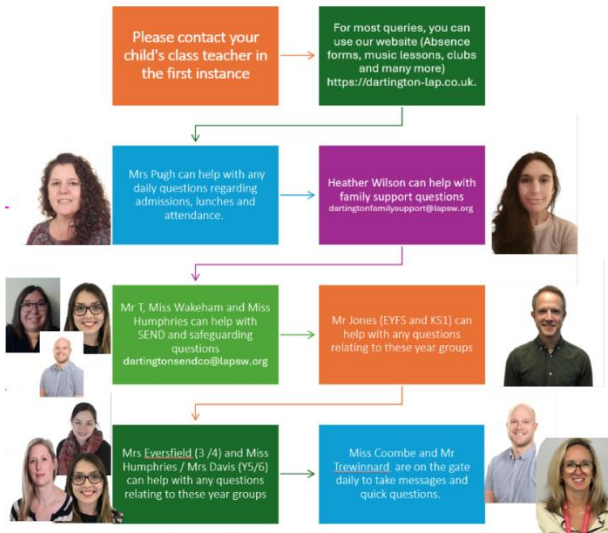
Have a great weekend,

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	TBC	
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
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
- *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
- 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 March – Rock Steady Concert
- 1st April – Easter Service - KS1 and Reception at 9.20am – St Mary's Church
- 1st April – Easter Service - KS2 at 10.30am – St Mary's Church
- 1st April - Curriculum Open Afternoon 2.30pm
- 6th May – Class Photos
- 11th – 14th May – SAT's week
- 21st May – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop



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- 11th – 14th May – SAT’s week
- 21st May – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop
- 10th June - Year 3 Trip – RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 17th June – Year 4 Trip - RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 26th June – PTFA – Summer Fair
- 10th July – Sports Day
- 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Production PM
- 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Production AM
- 17th July – Reserved Sports Day

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 the?
- * 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:



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- **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.

Attendance

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school. The NHS have the following advice for illnesses.

Coughs and Colds – It is fine to send your child in to school with a cough or a common cold. However, you should keep them off if they have a fever over 38 degrees.

Chicken Pox – If your child has chicken pox, keep them off school until the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after they start appearing.

Cold Sore – There is no need to keep your child off with a cold sore.

Conjunctivitis – You do not need to keep your child off with this. They may come to school but will need advice from the pharmacy.

Head lice – There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice, but you will want to gain advice from a pharmacist on how to treat it.

Impetigo – If they have impetigo, they will need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until the sores have crusted over and healed.

Sore throat – There is no need to keep your child off with a sore throat unless they have a temperature too.



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Vomiting and diarrhoea – If you think this is viral, children should stay off for 48 hours after being sick or having diarrhoea.

Covid -19 – If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or cough, and feels well enough, they can still come to school. They should stay at home if they have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to do their normal activities. If a test is taken, they should remain at home for 3 days.

For any minor illnesses like the ones listed above or headaches, sore throats, coughs or hay fever etc, your child can come into school and you can bring medicine to the office for your child to take throughout the day. Please ask for a Medicine Administration form from the office or click on the link above under Useful Links.

We hope this helps you to make decisions about whether your child is well enough to come to school. Any questions, we will be happy to discuss them with you.

For latest advice from NHS - [NHS Advice - Should I keep my child off school](#)

The leaflet features the NHS logo and UK Health Security Agency branding. It includes a photograph of a young girl in a white dress with a green pattern, jumping joyfully. The text is organized into two main sections: 'Yes' and 'No', each with a table of conditions and their respective return-to-school criteria. A QR code labeled 'SCAN ME' is provided for more information, along with a URL: <https://qrco.de/minfnc>.

Yes	
	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No	
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...	
Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfnc>.



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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.

A huge thank you for your continued support! Our world Book Day celebration was a great success, raising an amazing £600. These funds will go directly towards supporting the school including author visits, garden development and longer term goals. We are excited to share that our next event will be a Spring Party in the orchard at the end of term - More details to follow soon.

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



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

Dartington Community News

The poster features a blue background with yellow accents. At the top left is the Ofsted Registered logo. To its right is the SportyStars logo, which includes a yellow star. The main title 'EASTER HAF PROGRAM' is written in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below the title is a yellow banner with the text 'HOLIDAY CAMP'. To the right of the title is a circular inset image showing children and an adult in a swimming pool, with a yellow banner above it that says 'TOTNES LEISURE'. Below the inset is a QR code. At the bottom right, there is a photograph of a young girl and a man in blue SportyStars t-shirts, both with their arms raised in celebration. The man is holding a small trophy. The bottom of the poster has a yellow background with white text providing dates, times, ages, and contact information.

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EASTER HAF PROGRAM

TOTNES LEISURE

HOLIDAY CAMP

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
8:30am - 13:00pm
Ages 5-12
6+ Activities Planned Everyday

LEARN. PLAY. SHINE

www.sportystars.co.uk | @sportystars_uk



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COMMUNITY
TRUST

EASTER ROADSHOWS

SOUTH DEVON 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm | boys & girls all abilities aged 6 - 14 | £24 per day



kingsbridge community college
8th & 15th April

Devon FA, Newton abbot
9th & 16th April

Paignton Academy, Waterleat road
10th & 17th April

KEVICC, Totnes
14th April

For more info email
Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk

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NOW!**





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Libraries Unlimited

WHO'S IN THAT EGG?

Easter holidays at Buckfastleigh Library

KAT'S CREATURES
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL - 2PM

Come and meet some amazing reptiles and learn about their lives
£2.00 per child
Booking essential, limited spaces

WHO'S IN THAT EGG CRAFT AND TREASURE HUNT

We'll be making popping up eggs, with all the variety of creatures that might come out of them!
Free but donations welcome
Running whenever the library is open

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KAT'S KREATURES

EASTER HOLIDAYS
AT BUCKFASTLEIGH LIBRARY

Friday 10th April at 2pm

Join Kat and meet her creatures, a blue tongued skink, a leopard gecko, hog nosed snakes, a giant African land snail and a baby orchid preying mantis. You might even get to feed a bearded dragon

£2.00 per child, Age 4+

Booking essential, limited spaces

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