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
February 2026

Head's Message

As we come towards the end of this half term, we can already reflect on all the exciting learning opportunities that the school has had and the children have shown a brilliant attitude to the new topics they have been exploring.

This newsletter shares some of this half terms' events and information, and shares some reminders for the term ahead. We have lots to look forward to over the coming term, and hopefully we will have a little less rain and a little more sunshine!

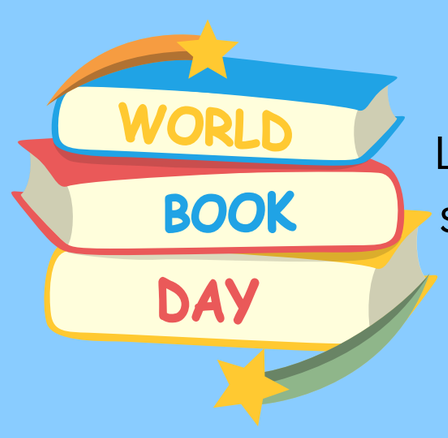
After half term....

Pancake Flip with the PTA

Tuesday 24th February

It's that time of year again! Information will be coming out about how you can sponser and donate for the annual pancake flip competeition. Get practicing over half term!

World Book Day



Thursday 5th March

Look out for the letter coming sent by email: we have lots of special things planned and would love you all to get involved from home too.

Parents' Evenings

Hopefully you should have now received the letter to book on to Parents' Evening slots. This term they are online for all our children, except for our Preschool children, which are in person.

Key Dates

Friday 13th February - Non Pupil Day

Monday 16th February - Year 6 U7 Academy Gym session pm (session 2)

Monday 23rd February - Return to school after half-term break

Tuesday 24th February - PTA Pancake Flip

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Friday 6th March - Year 2 PTA Bake Sale 3.30pm

Monday 9th March - Year 6 U7 Academy Gym session pm (session 3)

Wednesday 11th March - Year 4 Trip to The Eden Project

Monday 16th February - Year 6 U7 Academy Gym session pm (session 4)

Tuesday 17th March - Speech and Drama Assembly 2.45pm

Monday 23rd February - Year 6 U7 Academy Gym session pm (session 5)

Monday 23rd March - Parents of Big Acorns - Year 6 invited to look at their child's learning 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Tuesday 24th March - Parents' Evening for Little Acorns - Year 6

Thursday 26th March - Parents' Evening for Little Acorns, Big Acorns, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6

Friday 27th March - Parents' Evening for Year 4

Friday 27th March - Year 1 PTA Bake Sale

Monday 30th March - Year 6 U7 Academy Gym session pm (session 6)

Thursday 2nd April - Break up for Easter holiday (2.30pm finish and Twiglets finishes at 4.20pm)

Monday 20th April - Return to school after Easter holiday

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 8th May - Big Acorns PTA Bake Sale 3.30pm

Friday 22nd May - Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)

Monday 1st June - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 2nd June - Pupils return to school after half-term break

Tuesday 30th June - Year 4 day trip to Exmouth (Watersports)

Wednesday 1st - Thursday 2nd July - Year 4 overnight stay at Sid Vale Scout Hut

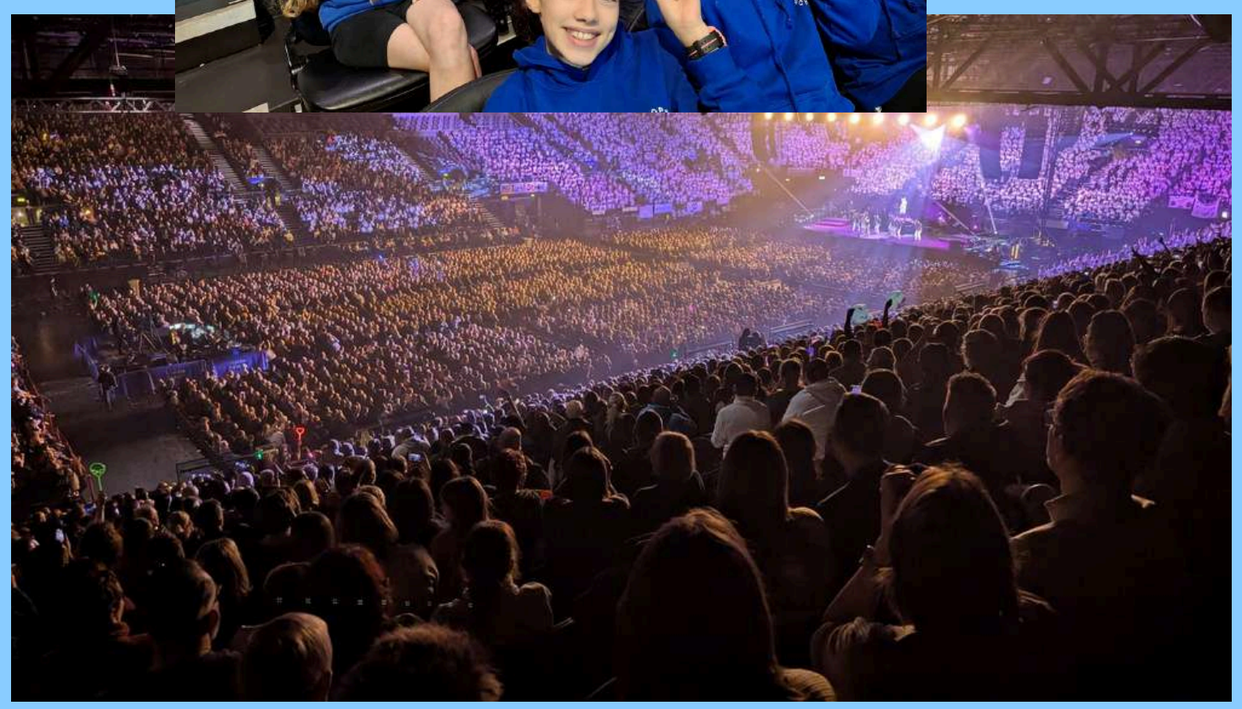
Friday 3rd July - Summer Fair

Thursday 23rd July - Break up for Summer Holiday (2.30pm finish and Twiglets finishes at 4.20pm)

Friday 24th July - Occasional Day (school closed)

YOUNG VOICES 2026

This year's trip to Young Voices was even more spectactular than usual, with all eight schools from the Federation travelling to Birminham for the event. With over 100 children across the schools, our 14 choir members made us at Topsham very proud: incredible singing and dancing, and their enthusiasm really shone. The Sea Shanty Medely was a firm favourite! Thank you to all the family members who travelled up to watch. We are already looking forward to next year.



YEAR 6 SESSIONS AT U7 GYM ACADEMY

We are pleased to share that pupils have now taken part in the first session of our Heart and Circulatory System programme. The session at U7 academy involved practical, age-appropriate physical activities and interactive learning to help pupils explore how the heart and circulatory system work during exercise.

The programme is being delivered by Dr Matthew Handford BSc MSc PhD from U7 Academy & Youth, who guided pupils through engaging activities designed to build their understanding of how the human body responds to physical activity.

YEAR 6 CLIMBING, CRATE STACKING AND HIGH BEAMS

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 9-15 FEB 2026

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. This national event is supported by the children's mental health charity Place2Be.

The theme for 2026 is "This is My Place", all about belonging and feeling part of something meaningful, whether that's at home with family, in class with friends, at after-school clubs, within cultural / faith groups or hobby groups where children feel safe and accepted. A sense of belonging helps children feel secure, valued and confident to learn and grow.

The Mental Health Support Team will be delivering an assembly that week and our mental health ambassadors will be encouraging games and activities to promote belonging. You can find out more at Place2be's family pages: https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/

NEW MENU

We are excited to have a new menu starting after half-term. Copies of the menu have been sent to parents via email and will also be available on our website https://topsham.devon.sch.uk/parent-zone/school-dinners/

The Topsham School are looking for a Mealtime Assistant to join our team

If this is something that interests you, or you know someone who might be interested, please let us know in the Office.

We are seeking a reliable and committed Lunchtime Assistant to join our team.
The successful candidate will enjoy working in a collaborative and positive environment. This role involves:

- supervising children while they eat their lunch, promoting good manners and healthy eating habits.
- developing engaging lunchtime play activities,
- ensuring the safety and welfare of all children at all times.

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.

Achieve4All
Reach your potential

Achieve4All are running holiday camps at Topsham School this February Half-Term!

- Fun, action-packed days for kids
- Perfect childcare solution for busy parents
- Extended hours available

Spots are available now, grab yours before they're gone.

https://achieve4all.co.uk/holiday-camps/

ISCA WELCOMES YOU TO COME AND SEE

FANTASTIC MR. FOX

Tickets are available using the QR code below, or through the link on Isca's social media!

February 24th - 26th

6PM - 7:00PM

LAND OF THE PHARAOHS
Egypt on Screen

University of Exeter

The Bill Douglas CINEMA MUSEUM

FAMILY FUN DAY

Monday 16th February
10am-12 noon & 2-4pm

Free drop-in kids' creative activities inspired by the Land of the Pharaohs Exhibition

Make your own Egyptian-inspired film props and much more!

Suitable for all ages.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bill Douglas Cinema Museum
The Old Library
University of Exeter, EX4 4SB
bdcmuseum.org