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Dear Parents & Carers

19/12/2025

Please see important dates and information below for the coming weeks.

Autumn Term 2

Important dates:

Date	Event
19 th December	Last day of term
5 th January	First day of Spring term 1
7 th January	Parent Forum meeting at 2.30pm
W/C 12 th January	Afterschool Clubs start
21 st January	Y4 Tennis Festival (<i>information to follow in the new year</i>)
15 th January	Application Deadline for Reception starters
16 th - 20 th February	Half-term
23 rd February	First day of Spring term 2

Don't forget to access your child's home learning weekly via the school website, or click [here](#)!

2025/2026 Term dates have been added to our school website [here](#).

Please see the Spring Term Munch Time Menu via our school website, [here](#).

Thank you PTFA!

A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA that go above and beyond for our school community. The children have enjoyed taking part in the events and have had a wonderful build up to their Christmas holidays. A lot of planning and organising goes into these events and we really appreciate the PTFA's time in making it a magical experience for all the children. We wish them a restful break after a very busy Christmas term!



Reception Starters – September 2026

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 they are due to start primary school in September 2026.

Applications for starting primary or junior school in September 2026 opens on 15 November 2025 and closes on **15 January 2026.**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS – JANUARY 15TH 2026

Afterschool Clubs – Spring term 1

Please see the Afterschool Clubs below for the new Spring term.

These clubs will start from week commencing Monday 12th January and end week commencing Monday 9th February.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Available to...</u>	<u>Pick-up from...</u>	<u>First session</u>	<u>Last session</u>
Monday	Tag Rugby	Y5&6	Top Playground	12 th January	9 th February
Wednesday	Football (Exeter FC)	Y3-6	Top Playground	14 th January	11 th February
Thursday	Playdough Club	Reception, Y1,2,3&4	EYFS Garden (Codden Class)	15 th January	12 th February

Tag Rugby and Playdough club finish at 4pm prompt.

Football Club with Exeter FC finishes at 4.15pm prompt.

Tag Rugby and Playdough Club are free of charge and can be booked via Eduspot/SchoolMoney.

Football Club will be ran by Exeter FC and will cost £5 per child, per session. The cost of the 5 week block will be £25, payable via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. Please note that you can only book the clubs available to your child/rens year group.

Please note that all clubs have limited spaces, so please book your child onto their desired club asap to avoid disappointment. All clubs work on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Bookings are also now open for School Dinners, Breakfast Club and Cabin Club too.

(Breakfast club runs Monday-Wednesday and Cabin Club runs Monday-Thursday)

Please ensure you book clubs and dinners for your child for the new term, before our return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

7th January - Parent forum

This will be an open meeting where anyone is welcome to attend. In this meeting we will endeavour to identify a representative for each year group. Our agenda for this initial meeting will include a review of our new class structures, setting up a working party for toilet improvements and inclusion.

Residentials 2026 - Updates

Please see the next instalment due dates for the residentials listed below...

Y4 Rock & Rapid Residential - 30th January

Y5 London Residential - 2nd January

Y6 St Georges House Residential - 19th December (today)



SEND News

Please see our 'SEND-Parents info & Workshops' page on the school website [here](#) to access more information about SEND training and workshops that may be of interest to you.

Please note we have not worked with this company for SEND training but wanted to share information for parents in case they would like to participate independently.

Mrs Donna Clark - SENDCo

Merry Christmas!



We appreciate it's been a very busy term for everyone, and we thank you for your donations for events, whether that is monetary for charities, or donations of items. Your contributions and generosity has been very much appreciated. We thank you as always, for your support. We wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you enjoy a restful, well-deserved break!

First day of Spring term - Monday 5th January.

Just a reminder that we return to school for the start of the Spring term on **Monday 5th January.**

A message from Bishops Tawton Church

We would love to invite all families to join us for a pop-up nativity on **Monday 22nd at 4pm** at the church. We will have activities, games, songs and dress up!

This will be an hour long and interactive for all ages.

CHRISTMAS AT BISHOPS TAWTON CHURCH			
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6th Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning and Children's Crafts 10.30am	22nd Dec	Pop up Nativity 4 pm
14th Dec	Village Carol Service 4pm	24th Dec	Pop up café with music by Ricky Knight 10am - 1pm
16th Dec	Dynamix Concert 7.30pm	24th Dec	Midnight communion 11pm
17th Dec	Pop up café Christmas songs sing along 10am -1pm	25th Dec	Christmas Day service 10.30am
18th Dec	School carol service 9am & 3.45pm		

You're invited to
A POP UP NATIVITY!
St John the Baptist Church,
Bishops Tawton
MONDAY 22ND DEC, 4-5PM
Come dressed up as a shepherd, angel, animal, king... or borrow something from our dress up clothes on the day!
for all ages!

Dress up, songs, story, Crafts, Games, and family fun! **ALL for FREE!**

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St John the Baptist Church

Have a wonderful Christmas break!