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Dear Parents & Carers

02/10/2026

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

Important dates:

Date	Event
6 th October	Flu Vaccinations - Reception-Y6 (Opt in/out)
Week beginning 19 th October	EYFS - Settling in parent meetings this week (more information to follow)
7 th October	Cross country Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 am
7 th October	PTFA AGM in the school Hall at 6pm
21 st October	Y3 Multi skills am
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 & Coddon 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

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](#).

The menu will be revised later in the Autumn term 2026.

PTFA AGM

The PTFA will be holding their AGM meeting in the school hall at 6pm on 7th October.

It would be great to see as many parents there as possible!

Join us for our AGM

Date: **Wednesday 7th October, 2026 at 6pm**

Venue: Bishops Tawton Primary School

The PTFA is a vital part of our school community - helping to fundraise, organise events, and support projects that make a real difference for our children.

✦✦ At the AGM, you'll:

- Hear about what we've achieved over the past year
- Help shape plans for the year ahead
- Elect our new committee members
- Share your ideas and get involved!

Whether you've got lots of time to give, or just a little, your input is always welcome. Come along, meet other parents and staff, and see how you can help make our school an even better place for our children to learn and grow.

Everyone is welcome - your voice matters!

Parking - School drop off/pick up

Can we ask that if you drive for the school run, please be mindful and considerate of our neighbours and where you park.

Please take care when parking, please don't obstruct the pavements for pedestrians and don't block roads or driveways.

Please drive slowly and carefully and be aware that children will be crossing the roads, we understand that it is a very busy time during school pick up and drop off, but the safety of everyone is paramount.

We have asked our local PCSO to come and do a walk around during these times to help ensure the road is being used safely.

Appledore Book Festival Authors

This week we were lucky to welcome five brilliant authors into school.

Sarah Tagholm visited our **Reception, Year 1 and 2** children. Her storytelling and energy was inspiring for our youngest learners. Sarah was impressed by the questions our Key Stage 1 children asked about becoming an author.

Year 3 enjoyed learning about the creative process behind Chloe Savage's beautiful books. They got to draw along with Chloe and discuss how to become an illustrator as well as an author.

P.G.Bell delivered a creative writing workshop with **year 4**. They were so engaged by his 'twisted fairytale' ideas.

Year 5 loved listening to how Matt Oldfield paired his passion for football with writing.

M.G.Leonard discussed with **year 6** how she combines her interest in history with novel writing to create her Time Keys series.

All of the authors gave the children important messages about resilience and pursuing your dreams. We hope the visits have ignited our pupils' interest in new genres and maybe planted a seed to become budding authors and illustrators themselves.

Thank you to Appledore Book Festival for funding a great quality book per pupil too!

School email

Please can we ask that if you are emailing the school, please use the 'Families 'email address, as this inbox is monitored more closely for communications from parents and carers. - Thank you.

Music lesson opportunities

A message from Steph Reed...

I am currently building a waiting list for piano and group recorder lessons at Bishops Tawton. I anticipate having a few spaces in the next few weeks once my timetables have settled down.

Individual piano lessons are £12.50 a week and group recorder lessons are £4.50 a week. For any further information or to be added to the waiting list please email **stephreed2@gmail.com**

Thanks!

Home learning & PE days

Please be reminded of the Home learning link [here](#) for your child's class, this is normally updated on Fridays. The home learning page also includes important dates and information you may need to know for your child, including their classes allocated PE day. If you are unsure, please ask your child's teacher who will be able to clarify any dates and information you're not sure about.

Curriculum Maps

The curriculum maps are now available to view on the school website.

Please see link below and scroll towards the bottom of the page.

[Bishops Tawton Primary School - Curriculum](#)

Flu Vaccinations | Reception - Year 6

The Flu vaccination team will be visiting the school next week on **Tuesday 6th October**. This is available to children in reception through to year 6.

Please complete the linked form in the letter we sent out in the email, to confirm if you do **or** do NOT want your child to receive the Flu vaccination. You will need to confirm either way.

Your child will **not** receive the Flu Vaccination if you have **not** consented to it prior to the Flu Vaccination Day.

Residentials 2027

Y5 London & Y6 St Georges House Residential

Please be reminded that the deposit for both residentials is **due by Friday 23rd October**. We will send an email out when the remaining instalments are live on Eduspot/SchoolMoney. The deposit for the residentials are non-refundable. If the cost is a financial concern for you, please let the school office know.



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

Have a great weekend!