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

September 2025

Head's Message

Welcome back to school

It is wonderful to see everyone back, both children and parents a like, and hearing about what people have been up to while away from from school. I hope you were able to enjoy some of the lovely weather we had!

Over the holiday, the Holiday Club was running on most days and has been a great success. We have also been busy building the kitchen, and are very close to opening. We are all very excited to be cooking our lunches on site for the very first time here at Topsham.

The autumn Term is set be a busy one, full of new starts and new experiences!

Please check through our September newsletter for some reminders to start the term.

Maria White, Head of School

Key Dates

Monday 15th September: Year 4 Class Welcome Meeting 3.30pm

Tuesday 16th September: Year 3 Class Welcome Meeting 3.30pm

Wednesday 17th September: Year 5 and Year 6 Class Welcome Meetings 3.30pm

Thursday 18th September: Year 1 Class Welcome Meeting 3.30pm

Friday 19th September Year 2 Class Welcome Meeting 3.30pm

Tuesday 23rd September: PTA AGM AT 7.00pm

Tuesday 30th September: Tempest Photography - Individual photos

Thursday 23rd October: Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)

Friday 24th October: Occasional Day - School Closed

Monday 3rd November: Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 4th November; Children return to school after half-term

Friday 19th December: Break up for Christmas Holiday (2.30pm finish)

Monday 5th January: Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 6th January: Children return to school after Christmas Holiday

Menu choices for Week Beginning Monday 8th September

As this week, next week will continue to be a reduced menu. Please see the email sent via Schoolcomms for more information. When you log in to Schoolcomms, you will see the lunches we have on offer for each day. All bookings for next week have been deleted to allow for the changes. Please can we ask parents who have already made bookings for next week, to log back in to Schoolcomms to rebook any meals required. Over the weekend and during next week, the final plumbing and electrics will be underway. The Kitchen is really taking shape and we can't wait to share it with you all.

Thank you for your patience while we have this final transition across to the new kitchen.

2026 Secondary Applications

For children in Year 6, applications for Year 7 secondary school places opened on 1st September 2025. Please be aware that applications for a place at secondary school in Year 7 need to be submitted by 31st October 2025. Offer day will be 2nd March 2026 when you will find out the allocation that has been made for your child. To complete your application, you need to apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to ensure that your child gets their place.

Music Lessons

If you are interested in finding out more about music lessons or to sign your child up for lessons, please contact Music Devon using the details below:

http://www.musicdevon.com/

admin@music.devon.com

Or call during office hours on 01392 466390 (9:30 - 12:30 Monday - Friday during term time)

If your child is interested in taking speech and drama lessons this term there will be a few spaces available. Please contact Thalia at thaliasquire@icloud.com or phone 07368295034.

Lessons during the Week:

Monday: Drums
Tuesday: Brass and Woodwind
Wednesday: Piano
Thursday: Piano
Friday: Guitar and Speech and Drama

Uniform Reminders

All children will be expected to wear the correct school uniform to school each day. A reminder that the uniform expectations are asfollows:

UNIFORM

School sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with school logo or plain royal blue cardigans.
White polo shirt with school logo or plain white polo shirt.
Grey/black shorts/trousers/skirts/pinafore dress.
Children can wear blue gingham dresses in the summer.
School shoes must be worn to school. These can be black sensible shoes.

PE KIT

PE kit can be worn on the day your child's class does PE.
Plain white T shirt.
Plain navy/black shorts of an appropriate length.
Plimsolls or trainers (these should, where possible, be mainly black or white - colour detailing is acceptable).
A plain navy, black or grey tracksuit for when the weather is colder.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Children are not to wear nail varnish or make up to school.
Children with shoulder length hair or longer need to have their hair tied back during the school day.
All children need to have sensible haircuts.
Children's hair must not be dyed. Children can wear watches but not smart watches.
For Health and Safety reasons, the only jewelry that will be permitted in school is stud earrings for pierced ears.

PTA AGM

Date for your diary: Tuesday 23rd September @ 7.00pm
At the school

This is the start of a brand new year for our incredible PTA, so please come and join the meeting to find out a little more about what the PTA do, how they raise funds for the school, volunteering within the school, and anything, no matter how big or small, that you might be able to do to support the PTA and the school.
All current PTA members are welcome, but we would love to see lots of new faces.
This initial meeting is held at the school; subsequent meetings are online or in person in Topsham.

New Faces

This September we welcome some new faces to our team:
Teaching in Reception is Mrs Luff-Lee Mon-Thurs, and Mrs Davis on a Friday
Mrs Luff-Lee is also part of our Leadership Team, leading our Early Years and KS1.
Miss Curran has also joined our team of TAs.

Class Welcome Meetings

In the week beginning 15th September 2025, we would like to invite parents to attend class Welcome Meetings in school. The class meetings are as follows:

Monday 15th September: Year 4
Tuesday 16th September: Year 2
Wednesday 17th September: Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 18th September: Year 1
Friday 19th September Year 3

The meetings will start at approx. 3.30pm in classrooms, and last no longer than 30 minutes (depending on questions). It will be a chance to informally meet your child's class teacher, see the classroom and find out information specific to your child's class and teacher.

For children in our Big Acorn Reception Class, we will share with you dates for parent workshops for Early Reading and Phonics very soon.
For those unable to attend, this information will also be sent out after the meeting.

Mrs Luff-Lee

Mrs Davis

Miss Curran

PE Days

Achieve for All run our PE days on a Monday and Wednesday, then the class teacher runs a PE session. The days are as follows:
Big Acorns- Wednesday (A4A) (further Physical Development activities continue throughout the week)
Year 1 - Tuesday and Wednesday (A4A)
Year 2 - Monday (A4A) and Friday
Year 3 - Monday (A4A) and Thursday
Year 4 - Monday (A4A) and Thursday
Year 5 - Wednesday (A4A) and Friday
Year 6 - Wednesday (A4A) x 2

Our Little Acorns also have Achieve for All for the first time this term, to support their Physical Development. This is on both Mondays and Wednesdays. It would be beneficial for children to wear comfortable and flexible clothing on these days.

Tempest Photographs

Tempest photography will be visiting us on Tuesday 30th September to take induvial and sibling group photographs.

Please make sure that your children are wearing their full school uniform on the day, even if it is normally a PE kit day. If your child has PE, please send them with their kit to change in to after the photographs have been taken.

Community News*

*Please be aware that clicking on links/following web addresses in this section may take you to sites that require payment for the activities advertised. The Topsham School does not endorse any products or events in this section.

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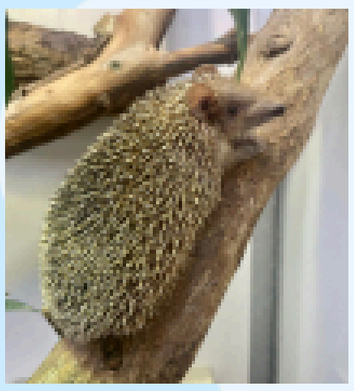

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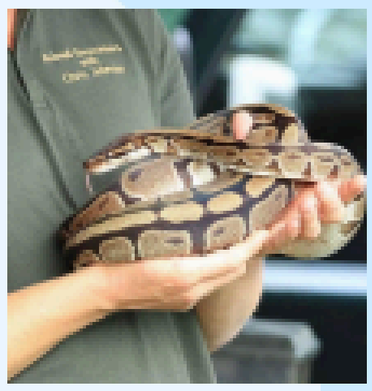

A chance to have encounter with various animals and reptiles
£4 per Child

All children will need to be accompanied Adult.
Ticket to be purchased from reception
Suitable for age 4+

Held at Nancy Potter house
in the Community Room on
To book please scan the QR code below

Tuesday 28th October

Session 1
2.30pm - 3.15pm
&
Session 2
3.30pm - 4.15pm

SESSION 1

SESSION 2