

# Newsletter

17th July 2025



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#### Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, enthusiasm, and partnership. The strength of our school community lies in the way we work together – and this year has been a shining example of that.

There is so much to celebrate! We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and their fantastic SATs results — a true reflection of their hard work, resilience and determination, supported by both staff and families. We also marked a major milestone with the opening of our Little Thinkers Nursery, welcoming even more young learners into our school community.

Our 'One Night Only' debut performance was an absolute highlight – the turnout and reception were nothing short of phenomenal. Your encouragement and applause helped make it such a memorable experience for the children.

We've also seen brilliant success beyond the classroom – from the tremendous fundraising efforts of the mini-marathon, to the achievements of our football teams, who have done us proud all year. Arts Week brought out such creative talent across the school, and we were treated to a host of inspiring performances, from violin showcases and Rock Steady concerts to brilliant class plays.

Looking ahead, we're excited to share that work will be taking place over the summer on our playgrounds, further enhancing the environment and opportunities for our children to play, learn and grow together.

Thank you once again for being such an integral part of our school's journey this year. Wishing you all a restful, joyful and fun-filled summer break.

Warm regards,

Mr Fitzsimmons

# **End of term**

Please be reminded that school finishes at 2:00pm for all children on Tuesday 22nd July.

Children return on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:40am



## Latest News

#### Year 3 at Kents Cavern

Year 3 stepped into the Stone Age with a fantastic visit to Kents Cavern. The children went back to a time when the cave was home to ancient humans, sheltering from extreme weather, making fires, shaping tools and hunting Ice Age animals. They then took a walk through the extensive labyrinth of caverns, surrounded by 400 million-year-old rocks and spectacular stalagmites and stalactites.



## **New Caterers at Kings Ash Academy**

From September 2025 we are excited to announce that we will have a new catering provider, Impact Food Group operating as 'Innovate' in our canteen, providing food for your children at Kings Ash Academy.

This will change how payments for school meals are made.

In the meantime, we request that you do not make top-up payments to your child's account on ParentPay and aim to reduce the balance to zero by the end of term.

Please can all outstanding debts for school meals be settled too. Any balances remaining will be either refunded to you or transferred to the new system, but this process will be more efficient if we can reduce the number of balances to be transferred.











TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THE POWER OF FOOD

## **School meal prices from September 2025**

We have worked hard to keep meal prices as low as possible and have not raised prices since April 2024.

However, due to rising food and operational costs, we are no longer able to sustain the current pricing.

# From 1st September 2025 the price of a school meal will increase to £2.65 per day.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, they will not be affected by this price increase and will continue to receive their school dinner.

If your child is not currently receiving free school meals but you believe they may be eligible (including through the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2), you can apply through <a href="Torbay Council - Free school meals - Torbay Council">Torbay Council</a>

We will be moving to a new payment system over the summer holidays and will be sending out a welcome link during the summer holidays, approximately 20th August. This will be a positive change for school bookings and communications.



## Latest News

## **Torquay United Tournaments**

This Term we competed in two football Tournaments at Plainmoor the home of Torquay United football. The 5/6 Boys and the 5/6 Girls played some very good football in a competitive environment and showed not only great teamwork but showed great professionalism whether they won or lost a game.





#### Latest News

## **TSAT Cup**

We also competed in the very first TSAT cup against Curledge Street Academy with all points added together. The two schools were evenly tied so to decide the result and who would win the first TSAT Cup one penalty taker was chosen from each team. The result of the penalty shootout was Kings Ash 2 -0 Curledge Street. A massive well done to Curledge street who represented their school fantastically.







#### **Lighting Up Learning**

As a 'Thinking' nursery we understand the importance of developing thinking skills. In our setting we employ strategies to develop the strengthening of memory as well as a curriculum that encourages curiosity and develops questioning skills. We use the term 'I wonder' to help the children recall facts and think about events and objects in different ways.





#### How much does it cost to send my child to Little Thinkers?

|                   | Times             | Cost<br>(with own food<br>provided) | To include meals & snacks        | Cost<br>(including meals) |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Full Day          | 8:00 am -5:00 pm  | £63.9O                              | Breakfast/Lunch/ Tea<br>& Snacks | £72.15                    |
| School Day        | 8:45 am - 3:15 pm | £46.15                              | Lunch/Snacks                     | £5O.75                    |
| Breakfast Club    | 8:00 - 8:45 am    | £5.35                               | Breakfast                        | £7.00                     |
| AM Session        | 8:45 - 11:45 am   | £213O                               | Snack                            | £22.6O                    |
| PM Session        | 12:15 - 3:15 pm   | £213O                               | Snack                            | £226O                     |
| After School Club | 3.15 - 5:00 pm    | £12.45                              | Tea                              | £14.45                    |







#### Can my child receive any free hours of childcare?

If your child is eligible for government funding, they can receive the following hours free from:

15 hours (9 months - 2 years) - free from Little Thinkers

15/30 hours (2, 3 and 4 years) - free from Curledge Street Academy/Kings Ash Academy Nurseries

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# Unsung Hero - Summer















We are so proud of you!

# Term dates 25/26 and 26/27

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| Term:          | Autumn 2025  |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| Non pupil days | Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September 2025                  |  |
| Term starts    | Wednesday 3 September 2025                           |  |
| Non pupil day  | Friday 17 October 2025                               |  |
| Half term      | Monday 20 October – Friday 31 October 2025 inclusive |  |
| Non pupil day  | Monday 3 November 2025                               |  |
| Term finish    | Friday 19 December 2025 @ 2pm                        |  |

| Term:       | Spring 2026                                   |  |
|-------------|---|--|
| Term starts | Monday 5 January 2026                         |  |
| Half term   | Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026 inclusive |  |
| Term finish | Thursday 2 April 2026 @ 2pm                   |  |

| Term:        | Summer 2026                              |
|--------------|--|
| Term starts  | Monday 20 April 2026                     |
| Bank holiday | Monday 4 May 2026 – school closed        |
| Half term    | Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026 inclusive |
| Term finish  | Friday 17 July 2026 @ 2pm                |

## Term Dates 26-27

| Term:          | Autumn 2026  |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| Non pupil days | Monday 31 August and Tuesday 1 September 2026        |  |
| Term starts    | Wednesday 2 September 2026                           |  |
| Non pupil day  | Friday 16 October 2026                               |  |
| Half term      | Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October 2026 inclusive |  |
| Non pupil day  | Monday 2 November 2026                               |  |
| Term finish    | Friday 18 December 2026 @ 2pm                        |  |

| Term:       | Spring 2027  |
|-------------|--|
| Term starts | Monday 4 January 2027                                  |
| Halfterm    | Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027 inclusive |
| Term finish | Thursday 25 March 2027 @ 2pm                           |

| Term:        | Summer 2027                                  |
|--------------|--|
| Term starts  | Monday 12 April 2027                         |
| Bank holiday | Monday 3 May 2027 - school closed            |
| Half term    | Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027 inclusive |
| Term finish  | Friday 16 July 2027 @ 2pm                    |



# Summer Holidays 2025 - Multi-Sports Camp!

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

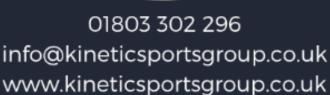
Venues -

# Oldway Primary School Higher Polsham Rd, Paignton, TQ3 2SY

Abbey School
Fore Street, Torquay, TQ1 4PR









# PAIGNTON SOCCER SCHOOL

#### WHERE?

PAIGNTON ACADEMY WATERLEAT RD, PAIGNTON TQ3 3WA

#### WHEN?

28<sup>TH</sup> JUL 4<sup>TH</sup> , 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> AUG

AGES 5-12 YEAR OLDS

**BOOK ONLINE TODAY** 

nttps://saintssouthwest.classforkids.io/camp/102







# SUMMER °°°

Summer Book Quest Launch Sat 12th July 10:30-15:00

Make pinwheels & sand castles!

# **EVENTS**

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Queer Zine-Making Workshop Tues 29th July 11:00-13:00

Celebrate your identity through the art of zine-making £2.00\*

Fun Science With Edd Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July 10:30-11:30

Make a deep sea diver to exlore water presure £2.50\* BOOK

Sculpture Workshop for Children & Adults

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 10:30-11:30

Create sculptures out of recycled materials £2.50\*

Friendship Bracelet Making Workshop Wed 13th Aug 10:30-11:30

Make beaded and thread bracelets £2.00\* **Crazy Golf** 

Throughout July and August 50p a go Finisher's Day Wed 27<sup>th</sup> August 10:30-15:00

Water Play & Junk Modelling

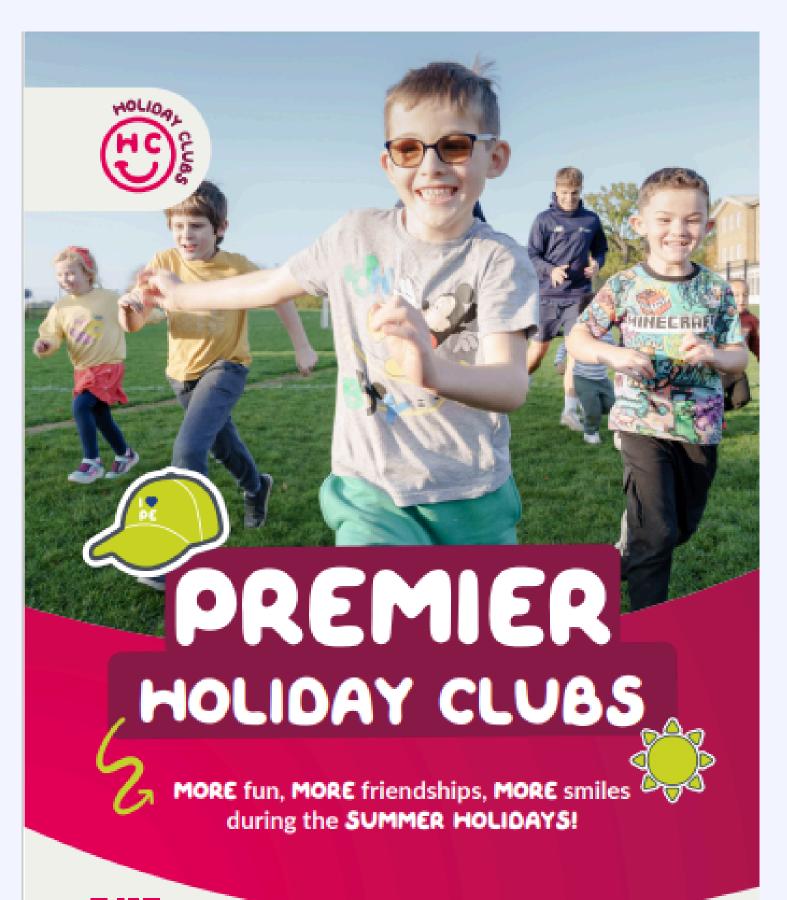


\*Pre Booking Required

Book via 01803 714452

torquay.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk If there is a charge, payment must be made to secure a place.











## YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS

Our Lady St Patrick, TQ149DT Haytor View Primary, TQ124BD Preston Primary School, TQ2 6UY

Bradley Barton Primary, TQ121PR

Mon 28th July to Thurs 28th August

Mon 28th July to Thurs 28th August Mon 21st July to Tues 26th August

Mon 21st July to Fri 29th August

Time 09:00- 15:30

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Time 09:00- 15:30

Times between 08:00 - 17:30

Price £22.00

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Mix it up this Summer with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities – from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket, plus much more!

Book now for a Summer full of fun!

# PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch Plenty of water Suitable clothing Loads of energy!

# CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

"In&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



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Wild Fox Playground / Foxhole Community Centre, Belfield Road, Paignton TQ3 3UZ 10.30 – 2.30pm Monday – Thursday from 28 July until Thursday 21 August

As part of the government's Healthy Holidays and Food (HAF) programme, we will be offering lots of different play activities and a healthy lunch at Wild Fox Playground / Foxhole Community Centre., Paigntom. There will be football, skittles, Jenga, water play and free play, building dens, clay work, arts, crafts, working with willow and bush craft skills. Each Tuesday there will be a special trip to the Indigos Playground in Brixham. Transport will be provided.

Sessions are open to all children aged 3 - 16 year olds. This year booking is essential. Tickets are free for any child eligible for free school meals, or £2.00 otherwise. Please note that parents or carers need to stay with any children under the

age of 8 but don't need to book on themselves.

Please book here

If you have trouble with the booking system please let your school know and someone from Play Torbay will be in touch

