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Dear Parents & Carers,

Autumn term

Home Learning can be found every week on our School website or [here](#).



Important dates:

21st October - Flu Vaccinations

24th October - Y3/4 Tiverton Museum Trip

24th October - Y5/6 Roman Baths Trip

31st October - Secondary School Application **DEADLINE**

6th November - Parent forum meeting 2.30pm

14th November - School Photos - Tempest Photography

21st November - School Open afternoon for September 2025 Admissions 2-3pm

W/C 9th December - Vision screening age 4-5 years

19th December - Christingle Afternoon and evening service

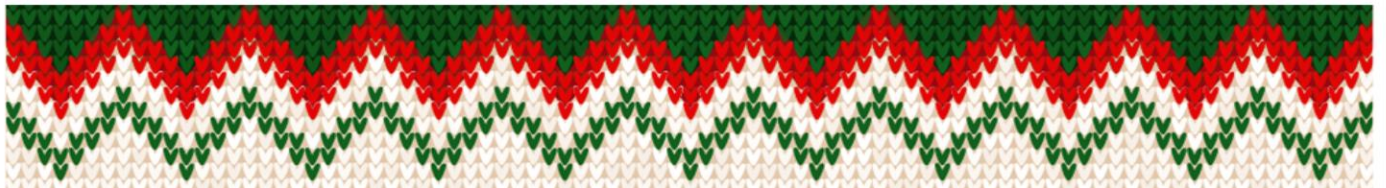
3rd - 4th April - Y5 Residential to London

22nd - 25th April - Y6 residential to St Georges House

1st- 2nd May -Y4 residential to Rock and Rapid (more info to follow)

Secondary School Applications - DEADLINE 31.10.24

Applications for your child to start in year 7 at secondary school in September 2025 opened on 1st September 2024 and will close on 31st October 2024. The closing date is looming, if you haven't yet applied for your child's secondary school please do so by the end of this month. Here is the link to submit your application; www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Any late applications may be at a disadvantage, so please make sure you apply on time, to ensure the best chance of your child getting into their preferred school.



Important Christmas Dates

28 th November	PTFA Wreath Making Workshop
6 th December	Christmas Fete
9 th December	Christmas Shop
17 th December	Reception & Year 1 Nativity (Afternoon)
19 th December	Christingle (Afternoon & Evening Service)

More information to follow...

24th October - Y5/6 Roman Baths Trip



Reminder: The payment for the trip to Bath is due today. Please login to Eduspot/SchoolMoney to settle the payment. Please make sure you have completed and submitted the online form to capture a daytime emergency telephone number and the name of the person picking up your child when we return from the trip. **We require this information before your child can attend the trip, if you need the form link again this was sent out in an email today to all year 5 & 6 parents.** Thank you if you have already completed the form. If your child has free school meals, please make sure you have ordered either a ham or cheese roll for the trip, via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. **Please make sure you have done this by Tuesday 22nd October, otherwise we will assume that you will provide your child with a packed lunch from home. If your child is not in receipt of free school meals please provide your child with a packed lunch on the day.**

3rd - 4th April - Y5 Residential to London

Just a reminder to pay the non-refundable deposit of **£65 by Thursday 31st October** via Eduspot/SchoolMoney if your child would like to go on the London Residential. **If the deposit is not paid by the deadline, we will assume your child will not be going on the residential.**



22nd - 25th April - Y6 Residential to St Georges House



Just a reminder to pay the non-refundable deposit of **£60 by Friday 18th October** via Eduspot/SchoolMoney if your child would like to go to the St Georges House Residential. **If the deposit is not paid by the deadline, we will assume your child will not be going on the residential.**

Stephen Shied Cross Country - Friday 18th October

Some of the children attended the Stephen Shield Cross Country today in Torrington. They all did very well and represented the school wonderfully. With over 200 children running in each group, we had children in our school that placed in the top 10 - well done to all who attended. The children should be very proud of themselves!

Flu Vaccinations - 21st October

The Flu Vaccination team will be coming into school on **Monday 21st October**. Information about this was sent out via email and was on the previous newsletter. The form is now closed and those students whose parents have consented will receive their flu nasal spray this coming Monday.

Vision screening for children aged 4 to 5 years - W/C 9th December

We are inviting children **aged 4 to 5 years** to receive vision screening. This will take place at school during the week commencing **Monday 9th December**. Please see the information sent out by email today to those parents with the relevant aged children. There is a detailed information leaflet for you to read to explain what vision screening is and what happens if your child is found to have reduced vision. **You should take time to read this information. If you DO NOT want your child to have vision screening, please complete and return the slip provided in the email. Otherwise, we will assume you are happy for your child to be screened.**

School Photos - Tempest Photography - 14th November

Tempest Photography will be coming into school to take single and sibling photos.

Parking in Mount Pleasant

If you park in Mount Pleasant for the school run, please could we ask that you are mindful and considerate of the residents who live there. Please drive slowly and carefully and be aware that children will be crossing the roads, we understand that it is a very busy time during school pick up and drop off, but the safety of everyone is paramount. We will be asking our local PCSO to come and do a walk around during these times to help ensure the road is being used safely.

Afterschool Clubs - Autumn 2

Please note **all** clubs start the week commencing Monday 11th November - the second week back after half term.

Monday	The Goal Getters (YR1,2&3)	Netball Club (Y5&6)	Singing Club (Y2,3,4,5&6)
Tuesday	Spanish Club (Y3,4,5&6)		
Wednesday			
Thursday	Book Club (Y3,4,5&6) <i>£3 charge</i>		

If your child would like to attend any of these clubs please book their space via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. **Bookings will open next week.**

There is a one off £3 charge for the Book Club on Thursdays, this is so your child can keep and take home the book that they have been reading in the club. Please pay your £3 via Edupsot/SchoolMoney when you book your childs space.

Please note that **The Goal Getters finishes at 4.15pm, but ALL other clubs finish promptly at 4pm.**

We also have our chargeable Afterschool Cabin Club available 3.15pm-5.30pm for Reception through to year 6, which runs Monday-Thursday - this is bookable via Eduspot/SchoolMoney.

We will send out an email to all parents when bookings are open next week.

Free Autism understanding training for parents and carers

You can attend if your child is on the pathway or has a diagnosis. Please click on the link for further information.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/send-local-offer/about-send-and-the-local-offer/what-is-send/communication-and-interaction/autism-and-us/>

Additionally we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Topic	Date/Time
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service + the Ambassador Volunteer Programme)	Thurs 17 Oct 10-12
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Tues 5 Nov 9.30-12.30
Autism and Girls	Wed 23 Oct 9.30 - 12
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Wed 20 Nov 10 - 12
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Tues 10 Dec 10-12
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Tues 10 Dec 10-12
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Thurs 7 Nov 10-12
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Thurs 14 Nov 10-12
Autism – Communication (Non/Limited Speaking children – support strategies)	Thurs 21 Nov 10-12

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

<p>Autism & Communication (Supporting strategies for verbal children and young people)</p>	<p>This workshop explores communication strengths and differences and how these may impact on daily life for verbal child and young people and families. It will support in exploring strategies to support child and young people around the following areas: how adult use of language can support and provide structure, self advocating through communication, how visuals can support communication and sharing communication needs with the wider family/support network.</p>
<p>Autism & Communication (Supporting strategies for Pre and Non-verbal children and young people)</p>	<p>This workshop will consider both language and communication and what is meant by a Total Communication approach. We will also consider practical strategies to support pre and non-verbal children and young people communicate through a focus on means, reasons and opportunity. Please note, this workshop is not appropriate for supporting children who are experiencing situational mutism.</p>
<p>Autism & Girls</p>	<p>This workshop seeks to explore the background of the diagnosis of autism in girls and why historically the female / male ratio has been significantly lower. We explore the key characteristics of girls with autism including areas such as possible masking, communication, social understanding and associated vulnerability. Subsequently we seek to highlight key approaches / strategies which aim to help to support autistic girls within the home / family context.</p>
<p>Autism & Demand Avoidance</p>	<p>This workshop seeks to explore the key characteristics of the extreme demand avoidance profile while outlining the diagnostic background and how this fits into the strengths and needs of autistic children and young people. Subsequently it explores the characteristics of this profile and how it may manifest through a child's behaviour. A range of strategies / approaches are highlighted with the aim of supporting children and young people in the home with an emphasis on an individualised approach which allows for the prioritising of goals to support family life.</p>
<p>Autism & Anxiety</p>	<p>This workshop will explore our understanding of anxiety and how autistic children and young people may experience and express their own anxiety. The workshop will also consider and provide how we can support and reduce their anxiety within the home / family context through a range of approaches and strategies.</p>
<p>Autism & Vulnerability</p>	<p>This workshop will explore some of the vulnerabilities that ALL CYP may experience growing up. But this workshop will specifically shine a lens on how an autistic CYP profile may lead them to respond in different ways through their own developmental journeys. A range of approaches, strategies and supportive links will also be offered to support family life.</p>



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Open Afternoon Stay & Play

Thursday 21st November 2024 - 2 - 3pm

Are you looking for a Pre-School or Reception place?

We would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon and Stay and Play session. Throughout the afternoon there will be an opportunity to have a tour of our school and meet children, staff, parents, governors and PTFA members. Families are welcome to spend time playing and exploring in our Early Years Gardens and classrooms.



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Find out more... Have a look at our blog on the school website:
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