The Topsham School
Newsletter 10

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.
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Friday 15th November 2024

Children in Need

The children and staff at Topsham School are enjoying the comfort of wearing their pyjamas to school today! Each class has also been participating in a 'team building challenge' where attempted to keep Pudsey off the ground…!

Thank you very much for your donations in aid of Children in Need. If you still wish to donate, this can be done through the payments section of your child's Schoolcomms account.

The School Leaders will be holding a Bake Sale after school today to raise further funds. Thank you to everyone who has supported this by donating delicious looking baked goods.

Cross Country

On Friday 8th November, 28 senior members of Running Club represented the school at the annual Cross Country meeting at Killerton. Mr Elliott and Mrs Daitz were really impressed with everyone's positive attitude, resilience and fantastic sportsmanship.

Exeter Primary Football League

Well done to the Year 5/6 football team for getting their first point in the Exeter Primary Football League. They played in three games and represented the school amazingly. Thank you to the parents that supported as well and we look forward to the next round of fixtures.

Applying for a Reception (Big Acorns) place for September 2025

The application system to apply for a reception place at primary/infant schools in September 2025 opens on **15 November 2024**. Apply online at the Citizens Portal.

The closing date is **15 January 2025**. You can apply after this date but applications will be considered late and may be at a disadvantage. Please see the 'Late applications' tab for more information.

If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you.

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

Today – Last Day for personalised Christmas Cards/Gifts orders
Orders via https://www.iqcardsonline.co.uk/

The **deadline** for orders is **TODAY**, Friday 15th November at 23h59. We will receive the printed items by 29th November. If you need an extra form (or cannot find the original one), no problem! Just email us on thetopshamschoolpta@outlook.com with name and year group, or contact your Year Rep and we will send you a copy.

Christmas Bazaar
This week's news is all about our Christmas plans! We are super excited about the **Christmas Bazaar on Friday 6th December**. There are lots of exciting activities and stalls planned, music, delicious food, a bar – it is going to be a great way to kick off the festive season. All is becoming real after yesterday's meeting (thank you for all the participation and ideas).

Please contact your Year Rep to understand what your Year Group is planning for this Christmas Bazaar and how you can **volunteer** to be part of the rota to run the stall.

Hopefully, you will find the **raffle tickets** at the bottom of the school bag. The raffle hampers are starting to fill up nicely and we would be so grateful if you could try to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Remember, all the money raised goes back into the school to buy extras and essentials, like books, playground equipment and IT kit, for your children to use and enjoy.

Please **return** sold slips and money to the front office **as well as any unsold tickets** (you can use the provided envelope). The deadline for ticket sales is Monday, 2nd December. The draw will be made during the Christmas Bazaar at 6pm. **Donations to the hampers** can be made to the front office. Here is a little reminder of the colour themes for each class:

- Acorns → **Purple**
- Year 1 → **White**
- Year 2 → **Green**
- Year 3 → **Orange**
- Year 4 → **Yellow/Gold**
- Year 5 → **Grey/Silver**
- Year 6 → **Red**

Pre-loved Uniform Sale
On Friday, 22nd November we will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale. We will run a stall after school until 4.30pm so there is plenty of time to browse even if your child has an afterschool club. With all the donations, hopefully you can grab a bargain and notch up some planet loving sustainability points.

Check out our news, events or drop us a message on www.topshampta.co.uk

Date	Event
Friday 15th November	Bake Sale in aid of Children in Need at 3.30pm
Friday 15th November	Deadline for ordering PTA Personalised Gifts and Cards
Friday 15th November	Applications for Reception (Big Acorns) places for September 2025 opens
Friday 22nd November	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
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	Vision Screening for Big Acorns
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 15th January	Applications for Reception (Big Acorns) places for September 2025 opens
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)