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Bishops Tawton Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers 6/11/2026

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

Important dates:

Date	Event
10th November	Y3 / Y4 Tiverton Museum trip EYFS Jiggy Wrigglers visit
12th November	Deadline to order your child's Christmas Card designs
13th November	Children in Need
15th November	Applications **open** for children starting Reception in September 2027
18th November	Tempest Photography – Individual and sibling photos
19th November	Pre-school/Reception - Stay and Play | 1.30-2.30pm
Week beginning 23rd November	Parents evening week (see information below)
2nd December	PTFA Wreath making workshop
7th December	PTFA Christmas Shop for children (more information to follow)
4th December	Christmas jumper day (bring a bottle for the PTFA)
10th December	Carol service at the church 9am Year 3/4/5/6 3.45pm Year 3/4/5/6
11th December	National Christmas jumper day (Charity donation on line) Pre-school & Codden Christmas craft afternoon School Christmas Fate 2.30pm onwards
16th December	Y1 & Y2 Nativity in the school hall at 9.15am
18th December	Last day of Autumn term
4th January	First day of Spring term
15th January	Applications **close** for children starting Reception in September 2027

Don't forget to access your **child's home learning weekly via the school website**, or click **here**!

If your child attends Pre-school (Taw) please click **here** for their weekly newsletter.

Please see the Winter-Spring Menu **here** on our school website.

Parent Consultations - W/C 23rd November

Teachers will be offering parent consultations the week beginning 23rd November. Below are the days and times on offer for each class. As last year, we ask you to sign up on the sheet outside your child's class. These lists will also be available at breakfast club and cabin club if you drop off or collect your child from there.

Class	Day	Time
Tarka	Tuesday 24th November Wednesday 25th November	2.30pm-5.30pm 2.40pm-5.30pm
Barum	Tuesday 24th November Wednesday 25th November	2.30pm-5.30pm 2.30pm-5.30pm
Saunton	Monday 23rd November Tuesday 24th November	3.20pm-5pm 3.20pm-5pm
Exmoor	Monday 23rd November Tuesday 24th November	3.20pm-5.00pm 3.20pm-5.30pm
Lundy	Monday 23rd November Wednesday 25th November	3.20- 5.30 pm 3.20-5.30 pm

Afterschool Clubs – Autumn term 2

If you reserved a place for your child on Eduspot/SchoolMoney for one or more of the afterschool clubs below, you will have received an email today with further details.

Please be reminded that the Afterschool Clubs below will **not** be on w/c Monday 23rd November, due to parent consultations. Please arrange alternative afterschool childcare. The Clubs will resume as usual the following week. Cabin Club remains on as normal.

Day	Club	Years	Collect from...	Pick up time	Start date	End date
Monday	Drawing Club	R-Y3	Exmoor Class	4.15pm	Monday 9th Nov	Monday 14th Dec
Thursday	Netball Club	Y4-6	Saunton Class	4.15pm	Thurs 12th Nov	Thurs 17th Dec
Thursday	Story Craft	Y1-3	Tarka Class	4.15pm	Thurs 12th Nov	Thurs 17th Dec

Tempest Photography – Wednesday 18th November

We have Tempest Photography in school on **Wednesday 18th November** - taking individual and family photos. If you would like your children's photo taken with siblings **who do not attend BTS** then please arrive at school at 8.20am and make your way to the hall with your children.

All siblings who do attend BTS will have a family photo taken during the school day.

Reminder: Residential Instalments

The instalments for both the Y5 London residential and the Y6 St Georges residential are now available to pay online via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. Please see the payment deadline dates below. These dates apply to **both** the Y5 & Y6 residentials.

Instalment 1 – 27th November 2026
Instalment 2 – 1st January 2027
Instalment 3 – 29th January 2027
Final Instalment – 26th February 2027

If you are facing any financial difficulties, please let the school office know.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Our year 6s have had a busy first day back planning some exciting activities for Children in Need, including a Pudsey hunt, flashmob-style dancing, quizzes, mask-making, sports activities and much more!

Cake Sale / Bake Off Competition

After the success of the last cake sale / bake off competition, the school council would like to repeat this to raise money for this charity. Please could anyone who is able to, send in cakes (or a submission for the competition) on Friday 13th. Competition cakes should have the child's first name and class on, and can be delivered straight to Lundy Class (by the school office) on the Friday morning. Please note - these cakes will be cut up after judging, ready for the bake sale.

Important - allergies

Due to children in our school having life-threatening allergies, we would appreciate it if you could refrain from sending in cakes that contain nuts. We would also ask that cakes are labelled with all ingredients, so that we can ensure the safety of our pupils.

Non-School Uniform

Wear something crazy! This could be: odd socks, colourful hair, clashing outfits, crazy patterns / colours, etc.

Donations

We would suggest a voluntary donation of £1 for a cake plus a small donation for non-school uniform. These donations can be made at the following link:

Donate: Children in Need - JustGiving Page

PTFA – Fundraising Events

PTFA Silent Auction

Christmas presents, lovely treats AND helping our children? That's a win-win! 🎁

Our school PTFA Silent Auction is now LIVE, with some brilliant prizes up for grabs, all generously donated or supported by local businesses.

Here are just a few highlights:

- 🍽️ **Twilight Spa & Dinner for Two at Saunton Sands** – a gorgeous evening of relaxation and dining.
- 🎄 **Luxury M&S Christmas Hamper worth £120** – packed with festive food, fizz and treats.
- 🌊 **Beachbum Brobes for adults and children** – premium waterproof changing robes, perfect for outdoor adventures and Christmas gifting.
- 💄 **Luxury makeover at Banburys** – a little pampering for someone special.
- 🛠️ **Tools, artwork and handy gifts** – ideal for the practical people on your Christmas list!

And there's plenty more to discover, with prizes for different interests and budgets.

Every winning bid helps us get closer to creating a new outdoor classroom for our children, giving them more opportunities to learn, explore and enjoy the great outdoors.

So whether you're Christmas shopping, treating yourself or simply want to support our school, please take a look and get bidding!

⏰ **Bidding closes at 10pm on Friday 13 November.**

👉 **BID HERE**

Please share the auction with friends, family, grandparents and colleagues too. You don't need to have a child at the school to get involved!

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated prizes, supported the auction or placed a bid so far. 💚

Bishop's Tawton School PTFA

PTFA Smarties Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the school with your fundraising efforts. We hope the children enjoyed filling their smarties tubes and fundraising in this fun way. Thank you for all your generous donations, the PTFA will count the donations and will then inform us of the winning class. Good luck!

Christmas card design orders

Your child will have come home yesterday with an order form for the Christmas cards they have designed in school.

If you would like to place an order, please see instructions of how to do so on the form.

Deadline: Please make sure you have placed your orders by Thursday 12th November.

A portion of the total from the orders you place will go towards the fundraising for the school, so your orders are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the PTFA who have kindly organised this.

Donations Wanted: Christmas Decorations



We are looking to have an overhaul of our school Christmas decorations and would really appreciate any donations of unwanted Christmas decorations that are in good working order, including; artificial trees, tree decorations, tinsel, festive decorations etc. **Please bring any donations to the school office by Friday 13th November.**

Helpful Links





PTFA Christmas Event Dates



Please check the **"Community Events and News"** page on our school website here for fun local clubs, activities and events happening in the community.

Bishops Tawton Pre-school and Reception Stay and Play – Thursday 19th November

Please share our open day with friends, family and the wider community.



For children starting Reception in September 2027;
the applications open on 15th November and close on 15th January.

Have a great weekend!