THE TOPSHAM SCHOOL

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.

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Newsletter

May 2025

Head's Message

It has been a busy start to the term and there are so many exciting events coming up! We are sharing the dates for many of these events in the Key Dates section below.

Year 6 have been amazing this week, approaching their SATs with great maturity. Today, they are enjoying a trip to Splashdown Quaywest, with the other Year 6 classes from across the federation. Next week our Year 6 class have the fantastic opportunity to spend the week in Naples, Italy. We would like to thank everyone who has supported them with their fundraising for this trip.

Please remember to keep an eye on the school blog for more information and photos of things happening across the school. https://tops-wholeschool-blog.blogspot.com/

Key Dates

- Friday 16th May - PTA Cake Sale (Acorns)
- Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May - Year 6 Naples Trip
- Friday 23rd May - Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
- Friday 23rd May - Acorns Cake Sale
- Monday 2nd June - Non-pupil day
- Tuesday 3rd June - Children return to school after half-term
- Tuesday 3rd June - KS2 swimming starts
- Tuesday 3rd June - Friday 6th June - KS2 Walkability
- Saturday 7th June - PTA and Parents' Grounds Day
- Monday 9th June at 3.00pm - Meeting for Year 4 parents regarding residential
- Tuesday 10th June - Year 3 trip to Exmouth
- Wednesday, 12th June at 8pm - PTA Meeting (Online)
- Thursday 19th June - Sports Day (parents invited to attend in the afternoon)
- Thursday 26th June - Reserve date for Sports Day
- Tuesday 1st July 2025 - Year 4 Day Trip to Exmouth (Watersports)
- Wednesday 2nd - Thursday 3rd July - Year 4 overnight stay at Sid Vale Scout Hut
- Friday 4th July - PTA Summer Fair
- Sunday 13th July - Exe Valley Challenge
- Monday 14th July - KS2 Swimming Gala 10.00am - 12.00pm
- Monday 14th July - Drum Assembly 2.45pm
- Friday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly pm
- Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd July - Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential
- Wednesday 23rd July - Break Up for summer holiday 2.30pm finish. Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm
- Tuesday 2nd September - Non Pupil Day
- Wednesday 3rd September - Children return to school after summer holiday

Running Club

Running Club have been making the most of the sunny weather this term! Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who give their time to make this club such a success.

PTA and Parents' Grounds Day

Saturday 7th June 2025

We are very excited to shared the new date for our Grounds Day- this will be the first one since Lockdown!

As you can imagine, the amount of restoring, updating and clearing has piled up. The PTA have the list of jobs, and have kindly begun to organise refreshments and entertainment for children if they accompany you.

The impact of our Grounds Day's have always been huge, and it is a great chance to build our school community. If you can spare an hour two, half a day or even a whole day, we will be very glad to have your support. Please see the PTA news for more details and if you are available to help out, please let the PTA know by filling out this quick form: Grounds Day Sign-Up https://forms.gle/Ggrqx8p8hpCtP8PL7

PTA News

🌟 Topsham School PTA Update - Building a Stronger School Community Together! 🌟
The Topsham School PTA has been hard at work planning exciting events and initiatives to bring our school community closer and support our children's learning and wellbeing. Here's what's coming up and what we've achieved together:

🎉 Upcoming Events

🧁 Last Cake Sale of the Year - Friday, 23rd May

The Acorns parents are organising a delicious finale to the term! Come along and grab a sweet treat to celebrate the start of half term. Don't forget to bring a box—you might want to take a few goodies home!

🍦 Ice Cream Fridays

Starting after half term, treat yourself to a sweet end-of-week delight! Every Friday, ice creams and ice lollies will be available for purchase after school. A perfect way to kick off the weekend!

🌿 Grounds Day - Saturday, 7th June | 9am-3pm

Join us for a fun and rewarding day of volunteering! Whether you can spare an hour or the whole day, we'd love your help with gardening, painting, and light DIY to improve our KS1 and KS2 outdoor spaces.

👫 Family-friendly: Activities for children, plus food and refreshments provided.
📋 Let us know your availability by filling out this quick form: Grounds Day Sign-Up
https://forms.gle/Ggrqx8p8hpCtP8PL7

☀️ Summer Fair - Friday, 4th July

Save the date! Our much-loved Summer Fair is back with games, delicious food, and refreshing drinks. Let's hope for sunshine and smiles all around!

💡 PTA Impact Highlights

🏅 Sports Equipment Fundraiser

Thanks to your amazing support during the Pancake Flip Challenge, we raised £622.41! The school will soon be purchasing new sports equipment—photos to follow on our website!

🧠 Quiz Night & Silent Auction

Together, we raised £1,340 to support opportunities like KS2 swimming lessons and an exciting Science Week for the whole school! Huge thanks to Quizmaster Marc Norris, his assistant Neve, our generous donors, bidders, and all who joined in the fun.

🚲 New Project: Bike & Scooter Parking

We're working with the school to expand parking for bikes and scooters. With the warmer weather, it's a great time to encourage eco-friendly travel and healthy habits!

🗓️ Next PTA Meeting - Wednesday, 12th June at 8pm (Online)

Join us on Zoom for our final PTA meeting of the year! It's a great chance to share your ideas and hear what's next. Meeting details will be shared via email and WhatsApp closer to the date.

Thank you for your continued support!
Together, we're making a real difference in our children's school experience. 💙