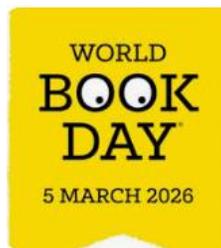


# Dartington C of E Academy Bulletin

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

Dear Families,

It has been a real pleasure welcoming you to parent consultations this week and hearing about the fantastic learning taking place throughout the school. As we look ahead to next week's World Book Day celebrations, please take a moment to read about the exciting activities planned both in school and by the PTA.



### World Book Day

World Book Day will be on **Thursday 5 March 2026**, with a **Shakespeare theme**. Children may **dress as any Shakespeare character** if they wish, but normal school clothes are fine too. Each year group will explore a different play through drama and storytelling:

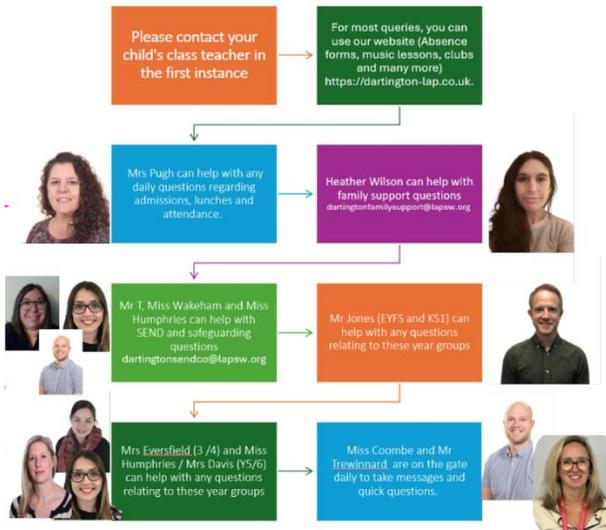
- **EYFS & KS1:** *The Tempest* (Ariel's song)
- **Year 3 & 4:** *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Puck's final monologue)
- **Year 5 & 6:** *Romeo and Juliet* (prologue, balcony scene, and Prince's monologue)

The day is focused on celebrating reading and introducing children to Shakespeare in a fun, age-appropriate way. We are so excited to come together at the end of the day for whole school Shakespeare play! Please see more details here - [World Book Day](#)

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>



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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 1 & 2 – National Marine Aquarium Trip
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – PTFA Cinema Club
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – With a Shakespeare Focus
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Rock Steady Concert
- 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



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- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May – SAT’s week
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Trip – RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Trip - RAMM, Exeter Museum and Gallery

## 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 / 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.



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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 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

🎬 To celebrate World Book Day, the PTFA will screen Matilda the Musical (PG) on March 5th 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 on the gate mornings and afternoons next week.

📖 Also accepting book donations pon the gate for the sale on Friday 6th

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

### **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.

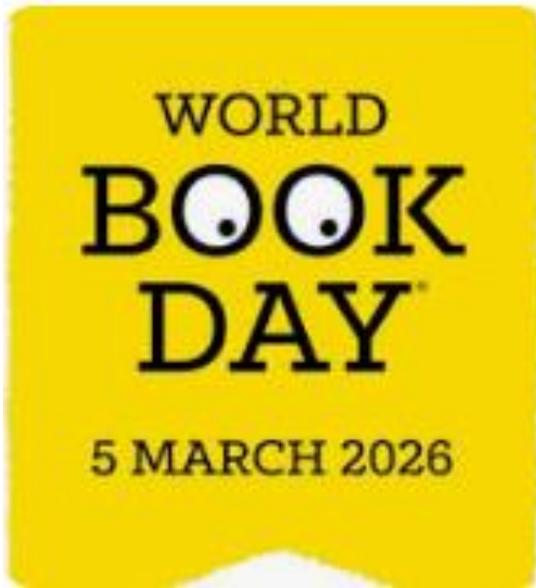
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**For more information and to make an online donation:** [www.dartington-primary-ptfa.co.uk](http://www.dartington-primary-ptfa.co.uk)



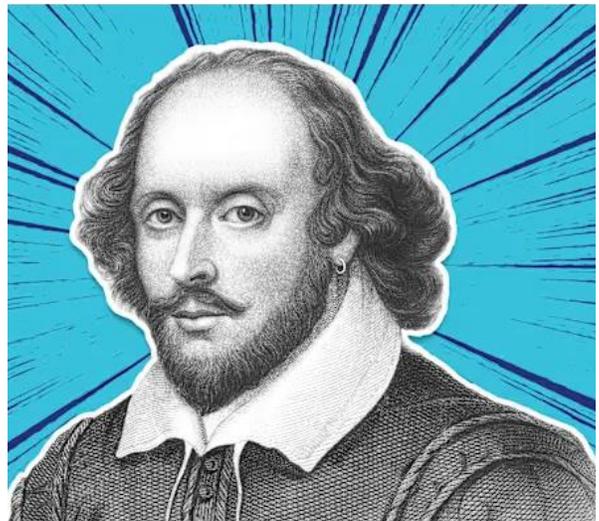
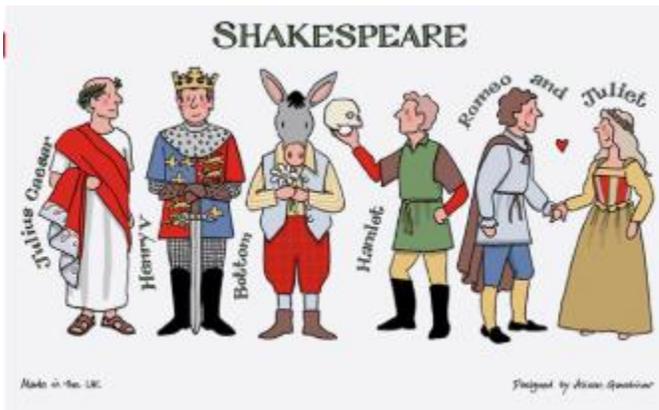
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## Dartington Community News



### World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March -

**World Book Day 2026** will be celebrated in school on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](#)





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# SPANISH CLUBS at Dartington C of E Academy



Learn Spanish through songs, games, role play and fun activities

**TUESDAY:**

12pm-12:30pm for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

12:30pm - 1pm for Year 1 & 2 **(FULLY BOOKED)**

**THURSDAY:**

12pm-12:30pm for Reception **(New Club)**

Free access to over 250 online games



[patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk](mailto:patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk) To book a space please visit  
[www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/](http://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/)



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# Young People's Theatre Playground Arts Holiday Clubs



2026



## Easter Clubs 2 days April

6-10 yrs 14th & 15th April

10am - 3pm £68

10-16 yrs 16th & 17th April

10am - 4pm £72

## Summer Schools 5 days August

6-10 yrs 17-20th Aug

10am - 4pm £148

10-16 yrs 10-14th Aug

10am - 4pm £185



To book or request info contact Sarah 07387553237  
playgroundartstheatre@gmail.com

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