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Dear Parents & Carers,

Autumn term 2024

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



Important dates:

- 9th October - Y5/6 Cross Country
- 10th October - School Council Cake Sale
- 21st October - Flu Vaccinations
- 24th October - Y3/4 Tiverton Museum Trip (more info to follow)
- 24th October - Y5/6 Roman Baths Trip
- 31ST October - Secondary School Application **DEADLINE**
- 6th November - Parent Forum Meeting
- 14th November - School Photos - Tempest Photography
- 21st November - School Open afternoon for September 2025 Admissions 2-3pm
- W/C 9th December - Vision Screening for 4 to 5 year olds
- 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.

Vacancies

We have a teacher vacancy within the federation. Please take a look [here](#), for more information and please feel free to share with friends and family.

Parent Forum

Thank you for the parents who were able to attend the meeting this week. We have been able to appoint parent forum representatives for each year group except Y6. If you would be willing to represent Y6 please email school to let us know.

Representatives:

Codden - Laura Cartwright

Y1 Rebecca Dymond

Y2 Carla Miles

Y3 Sally Foster

Y4 Kat Quirk

Y5 Sarah Bale

Y6

We will meet on a Wednesday from 2.30-3.15 once every half term. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 6th November** with reading on the agenda. Please get in contact with your year group representative or email school if you would like to discuss something at this meeting.

Reminder: Breakfast and Cabin Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast club doesn't run on Thursdays and Cabin Club doesn't run on Fridays. Please make sure your child is booked onto the club you require them to go to, in advance, as we are often at full capacity. Cabin and Breakfast club bookings will be closed during the current week, therefore you won't be able to book for the week that we are in, so if you require your child to go to Cabin Club last minute/same day, please call the school office where they will be able to book a space for your child, subject to availability.

Harvest Service

Thank you for coming along to the Harvest Service and to those parents who were able to help walk KS1 down to the church. A big thank you also for your food contributions towards the Harvest Festival, they will be greatly appreciated by so many. The children did so well during the service, and we congratulate them on their impeccable behaviour walking to and from the church.



Healthy Snacks



A reminder that breaktime snack must be either a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetable. Please do **not** send your child in with a sugary snack.

Coats

Please could you make sure that your child arrives to school with a coat. With the upcoming change in season and the unpredictable showers we are having, it's important to have their coat at hand so they can go out for some fresh air during break/lunch times.



Last weeks Cross-Country Events

Well done to all the year 3's & 4's who took part in the Cross-Country event last week. Despite it being a cold, wet week the children did fantastic. They should be very proud of their achievements.

24th October - Y5/6 Roman Baths Trip



We have a very exciting trip planned for Y5 and Y6. We would like to take them on a history field trip to visit the Roman Baths in Bath. The children will take part in a workshop to find out about life as a Citizen of Rome and have time in the museum. Please see the email that was sent out to Y5/6 parents today detailing all the important information for the trip. Please make sure you read the email so you are aware of the arrangements for the day.

The cost of the trip is £20 and the payment is now open via Eduspot/School Money, please settle the cost and fill out the online form (link in email) by **Friday 18th October**.

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.



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/SchoolMone if your child would like to go to the St Georges Hours Residential.

School Council Cake Sale - Thursday 10th October



On Thursday 10th October there will be a cake sale to help raise funds for the School Council, this will take place during the school day. If you are able to support, by donating £1 via Eduspot/SchoolMoney, the children would be very grateful. **NO CASH TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL PLEASE.** We are also asking for cake donations too, homemade or shop brought are welcome - **NO nuts please.** Please bring cakes into school on the Thursday morning - thank you for your support.

Flu Vaccinations - 21st October

The Flu Vaccination team will be coming into school on **21st October**, please see email for more information about this, which was sent out to all parents on 26.09.24. The Flu vaccinations are only offered to children in Reception to Y6 (not Pre-school children). If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccination, please **OPT-IN** by filling out the online form in the email and [here](#). **Only children who have prior consent from parents will receive the vaccination on the day**. Not everyone has responded yet, so if you wish for your child to **not** receive the flu vaccination, we ask that you still fill in the form.

If you have any issues filling in the online form you can also call the vaccination team on 01392 342678 where they will happily accept your consent over the phone.

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.

14th November - School Photos - Tempest Photography

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

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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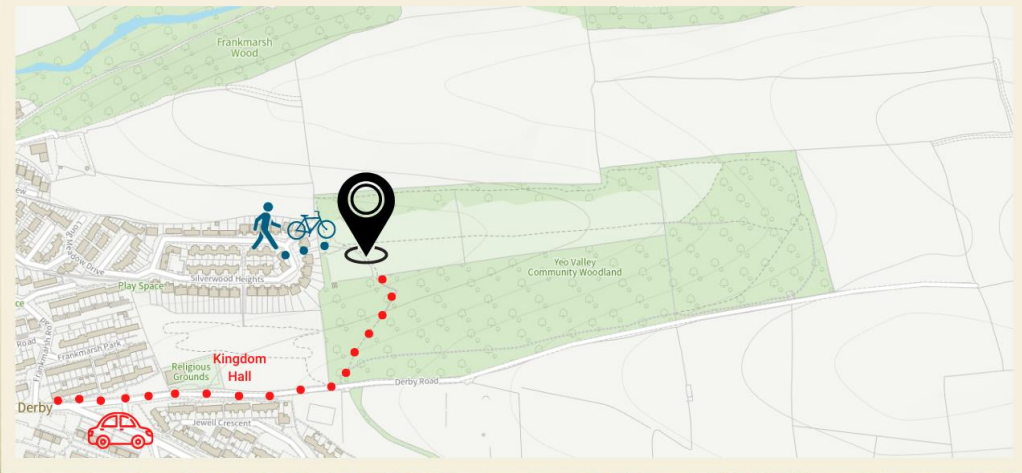
INTERESTED IN BOOKING A TABLE, CONTACT [LOUISE LINCOLN](mailto:LOUISE.LINCOLN@ROUNDSWELLCC.CO.UK)

07871 951439 OR LOUMOIR@HOTMAIL.COM OR SCAN ME →





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FOOD FROM THE FOREST

AT YEO VALLEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND
SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER, 10AM - 3PM

Come and forage 'Food for Free' from the trees and bushes of Yeo Valley Community Woodland. Sloes, apples, blackberries, haws, hazelnuts and more.

Help with apple pressing - bring along a clean bottle and take home some fresh, free, organic apple juice and plenty of energy to press those apples!

Learn what you can make from the natural harvest in the woodland, then go out for a walk with local foragers to collect what you need.

There's no need to book - just turn up!

Have a great weekend!