The Topsham School
Newsletter 02

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 13th September 2024

Clubs

Clubs led by members of staff will start next week. The clubs list will be sent out today by email, and the opportunity to sign up will be available **tonight at 7.00pm** via Schoolcomms**.**

Please read the list carefully for further instructions and to check the different dates and arrangements for each club.

There will be no clubs run by teachers during the week of Parents' Evening (dates to be communicated soon.)

School Dinner Bookings

All bookings for school dinners must be booked via Schoolcomms, in advance and by 8.15am on the day at the latest. Meals also need to be paid for at the point of booking unless your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals.

Copies of the menu can be viewed on the following link: https://topsham.devon.sch.uk/parent-zone/school-dinners/

Gates

Please can we remind all everyone arriving at school on foot to use the pedestrian gates and not the vehicle gates at all times. During the school day, please use the intercom on the pedestrian gate to access the school site.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September, the Year 6 class at The Topsham School will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall. The coffee morning will be from 9.30am – 10.45am.

We would really appreciate it if you could join us for this special morning. There will be delicious cakes and hot drinks for sale for you to enjoy.

All of the money will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Charity, which does vital work for people in need of support.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school to treat yourself to some cake and coffee, have a friendly chat, all whilst raising money at the same time

Secondary school admission applications for September 2025 are now open!

If your child has just started Year 6 you can apply now for their place at secondary school for September 2025. Applications must be made before the national closing date of Thursday 31st

October 2024. If you apply after this date, the application will be considered late and may be at a disadvantage.

Visit the Devon County website for more information about applying for a secondary school place: https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Leads and Contact Information

Miss Maria White: Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher. For any urgent safeguarding matters please email: safeguarding@topsham.devon.sch.uk. Please do not use this email for any other matters apart from safeguarding.

Safeguarding our children will always be a priority for everyone in the school. All staff are trained in how to keep children safe and alongside this we have our safeguarding team. Anyone of our staff can be contacted in relation to Safeguarding.

Level 3 trained staff are qualified to the same level as the Safeguarding Leads. In our school this includes our Admin Team, Miss Greygoose and Mrs Whitehead. Again, their details are on our website.

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S business and we will always do our very best to keep our children safe.

If **any** parent has a safeguarding concern or query about ANY child within our community, please email for advice.

IF ANY ADULT FEELS A CHILD OR ADULT MAY BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER YOU MUST CALL MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) OR 999

"If you are worried about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child or young person worried about your own safety, please contact the MASH on ***0345 155 1071*** *or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.*

Date	Event
Friday 13th September	Clubs bookings go live on Schoolcomms at 7.00pm (for clubs led by staff members)
Tuesday 17th September	PTA AGM
Friday 27th September	Year 2 Trip to Exeter
Friday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.30am – 10.45am
Tuesday 1st October	Years 3 and 4 Trip to Kents Cavern
Friday 25th October	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Thursday 31st October	Closing date for applying for a secondary school place for September 2025
Monday 4th November	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 5th November	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 6th October	Children return to school after half-term
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday (2.30pm finish)
Monday 6th January	Return to school after Christmas Holiday