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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below important dates and information that you may find useful.



Please also note the dates for School Christmas events below - don't forget to add them to your diary!

Wishing you all a restful half term - we return to school on Monday 4th November.

Home Learning can be found every week on our School website or [here](#). -

NO HOMELEARNING SET FOR THE HALF TERM PERIOD

Dates for the Diary

25 th October	Last day of term
28 th Oct-1 st Nov	HALF TERM WEEK
31 st October	Secondary School Applications - DEADLINE
4 th November	First day back to school after the half term
4 th -8 th November	Parent Meetings
14 th November	School Photos - individual/families
15 th November	Children in Need (donations via a JustGiving link - see below)
29 th November	PTA Wreath Making Workshop
6 th , 13 th , 18 th and 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Days (look out for a JustGiving link nearer the time)
2 nd December	Year 1 and 2 Multi skills Festival at GTS
5 th December	Class F (Nursery and Reception) Nativity in the school hall 9.45am
6 th December	PTA Christmas Bingo
9 th December	KS1 and KS2 Nativity in the Parish Hall 2.30pm
10 th December	Music sharing assembly (children who have lessons with Ania) 9.30am
11 th December	KS1 and KS2 Nativity in the Parish Hall 3.45pm
18 th December	Christmas Dinner
18 th December	Christingle 5.30pm (see poster below)
20 th December	Last day of the Autumn Term
6 th January	First day of the Spring Term
3 rd - 4 th April	Y5 Residential to London
22 nd - 25 th April	Y6 residential to St Georges House

Secondary School Applications - DEADLINE 31.10.24

Applications for your child to start in year 7 at secondary school in September 2025 opened on 1st September 2024 and **will close on 31st October 2024**. The closing date is looming, if you haven't yet applied for your child's secondary school please do so by the end of this month. Here is the link to submit your application; www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Any late applications may be at a disadvantage, so please make sure you apply on time, to ensure the best chance of your child getting into their preferred school.

Eduspot/SchoolMoney bookings now open!

The bookings for School Dinners, Breakfast and Afterschool Club are now open via Eduspot/SchoolMoney, for the second part of the Autumn term.

Afterschool Art Club



During the next part of the Autumn term we will be offering an Afterschool Art Club, this will start on **14th November** and run **every Thursday through the term, with the last session being on 19th December**.

It will be open to children in Reception right through to year 6.

We do ask for a one-off payment of £2 per child, this will be payable through Eduspot/SchoolMoney when you book your child a place. You only have to book the once and this secures your child a space for the whole 6-week block.

Please note that the club finishes promptly at 4.30pm.

Bookings on Eduspot/SchoolMoney are open now.

4th-8th November - Parent Meetings

We will be holding parent meetings afterschool between 4th-8th November. This is a chance to discuss your children's progress with their teacher and look at the work they have been doing in class. There is a sign-up sheet on the classroom door with the designated dates and times, if you haven't already done so, please sign yourself up when you are next dropping off/picking up your child. If your child takes the bus home, please give the school office a call and we will be able to do this for you on your behalf.

14th November - School Photos

Tempest Photography will be coming in to take individual and sibling photos.

15th November - Children in Need



The School Council have organised a fundraiser for BBC Children in Need, which is Pyjama Day! The children can come to school dressed in pyjamas or Pudsey/Blush themed clothes. Please make a donation [here](#) if you are able to.

3rd - 4th April - Y5 Residential to London



Just a reminder to pay the non-refundable deposit of **£65 by Thursday 31st October** via Eduspot/SchoolMoney if your child would like to go on the London Residential. Please note that if you have not paid the deposit by the deadline, we will assume that your child will not be going.

22nd - 25th April - Y6 Residential to St Georges House

Thank you for paying your deposit for your child to go to the St Georges House Residential.



4th November - School Dinner Menu

Monday 4th November - Veggie option will be chefs' choice not Golden Veggie fingers. Parents/carers to book online via Eduspot/SchoolMoney by the day before.

Please see the new Autumn-Winter 2024/25 menu on the school website or [here](#).

Poppy Appeal - w/c 4th November



Week commencing 4th November there will be Poppy's available in school. The Poppies and donation box will be taken round to each class in the afternoons to give everyone a chance to buy their Poppies making a donation of £1 per item and for paper Poppies 20p each.

Welcome to our New EYFS staff member



We would like to welcome Bara who will be joining the Early Years team from Monday 4th November.

PTA Wreath Making Workshop

Join Us for a Festive Wreath-Making Evening!

Get into the Christmas spirit and unleash your creativity at our Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop! Whether you're a crafting pro or a total beginner, you'll have a fantastic time making a beautiful wreath to take home and proudly display.

What to expect: A Glass of bubbly on arrival Refreshments provided by the PTA Mulled wine, mince pies, and festive music. - A relaxed, fun evening with friends or family!

Date: 29th November

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Location: Langtree School Hall

Please note: Wreath bases and foliage are supplied, but please bring your own secateurs and decorations.

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on the chance to make something truly special this Christmas!

Book your tickets here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/langtree-pta/t-yayjpvx>



Free Autism understanding training for parents and carers

You can attend if your child is on the pathway or has a diagnosis. Please click on the link for further information.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/send-local-offer/about-send-and-the-local-offer/what-is-send/communication-and-interaction/autism-and-us/>

Additionally we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Topic	Date/Time
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service + the Ambassador Volunteer Programme)	Thurs 17 Oct 10-12
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Tues 5 Nov 9.30-12.30
Autism and Girls	Wed 23 Oct 9.30 - 12
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Wed 20 Nov 10 - 12
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Tues 10 Dec 10-12
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Tues 10 Dec 10-12
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Thurs 7 Nov 10-12
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Thurs 14 Nov 10-12
Autism – Communication (Non/Limited Speaking children – support strategies)	Thurs 21 Nov 10-12

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

<p>Autism & Communication (Supporting strategies for verbal children and young people)</p>	<p>This workshop explores communication strengths and differences and how these may impact on daily life for verbal child and young people and families. It will support in exploring strategies to support child and young people around the following areas: how adult use of language can support and provide structure, self advocating through communication, how visuals can support communication and sharing communication needs with the wider family/support network.</p>
<p>Autism & Communication (Supporting strategies for Pre and Non-verbal children and young people)</p>	<p>This workshop will consider both language and communication and what is meant by a Total Communication approach. We will also consider practical strategies to support pre and non-verbal children and young people communicate through a focus on means, reasons and opportunity. Please note, this workshop is not appropriate for supporting children who are experiencing situational mutism.</p>
<p>Autism & Girls</p>	<p>This workshop seeks to explore the background of the diagnosis of autism in girls and why historically the female / male ratio has been significantly lower. We explore the key characteristics of girls with autism including areas such as possible masking, communication, social understanding and associated vulnerability. Subsequently we seek to highlight key approaches / strategies which aim to help to support autistic girls within the home / family context.</p>
<p>Autism & Demand Avoidance</p>	<p>This workshop seeks to explore the key characteristics of the extreme demand avoidance profile while outlining the diagnostic background and how this fits into the strengths and needs of autistic children and young people. Subsequently it explores the characteristics of this profile and how it may manifest through a child's behaviour. A range of strategies / approaches are highlighted with the aim of supporting children and young people in the home with an emphasis on an individualised approach which allows for the prioritising of goals to support family life.</p>
<p>Autism & Anxiety</p>	<p>This workshop will explore our understanding of anxiety and how autistic children and young people may experience and express their own anxiety. The workshop will also consider and provide how we can support and reduce their anxiety within the home / family context through a range of approaches and strategies.</p>
<p>Autism & Vulnerability</p>	<p>This workshop will explore some of the vulnerabilities that ALL CYP may experience growing up. But this workshop will specifically shine a lens on how an autistic CYP profile may lead them to respond in different ways through their own developmental journeys. A range of approaches, strategies and supportive links will also be offered to support family life.</p>



TORRINGTON LIBRARY



COMING UP ~ EVENTS AND NEWS

Join us on Saturday 12th October for this lovely day of activities

CELEBRATE GREAT TORRINGTON!

We have lots of activities planned for all the family in Castle Community Hall and Gardens. Come along to take part or just to see what is going on.

Activities start at 10am, finishing at 1pm. Some have specific times as follows:

10-10.30am Decorate a cupcake with ForknFeast Cafe. (Numbers limited)

11am Chair Yoga with Ruth Chambers

Running all morning are:

Dig the Castle Artefacts with Emily Wapshott * Bulb planting * Sound bathing with Zita Costello * Dog obedience and agility with Woof and Whistle *

Dressing up in 1646 costume - take a 1646 selfie! * Vintage board games to try *

Commons Conservators tombola * Tarka Valley Railway * Find the fairy doors *

Guess the Dahlia! * Photographic exhibition

We can't wait to see you!

Libraries Unlimited **TORRINGTON LIBRARY**

Celebrate Great Torrington

Celebrate Great Torrington is a community led event celebrating our town. It is a partnership between the library and people of Great Torrington. Join us in Castle Community Centre & Gardens for:

Dig the Castle Artefacts · Bulb Planting · Sound Bath
Dog Obedience & Agility · Find the Fairy Doors · Chair Yoga
17th Century Dressing Up · Music · Vintage Board Games
Cooking · Photo Exhibition & more!

Saturday 12th October 10am - 1pm

TTVs Like our page on Facebook for updates of what's on and when! **@torringtonlibrarydevon**

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Langtree Community School

Christingle



Wednesday 18th December
Langtree Church of All Saints
at 5.30pm

**Children to sit with their
parents/carers**

(parents are responsible for their
children holding lit candles)

**PTA Coffee and mince pies
afterwards**

Have a wonderful half term week!