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
March 2026

Head's Message

As we move further into March, it has been a real pleasure to see signs of spring finally arriving around the school, after what has felt like a long, wet and rather dark winter.

The lighter mornings and brighter afternoons have lifted everyone's spirits, and it has been wonderful to see the children back out on the field, making the most of the space and enjoying the long-awaited return to the new climbing frame.

This half term is always a busy and exciting one, and this year is no exception. The school has been full of energy with celebrations for World Book Day, a wide range of trips, and numerous sporting events taking place. These experiences are such an important part of school life, enriching the curriculum and creating lasting memories for our children.

With just two weeks remaining until the end of term, there is still much to look forward to, while we also begin to turn our attention to planning for the summer term ahead. It is always a time of reflection and anticipation as we prepare for the opportunities and events that the next term will bring.

I do hope that many of you have been able to enjoy the improving weather, spending more time outdoors and making the most of our wonderful local community and surroundings. It has been lovely to see families out and about again. We are looking forward to seeing parents online for the parents' evenings coming up, and for the book look in school prior to this.

Maria White
Head of School

Key Dates

Friday 20th March - Group of Year 5 children climbing at Quay Climbing Centre pm

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

Wednesday 25th March - Big Acorns trip to West Town Farm

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)

Tuesday 31st March - Year 5 trip to Norman Lockyer Observatory

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)

PTA Pancake Flip!

Congratulations to Zac, Edward, Arthur, Toby, Igor and Bobby who were the winners of the Pancake Flip Competition. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event and for all the generous donations received.

Our tier system in school: Who to go to when there is a problem

If you have any concerns or issues regarding your child's time in class or at school, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always keen to work with families and will do our very best to resolve any matters as quickly and effectively as possible.
To help ensure concerns are dealt with appropriately, we ask that the following tier system is followed:

1. Class Teacher
Please speak directly to your child's class teacher, either via email, or speak to them in person at the end of the day. You can also call the school number and leave a message: 01392 874498.

2. Early Years, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 leadership: If the issue is not resolved, please contact Mr Elliott if your child is in KS2, or Mrs Luff-Lee if your child is in the pre-school, Reception, or KS1.

3. Head of School: Following these previous avenues, please contact Miss White if needed.
If your concern has still not been resolved after following this process, you may request a copy of our Complaints Policy.

Please also note that a member of our team is always available on the school playground in the morning, so feel free to speak to us then if appropriate.

facebook

Our school has a Facebook page, where we keep our community up to date with what is going on and celebrate lots of our events in school. Please do take a look and ensure you follow to keep up to date with reminders and news.
If you would like your child to be part of this, if not already, please do add or change your parental consents when they are sent out again in the new term.
https://www.facebook.com/TheTopshamSchool?locale=en_GB

Exeter Primary Football League

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 team who won one game and drew another on Monday 2nd March to stretch their unbeaten run to 4 matches.

First, they beat Pinhoe 3-0, goals from Olivia (2) and Lawrence (his first for the school.) Then, salvaged a 3-3 draw against Clyst St Mary after having been 3-1 down with less than a quarter of the game to go. Goals from Ezra, Olivia and Osian.

Scooters and Bikes

It has been lovely to see the sunshine out again, and with it, even more wonderful to see more children and families on their bikes and scooters.

We would like to remind those who ride scooters and bikes to school to remember to wear helmets and to walk their bikes and scooters around the school site. They must not be ridden around the site, once through the main gates. This includes parents please.

Supporting Resilience in Our Children

Supporting Resilience in Our Children In school, we promote resilience every day through small but meaningful experiences. Encouraging children to try again when learning feels tricky, supporting them to solve friendship difficulties, celebrating effort as well as achievement, and helping them reflect on mistakes as part of learning, are all a big part of this.

Resilience is about helping children cope with life's ups and downs, not by removing challenges, but by giving them the reassurance and skills to face them. Resilient children still feel disappointment and frustration, but they gradually learn to recover, seek support when needed, and keep going. Positive relationships, predictable routines, and opportunities to develop independence all play an important role. When children feel safe, valued and listened to, they are more able to take healthy risks and grow in confidence.

Check out this short video and article from leading Children's mental health charity, Place2Be. https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/raising-a-resilient-child

Achieve4All

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS AT TOPSHAM SCHOOL

Achieve4All are running holiday camps at Topsham School this Easter Holidays!

- 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.

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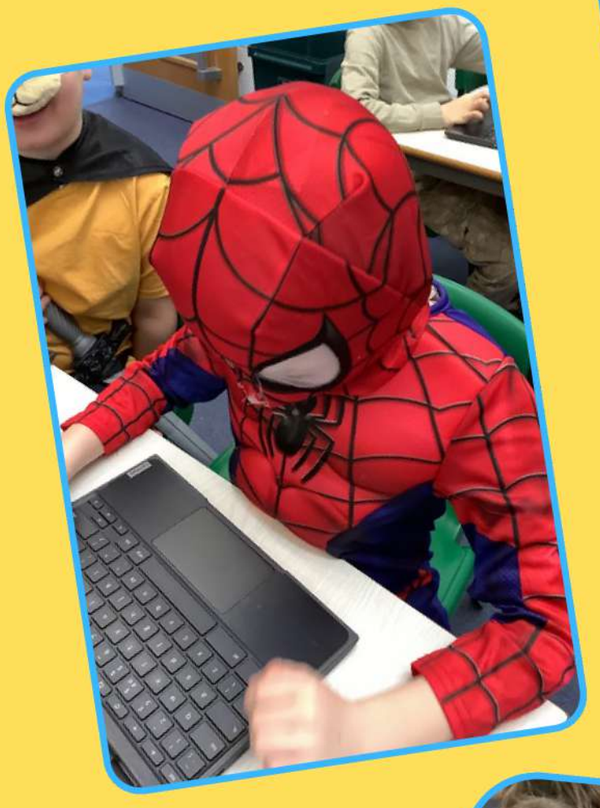
https://achieve4all.co.uk/holiday-camps/

World Book Day 2026



PTA NEWS

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the 'Cosmic Family Rave' with Poco Drom
An electro dance party equally awesome for adults and their kids!
Taking place on Saturday 21st March at 5-7pm at Topsham School

'Tickets' for this event are now sold out!

Please do not turn up if you have not brought 'tickets' via Schoolcomms.
Whilst there are no physical 'tickets' for this event, the organisers will have a list of everyone attending who has paid via Schoolcomms.

PLEASE NOTE:
There will be balloons!!!
Snacks and soft drinks can be purchased and there will be a licenced bar
Fancy/party dress is encouraged

CONSIDERATIONS:

This is a family event: A party parents can enjoy with their children - children cannot be dropped off and must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Sound: Please be prepared for loud music. This means ear defenders at the ready for tiny ears and those who are sensitive to loud noise. The volume will be kept at a safe level for an event of this duration... but this will be a proper electro-punk gig!

Slips: The show includes confetti/streamer cannons and inflatables. This means areas of the floor can become slippery. It's a full electric show so stage areas are off limits.

Buggies: There will be some space to store buggies however if you are bringing small children and can avoid bringing a buggy that would be amazing!

COMMUNITY NEWS*

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Sportystars
INFLATABLE GAMES

Get Ready for Inflatable Games
Sporty Stars are bringing their spectacular Inflatable Games evening back our school! This is an exciting, high-energy experience where your child get to experience 6 inflatables: Axe Throwing, Basketball Shoot, Bouncy Castle, Curling, Football Darts, Target Inflatable
Date: Thursday 4th June 2026
KS1 Session: 5:15-6:15pm
KS2 Session: 6:30-7:30pm
Only £8 per child – book now to secure your spot! - https://pbbl.uk/4sEibw6