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Dear Parents & Carers

28/03/2025

Spring Term 1

We hope you have had a good week!

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



Important dates:

W/C 17th March - Bikeability Sessions Start

3rd April - Reception year and Y6 National Child Measurement Programme Visit

3rd - 4th April - Y5 Residential to London

7th - 18th April - Easter half term

22nd April - First day of Summer term 1

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

23rd April - Y2 Tennis Festival (am only)

1st - 2nd May - Y4 residential to Rock and Rapid

5th May - Bank Holiday (no school)

7th May - Y1 Multi-skills (am only)

9th May - Tempest Photography Class Photos (Rescheduled from 22nd Jan)

W/C 9th June - Y1 Phonics Screening and Y4 Multiplication Check

W/C 12th May - SATS week

26th May - 6th June - Half term

17th June - Reception Sports Stay & Play at 9am

24th June - KS2 Sports afternoon at 1.30pm

26th June - KS1 Sports afternoon at 2pm

17th July - Y6 Leavers Service (pm)

23rd July - Last day of term

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](#).

Spring term Curriculum Maps

The spring term curriculum maps for this spring term are now available to view via the school website or click [here](#) to access them (scroll to the bottom of the page)

3rd-4th April - Y5 London Trip

Year 5 parents will have received an email today confirming the drop off and pick up times for the London trip next week, Thursday 3rd April. If you are a year 5 parent and have not received the email for any reason, please check your junk/spam folder first and email us and we will forward you the information.

Remember to pack light, as the children will have to carry their bags, please label clothes too!

W/C 17th March - Bikeability Sessions



If you have signed your child up for Bikeability sessions, they will have been allocated a designated day in which their session will take place, the parents of those children who will be taking part in the level 1 and level 2 Bikeability sessions will receive an email the week prior to their lessons to confirm the dates and any details.

Please make sure that your child is wearing suitable clothes and footwear and please remember to bring in their bike and helmet on the date your child has been assigned, don't forget to check that their bike is in good working order and safe to use.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Thank you for all your kind donations on our JustGiving page for Comic relief this year, if you haven't donated yet, there is still time, please click [here](#) to give whatever you can.

We enjoyed seeing lots of bright colours and wonderful costumes around the school on Friday. Thank you to those who brought in cake for the children's cake sale and also to those who decorated red nose themed cakes for our competition. **Joe in year 3 won - well done Joe your cake was fabulously decorated!** Thank you all for the effort you went to, there were some amazingly creative entries!



KS1 enjoyed a Teddy's Bear picnic, with snacks funded and provided by the school council. It was wonderful to see some of the children dressed as Teddy Bears or wearing their pyjamas, as well as showing and sharing their cuddly toys with their friends.

PTFA Big Sheep Takeover

Thank you for booking a ticket and coming along to the Big Sheep Takeover. We hope that the children really enjoyed their time there!

Y1-6 Reports 2025

You will receive your child/rens report by email on Thursday 3rd April, please note that these will be emailed to the 1st contact only, unless you have previously requested we send elsewhere. These will be staggered scheduled send, so please be aware that if you have more than one child in the school you will receive their reports at different times. Although you should have received all reports by 4pm. If not, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the Admin Team.

Buying and selling hand crafted items in school

We have discovered that some children have been making crafts at home and bringing them into school to sell them amongst their peers, in exchange for cash. We admire this entrepreneurial spirit, but cannot support it taking place as part of the school day. Please reiterate this to your child.

In light of this, if making crafts is something some of the children enjoy, the school council would be happy to hold a craft market within school where they have a designated time to show and sell some things they have made. This must be hand crafted items only, **not** shop bought items. Please look out for more details about this later in the summer term.

Reminders

Breaktime Snacks



Please provide your child with a healthy snack for breaktime, this can be either fresh or dried fruit. Please **do not** send your child in with cereal bars, these have very high sugar content. Children up until year 3, will be provided with a piece of fruit in school.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

If so, they may be eligible for the HAF programme. The programme provides activities during the school holidays and is free to access. Please note that spaces are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. The programme for the Easter holidays is not yet opened but check the website for further information and the latest updates.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/>

Pastoral Team

Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2025): devon.cc/autism-and-us

Support for parents/carers resident within the DCC (Devon County Council) footprint of primary or secondary aged children (5-16) who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme and associated themed/topic based workshops have now been adopted as a Devon County Council Core offer, which means the long term sustainable and consistent delivery has been secured for families.

They will be delivered each term of the academic year, by members of the SEND Communication & Interaction Team at Devon County Council.

We continue to offer access for parents and carers of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the neurodiversity assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

We have recently seen a number of settings positively host our programme and workshops within the available school environment. Screening our live virtual sessions onto a screen, whilst enjoying each other's company, a hot drink and biscuits!

The benefits have been multiple, enabling parents/carers to connect with other families in their community, reduce any sense of isolation, avoid any computer set up and connection issues, enhance a positive relationship with school, be amongst others who maybe share similar experiences, and bring their own solutions for the benefit of other families.

Testimonials:

- As a member of school staff it been a pleasure to facilitate these sessions at our primary school.

It has given parents a platform to connect, share experiences and learn together.

Primary School - SENCo

- It made me feel like I wasn't alone. I don't think I would have done it online at home but coming in for the sessions was supportive and informative and I met other parents going through the same thing.

Primary School - Parent

Full programme details and application process below:

Autism & Us programmes:

- 4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:
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No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 29 Apr - 10 – 12	Thurs 5 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
2	Sensory	Tues 6 May - 10 – 12	Thurs 12 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
3	Communication	Tues 13 May - 10 – 12	Thurs 19 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 20 May - 10– 12	Thurs 26 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30

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

To secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

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.

Schools who are offering to host should use the same booking email:

educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk We will confirm your booking request, and provide the school with a direct link to the event. Schools will then provide parent/carer attending numbers and contact emails for our register and follow up materials.

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)	Tues 24 Jun 10-12
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Thurs 3 Jul 9.30-12.30
Autism and Girls	Thurs 19 Jun 9.30 – 12
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Thurs 26 Jun 10 – 12
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Thurs 5 Jun 10-12
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Tues 8 Jul 10-12

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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.

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Workshop blurbs:

Workshop	Explore
Autism & Girls	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.
Autism & Demand Avoidance	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.
Autism & Anxiety	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.
Autism & Vulnerability	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.
Autism & Sensory Processing + Integration	This workshop will explore the 8 senses, sensory integration and how this may affect how autistic children and young people respond to the environment and sensations they are feeling. It aims to raise awareness of sensory processing differences that may impact on an autistic person's life and provide a range of approaches and strategies to support through sensory regulation approaches within the home / family context.
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information and Advice Service) + The Ambassador Volunteer Programme	<p>This workshop will introduce DIAS; who we are and what we do.</p> <p>We will look at how you and your child or young person can engage with the decisions that impact you, including how to get best out of conversations and meetings about your child's support, how to share your views and those of your child, and understanding your options and legal rights. We will take you through our information and resources that may be relevant for you and your child or young person, and talk through how and when it might be most helpful to link with our service.</p> <p>The Ambassador Volunteer Programme brings together parents and carers of children with SEND across the county, to share information, provide peer support and give feedback on the issues affecting them. Alongside the families, the programme also connects practitioners and organisations who provide services to support them. Here you can find out how the network may be able to help you.</p>

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LET'S GO

BOOKING LINK
<https://eequ.org/book/romar-sports-haf-holiday-club-with-romar-sports-devon-limited-14408>

Ashleigh Church of England Primary School
Bevan Road, Barnstaple, EX32 8LJ

EGGSCLENT

Easter

FAMILY FUN

CASTLE HILL GARDENS

EASTER BUNNY HUNT

FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025, 11AM - 4PM

Have a great weekend!