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Dear Parents & Carers

16/10/2026

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

Important dates:

Date	Event
21 st October	Y3 Multi skills am
31 st October	Closing date for Secondary school applications
2 nd November	Y1 & Y2- Great Fire of London Day
6 th November	Return your Smartie tubes to School!
10 th November	Y3 Y4 Tiverton Museum trip
13 th November	Children in Need (more information to follow)
15 th November	Applications open for children starting Reception in September 2027
19 th November	Pre-school/Reception - Stay and Play 1.30-2.30pm
Week beginning 23 rd November	Parents evening this week (more information to follow)
10 th December	Carol service at the church 9am Year 3/4/5/6 3.45pm Year 3/4/5/6
11 th December	Pre-school & Codden Christmas craft afternoon
16 th December	Y1 & Y2 Nativity in the school hall
18 th December	Last day of Autumn term
4 th January	First day of Spring term
15 th 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 "Munchtime Menu" on our school website [here](#).

Reminder: Residential Deposits and Instalments

Please be reminded of the payment deadlines for the below residential:

Y5 London Residential – Deposit Due by Friday 23rd October

Y6 St Georges House – Deposit Due by Friday 23rd October

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

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 difficulty, please let the school office know.

Eduspot/SchoolMoney – Outstanding Payments

Please could you make sure that outstanding payments on your child/rens Eduspot/SchoolMoney account/s are settled regularly. You may find it helpful to do this weekly, monthly or half termly to keep on top of any money owed. If you are facing any financial difficulty, please do let the school office know.

A/S Clubs and Eduspot/SchoolMoney Bookings – Autumn term 2

An email will be sent out to parents next week confirming the teacher-led afterschool clubs for the second part of the autumn term. The email will also confirm when the bookings are live for Dinners, Breakfast and Cabin Club. Please keep an eye out for this in the later part of next week.

New Winter-Spring Menu



There is a new "Munchtime" Menu starting from Monday 2nd November and will run until the spring. Our current menu will end on Friday 23rd October.

Please see the **NEW** Winter-Spring Menu [here](#) on our school website.

Sports News

Well done to the children who have represented the school at the Park School Cross Country recently and the Stephen Shield Cross Country today. We have had really positive feedback today and the children had a great time. They all did amazing and should be incredibly proud of their achievements. We thank them also, for representing our school so brilliantly.

PTFA - Upcoming Fundraising Events

PTFA Fundraiser Challenge - Smarties!

Please see the details of the latest PTFA fundraising challenge in the poster below!

The Smarties tubes will be handed out to the children on the last day of term, **Friday 23rd October**. Your children may eat the Smarties and then return the tube to school, filled with the money (coins) they've raised, **by Friday 6th November!** *There will be alternatives for children with allergies.*

We hope the children have fun with this fundraising challenge!



PTFA Silent Auction

Ready, set... BID!

The PTFA's Silent Auction is coming soon - and we've been busy rounding up some brilliant prizes!

From a luxury wellness treat at Yeotown and a family football experience at Barnstaple FC, to restaurant vouchers, pampering treats, family days out and plenty more — there's something for everyone (and maybe a few Christmas presents sorted too!)

Best of all, every winning bid will help us raise funds for **a new outdoor classroom**, giving our children a wonderful space to learn, explore and connect with nature all year round.

Keep your eyes peeled - we'll be revealing the full prize list and details of how to bid very soon!

Helpful Links



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.



'Throughout the school,
staff and pupils radiate
close and trusting
relationships'.
Ofsted 2026

Open Afternoon Stay & Play

Thursday 19th November 2026 1:30-2:30

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:
www.bishopstawton-primary.devon.sch.uk

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

Have a great weekend!