The Topsham School
Newsletter 06

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 11th October 2024

Key Dates
We have added lots of new dates to the Key Dates section at the end of this newsletter. It is going to be a busy term, so keep an eye on this section of the newsletter for the dates of upcoming events.

Parking
Please can we remind all members of our school community to park with care when dropping off and picking up from school. Please remember to park considerately and not to mount kerbs as this makes it unsafe for families travelling on foot.

Thank you!
Thank you for your generous donations for the Exeter Foodbank. We are delighted to announce that we collected 104kg of food as part of our harvest celebrations.

Achievers
As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. The recipients of last week's achiever awards are listed below:

Achiever Awards:

Year 1 Joshua
Year 2 Casey
Year 3 The whole class for being great on their trip to Kents Cavern
Year 4 Edward
Year 5 James
Year 6 Ried

Winning House:

Sapphire House

Reading Awards:

Congratulations to the following children in Years 3 and 4, who achieved their reading target last week:

Edward, Lola, Olivia, Alfie, Laurence, Miro, Lawrenny, Joel, Phileas, Floyd, Cedric, Evan and Isaac.

Sports Leaders:
Helena, Elena, Sara, AJ and James

Playtime Leaders:
Syd, Shammah, Muhafiz, Elliott and Joshwa

Arts Week
Monday 21st – Friday 25th October

Please see the overview below showing the key dates for Arts Week. Please refer to the letter sent by Schoolcomms email for further information.

Significant dates:

Monday 14th October	**Launch assembly**. We will talk as a whole school about the upcoming week and share the exciting plans for each class. You child may be asked to start thinking artistically by their teacher today, so please do talk to them about it from today!
Monday 21st October	Please can all children where possible **bring in an old, big t-shirt or shirt** that is appropriate for painting in. It can stay in school all week.
Tuesday 22nd October	Classes may have a **local or community artist** in school with them, to learn new techniques, develop their skills or give inspiration for their final piece.
Friday 25th October	**Dress Up Day!** Be inspired by the art around you. We are inviting everyone, staff included, to dress up in any way that shows inspiration from the world of art. **We are asking for a donation for the school in conjunction with this where possible.**

Friday 25th October	**Artists Gallery:** everyone invited and welcome to share in the final pieces, and the whole creative journey along the way. Parents are invited to join us from 3.15pm.

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.*

PTA NEWS

Friends of
The Topsham School
The Topsham School PTA

It was great to have everyone in our first PTA meeting of the year, with the new group of year Reps, full of ideas and enthusiasm for the events planned for 2024/25. And this meeting was mainly to start planning the Christmas events (grab your diaries), which will include the Christmas Bazaar on 6th December. In addition to the bazaar, we are also planning to include personalised cards/gifts, Christmas Carols and cards for the ELOF Christmas Boxes.

Personalised Cards / Gifts – during the next couple of weeks, children will be creating their designs on their classrooms. You will receive order forms right after half term with all the information needed and date limit for your order online.

Christmas Hampers – Donations for Christmas Hampers will start after half term and we cannot wait to figure out what colour will be attributed for each year group. Raffle Tickets for this amazing draw will be available next month.

Christmas Bazaar:

- If you have ideas for your year group stall, talk to your Year Rep

- Are you a Foodie? Are you up to integrate this year´s Food team? Please contact us and help us have another great Christmas Food Stall!
- If you are a business owner and interested in running a stall at the bazaar, please email us at thetopshamschoolpta@outlook.com.

Next Event

Next week, Friday, 18th October, we will have the first Bake Sale of this year! And it promises to be amazing... Year 5 & 6 will be the bakers and sellers in service and there will be treats for every taste. Each cake will cost £1 and you can pay with cash or contactless. Bring a box and take a treat to your tea time!

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Topsham Pool Quiz Night

In a bid to raise funds for the pool, we are hosting a quiz evening on **Saturday 19th October at 7pm**

This event will be held at the **Bowling Club**

Team of 6, £30.00 or if less people, £5.00 per person

You are very welcome to bring your own refreshments

Please pick up an application form from the pool (until Sunday 15th) Topsham Sweet Treats (opposite the Old Fire Station)

Deadline for applications is Friday 18th

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Date	Event
Friday 11th October	Flu Immunisations for children in Reception – Year 6
Friday 18th October	PTA Y5/6 Bake Sale
Monday 21st – Friday 25th October	Arts Week
Friday 25th October	Arts Week Dress Up Day and donations for school
Friday 25th October	Dress Up as ART day and Parents invited to The Topsham Gallery @3.15-4.15pm
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 November	Children return to school after half-term
Tuesday 12th November	Year 1 Animal Encounter Experience
Tuesday 12th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th November	Parents' Evening
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Friday 6th December	Christmas Craft and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Friday 13th December	Community Xmas Party (led by Year 6)
Monday 16th December	KS1 and Foundation Stage Xmas performance @2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 17th December	KS2 church service @2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday (2.30pm finish and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Monday 6th January	Return to school after Christmas Holiday
Friday 14th February	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter Holiday (2.30pm finish and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school after Easter Holiday
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Monday 2nd June	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd July	Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential
Wednesday 23rd July	Break Up for Summer Holidays (2.30pm finish and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)