The Topsham School
Newsletter 11

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Friday 22nd November 2024

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 Lola and Najm
Year 2 Indiana and Elliot
Year 3 Igor and Caitlin
Year 4 Nam and Felicity
Year 5 Laurie, James, Hollie and Sienna
Year 6 Austin and Luca

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.

Booking Christmas lunches

Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 18th December. Please can we remind parents that bookings for Christmas Dinner must be made in advance, online via Schoolcomms, **by Wednesday 4th December at the latest.** The ordering system is exactly the same as ordering lunch for any other day but you should be able to see the Christmas Dinner options for 18th December instead of the usual four choices. The only difference being that we will print a list on 4th December and these numbers will be submitted to the kitchen. We will be unable to fulfil

requests for meals ordered after this date. Please be aware that no refunds will be issued after the cut-off date as we have to submit these numbers to the kitchen in advance.

Please see a copy of the menu for Christmas dinner below along with the allergen matrix.

Christmas Dinner menu for Wednesday 18th December

Educatering
The School Food Revolution

Allergen Matrix

Christmas Menu 1 2024

	Celery	Crustaceans	Eggs	Fish	Gluten	Lupin	Milk	Molluscs	Mustard	Nuts	Peanuts	Sesame	SO2	Soya
Christmas Chocolate & Vanilla Flavour Ice Cream							✓							
J - Christmas Dinner - Roast Turkey					✓ *Wheat*								✓	✓
J - Christmas Dinner - Root Vegetable Plait			?		✓ *Wheat (Barley*, Oats*)*		?		?				✓	?

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*Allergens in brackets are a May Contain.

Steve the snowman!

The children who attended Twiglets on Thursday had a wonderful time working together to build a snowman named Steve.

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

The PTA is "all hands on deck" preparing for this year's **Christmas Bazaar on Friday 6th December**. For those of you new to the school, on the next page, you will find your very own guide to help you through! We also have FAQs on our website: **https://www.topshampta.co.uk/event/christmas-bazaar/**

Pre-order your tokens now! We will once again be using tokens only for all PTA stalls except the bar and food. Tokens are 50p each (non-refundable). Most games stalls cost 1 or 2 tokens to play, Santa's Grotto is 7 tokens. Tokens will be available to buy during and just before the start of the Bazaar or you can pre-order them before Wednesday 4th December to jump the queue! To pre-order your tokens please transfer payment for the amount you would like to the PTA account:
Friends of the Topsham School
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Please put your child's name and year as the reference.

WAIT! It's not all about Christmas - it's still business as usual as we have this term's **Preloved Uniform Sale** after school today (Friday 22nd November). Have a rummage and find some bargains!

And don't forget, you can **contact the PTA** any time via email - thetopshamschoolpta@outlook.com, through the website - https://www.topshampta.co.uk/contact-us/, or by speaking to your class rep.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE Christmas Bazaar

PRE-ORDER TOKENS

1 token = 50p

Most games cost 1 or 2 tokens, some may cost more. Transfer your payment in advance and collect on the day to skip the queue.

BRING CASH

Catch up on your Christmas shopping - some market stalls may be cash-only.

STAR TICKETS

Win star tickets by playing the game stalls - save them up and head over to the Prize Table to exchange them for a range of prizes.

WHAT'S ON

First stop - chocolate tombola! This sells out fast!

Head to Santa's Grotto to meet the man himself!

Play games to win Star Tickets

Add some festive sparkle at the glitter and nail bar

Enjoy delicious food and drink while you browse the market stalls

and much more...

GET INVOLVED!

- Donate a gift to your class hamper
- Buy/sell raffle tickets
- Volunteer for your class stall
- On the day, children can wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for a chocolate tombola donation (no nuts please!)

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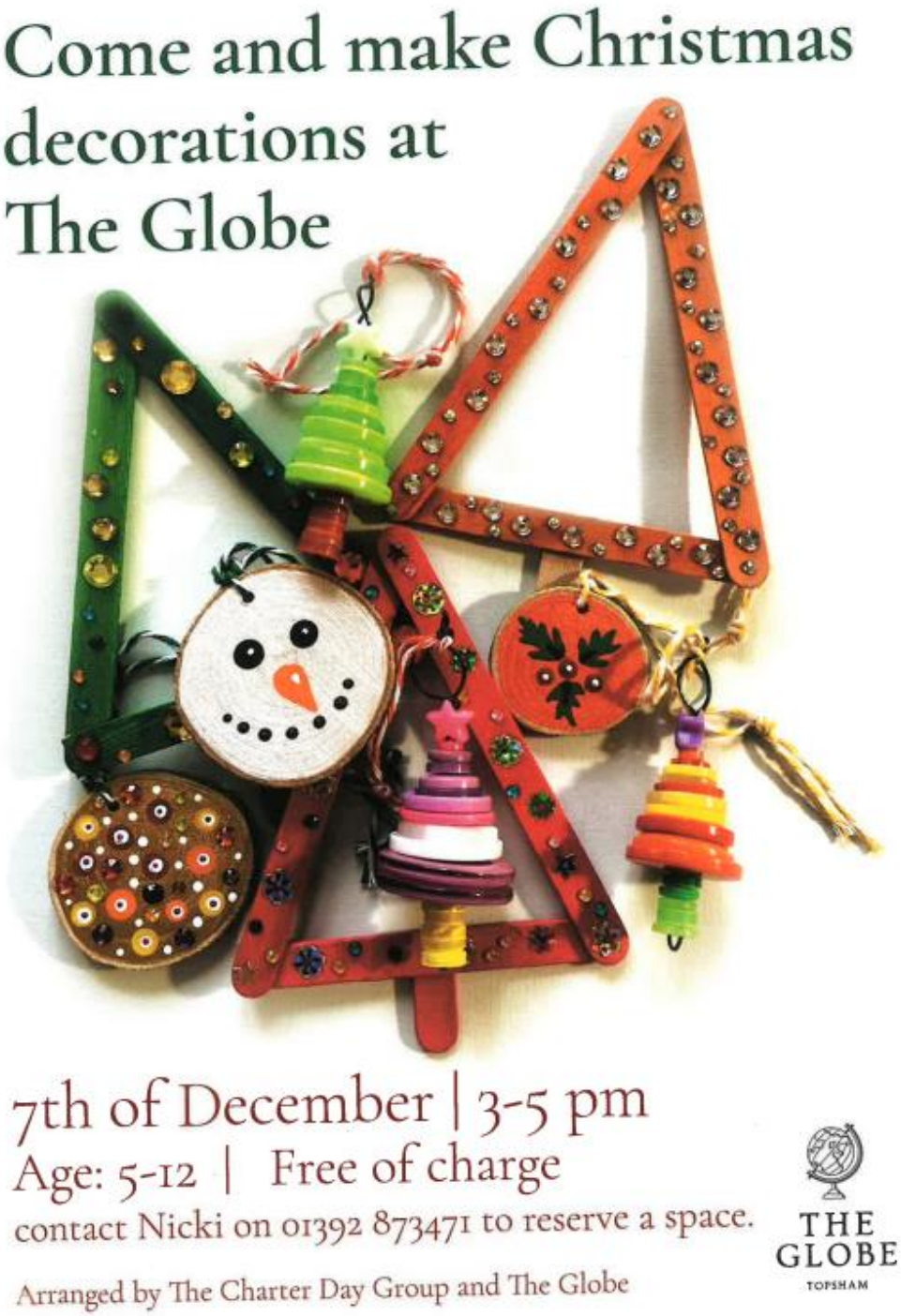

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Date	Event
Friday 22nd November	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Tuesday 26th November	Panto for Big Acorns – Y6
Friday 29th November	Choir Christmas Carols event on the playground at 3.45pm
Friday 6th December	Children's costumes to be in school
Friday 6th December	Christmas Craft and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Bazaar 3.45pm – 6.30pm
Monday 9th December	Christmas postboxes in school until 19th December
Monday 9th December	Christmas cards for the community until 13th December
Friday 13th December	Community Xmas Party (led by Year 6)
Friday 13th December	KS1 dress rehearsal performance for the rest of the school pm
Monday 16th December	Vision Screening for Big Acorns
Monday 16th December	KS1 and Foundation Stage Xmas performances @2pm and 6pm
Monday 16th December	KS2 church rehearsal pm
Tuesday 17th December	KS2 church services @2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	Christmas class celebrations
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	Deadline for applying for a Reception (Big Acorns) place for September 2025
Thursday 13th February	Children break up for half-term at 3.30pm
Friday 14th February	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 24th February	Return to school after half-term
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
Tuesday 3rd June	Children return to school after half-term
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)