



Executive Head Teacher: Melanie Smallwood  
Head of School: Karen Lintin

Dear Parents & Carers

22/11/2024

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**Autumn term 2**

*We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
We hope you all have a restful break!*



*Please see important dates and information below for our return to school  
On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.*

**Important dates:**

Spring term starts - 6<sup>th</sup> January

Starting from 6<sup>th</sup> January - Swimming (Year 3 & Year 5 only)

3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> April - Y5 Residential to London

22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April - Y6 residential to St Georges House

1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Y4 residential to Rock and Rapid (more info to follow)

**Christmas Round-Up**

We have had a very busy Christmas period here at school, with lots of festive events and celebrations during this term. We hope that you enjoyed the children's nativities and performances, the staff and children work really hard on these and we were very proud to watch them all shine so well on stage!

**We would like to thank the PTFA** for all their hard work over this Christmas period, they have organised lots of exciting events for the children and really filled this term with festivities to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.



We would also like to thank you all for supporting our events and contributing towards our fundraising, we always appreciate your kindness and generosity. **We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year 2025!**

### Applying for September Reception places

If your child is starting reception in September 2025, please don't forget that the deadline to apply for a school placement is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### Outstanding fees

We ask that you please settle any outstanding fees for this term. Please check your Eduspot/SchoolMoney accounts and settle any payments before our return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### Parking on the Zig Zags



We request that you do not park on the yellow Zig Zags at the top of School Lane. They are there to keep everyone safe. Parking here could endanger other pedestrians and road users and cause a visual obstruction. We ask that you park safely elsewhere when dropping off or picking up.

### Cabin Club

If you book your child into Cabin Club or an Afterschool Club but you no longer require the afterschool care or your child no longer wants to attend a club, please contact the office to let us know. We often have waiting lists for Afterschool clubs, so if your child no longer needs to attend, we can then offer the place to another child who would like to go. If a child is on the Cabin Club register, but does not show up because they have gone home with a parent, staff then have to spend time locating them. So please make sure that you let us know if your child will not be attending afterschool/cabin club.

### Y3&5 Swimming Lessons

Year 3&5 have swimming lessons booked for the upcoming spring term, please be aware that the **first lesson will be on the first day of term, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. An email went out to parents/carers yesterday with all the details. We ask for a voluntary contribution payable via Eduspot/SchoolMoney to help towards the cost of swimming, this is detailed in the letter attached to the email.



### Exmoor Class - bring in an apron for the first week back

Please could all the children in Exmoor class bring in an apron or an old top on the first day back, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025. We are using acrylic paints, and this will help shield their clothes.

### Parent Forum

Thank you to those who attended the parent forum, please see the minutes from this via our website or [here](#).

## **Thrive and Pastoral Support Questionnaire**

We are currently looking to review the support, information and opportunities that we offer to parents in school with our Thrive provision and pastoral support.

We recognise and understand that being a parent is most likely the toughest, but most rewarding job we will ever do.

We are the ones helping and guiding our children to become the resilient, wonderful adults of tomorrow and this brings many joys and challenges along the way!

In light of this, we would like to invite you all to share with us, the things which matter most to you and your children around promoting good mental and physical health and well-being, both at school and home.

**The things that matter to you are the things that matter to us.**

Do you experience worries or concerns, or perhaps you feel unsure on times, how best to support your child?

We wonder if you might welcome opportunities to come into school and find out more from our Thrive Team around understanding behaviour?

How about developing a great toolkit of ideas/strategies to support and strengthen positive relationships?

Understanding the value and importance of play in healthy development and emotional regulation.

Do you have worries around tech use and managing healthy boundaries?

As parents, we often find ourselves struggling with very similar issues or dilemmas and this is increasingly so in our fast moving, ever changing world.

If you would be interested in the opportunity of having bespoke support and information in regard to the things that are important to you as parents, then we would kindly ask you to take a few minutes of your time to complete this short online questionnaire, **please complete by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/pwaeX6Tmuu>**

Your responses and feedback will help us to focus and develop the areas that are relevant and important to you and your family.

We would hope, going forward to be able to offer open day events, workshops for parents to attend, further information links on our website and of course, as a pastoral team, we are always available to meet with you and offer support. We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaires and we will be in touch with dates and further information.



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## CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

**MONDAY 23 DECEMBER**

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# THE GOAL GETTERS WEEKLY TIMETABLE

## SATURDAY

### BARNSTAPLE

PARK SCHOOL SPORTS HALL

**10.00am**

TINY TEKKERS &  
SHARP SHOOTERS  
3.5 - 5yrs & 4 - 8yr  
45min session

**11.00am**

TINY TEKKERS &  
SHARP SHOOTERS  
3.5 - 5yrs & 4 - 8yrs  
45min session

- Weekly Sessions
- Birthday Parties
- After School Clubs
  - PE Sessions
  - Holiday Camps
- & Much, much more

## SUNDAY

### BARNSTAPLE

PARK SCHOOL SPORTS HALL

**9.00am**

TIDDLY DRIBBLERS  
2 - 4yrs  
30min session

**9.40am**

TINY TEKKERS  
3.5 - 6yrs  
45min session

**10.35am**

TINY TEKKERS  
3.5 - 6yrs  
45min session

**11.30am**

TIDDLY DRIBBLERS  
2 - 4yrs  
30min session

## MONDAY

### BARNSTAPLE

ST PAULS, STICKLEPATH

**9.20am**

TIDDLY DRIBBLERS  
2 - 4yrs  
30min session

## THURSDAY

### SOUTH MOLTON

YMCA CENTRE

**9.30am**

TIDDLY DRIBBLERS  
2 - 4yrs  
30min session

## WEDNESDAY

### BRAUNTON

BRAUNTON PARISH HALL

**9.30am**

TIDDLY DRIBBLERS  
2 - 4yrs  
30min session

## FRIDAY

### BARNSTAPLE

TARKA LEISURE CENTRE

**9.20am**

TIDDLY DRIBBLERS  
2 - 4yrs  
30min session



## MON, TUES & FRIDAY

### GOAL GETTERS & CHIVENOR DEVELOPMENT SESSION

MON - 6pm / TUES - 5pm / FRI - 4.30pm - PILTON ASTRO TURF

These sessions are aimed at children looking to move from our skills sessions to more match based contact sessions.

**6-12YRS**



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**PILTON ASTRO**

**MONDAY 6PM / TUESDAY 5PM & FRIDAY 4.30PM**

## GOAL GETTERS DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

WORKING WITH CHIVENOR DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

With our new collaboration with Chivenor Development Centre we can now offer our fantastic new development sessions. These sessions will be aimed at 6 - 12yr old children (School year one up) & help children transition from our pressure free skills based classes to contact & match play.

Our priority continues to be helping young children enjoy football in the North Devon area. By joining forces with Chivenor we believe we now provides a clear pathway for all children to continue their footballing journey with coaches who share the same beliefs.

**BOOK TODAY**

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# KIDS SILENT DISCO



**FRI 20 DECEMBER 6.00- 7.30PM**

**Have a great Christmas break!**