

Dear all,

Thank you all for your continued support over the past half term, the children returned well from the Summer holidays and have been very busy with their learning and various activities, trips and events over the first half term. Next half term will be a busy one with Christmas performances, parents evenings and other activities scheduled for the children to take part in. The last day of school is tomorrow Thursday 19th October, I wish you all a restful break over the half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 6th November.

Mr Fitzsimmons

## Poppy Appeal

School will be selling poppies and other items to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

**These will be on sale at the end of the day on Thursday 19th October in both playgrounds**

Please bring along loose change if you wish to purchase any of the following items

Zip Pulls – 50p

Reflectors – 50p

Silicon Bands – £1.00

Snap Bands – £1.50

Rulers- £1

We only have limited supplies, so once they are gone, they are gone!!



## Key Dates for Autumn 2

### November

Half term- **Pupils return Monday 6th November**  
**After school clubs continue as before half term until Christmas.**

Weds 8th- Individual and sibling photos - Jelly Images

13th-17th- Anti Bullying week

14th - Reception open day

15th and 16th - Parents evenings

### December

Weds 6th - Reception open day & Christmas Performance

Thurs 7th-Christmas jumper day/lunch

Mon 11th-Year 4,5,6 Carol Service - Paignton Church

Tues 12th - Year 1,2,3 Christmas Performance - in school

Weds 13th - Nursery Christmas Performance

TBC-Rudolph run - fundraising event

## Uniform reminders

Just a reminder that children can come into school in **school PE kit** on their class PE days (please note, football or other team kits are not allowed). As the colder weather approaches, children are welcome to wear their school jumper and plain black leggings/jogging bottoms on PE days.

As a school, we are happy for the basics of school uniform to be purchased from supermarket chains as they can often be cheaper. We also have stocks of second hand uniform available if you are struggling financially, just speak to the family support team.

In the current cost of living climate, we are also content with children to wear plain black trainers to school, please support us with this by not sending your child into school in any other coloured or patterned trainers.

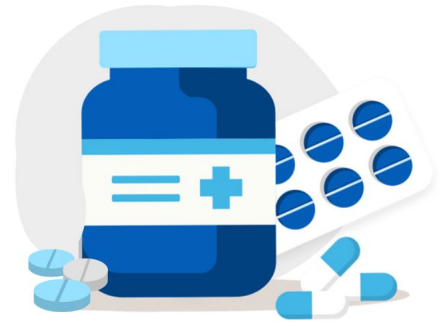


## Medicines in school

Please be reminded that if your child needs medication or medicine in school then you will need to complete the following forms before we can accept any medicines or medication in school

[Prescribed medication form](#)

[Non-prescribed medication form](#)



## Smoking/Vaping on school grounds

Please be reminded that smoking and vaping are banned on the school grounds. Please support us to keep the school environment smoke free.





## Starfish

Over the past few weeks the starfish children have been learning how to control and maneuver the bikes while taking turns sharing them using the sand timers to wait for their turn.



## Reception

Reception parents were invited to a 'Reading Together' workshop this week. The children loved showing off their phonic skills and then spending time with their grown ups playing lots of different phonic games.





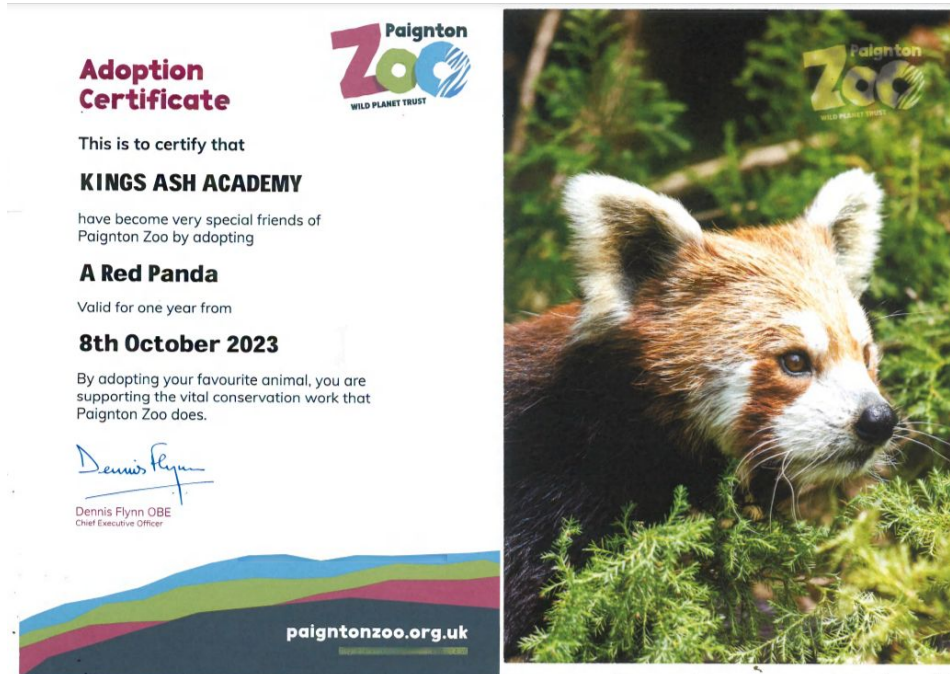
## Year 6

This half term Y6 have been learning all about Britain's National Parks, luckily we were able to visit one so close by. We spent time sketching the landscape of Dartmoor National Park as well as discussing its importance in our society. We then continued our expedition by visiting Stover Country Park to compare the landscapes, navigate using OS maps and classify a wide variety of plants and flowers.



## School Council

Our student council children embarked on an exciting adventure to make a real difference in our community. They organised a fantastic school raffle, and thanks to their hard work and your support, we are thrilled to announce that we've sponsored a Red Panda at Paignton zoo! Our students' dedication to wildlife conservation is a shining example of how even the youngest among us can have a positive impact on the world and protect the incredible creatures we share our planet with.







**NHS**

**Come along to our  
SEND virtual  
roadshow!**

**Oct  
30**

**If you missed your school's  
roadshow, join us online from  
6pm - 6:30pm**

**TORBAY  
COUNCIL**

If you missed your school's SEND roadshow when it visited recently, don't worry.

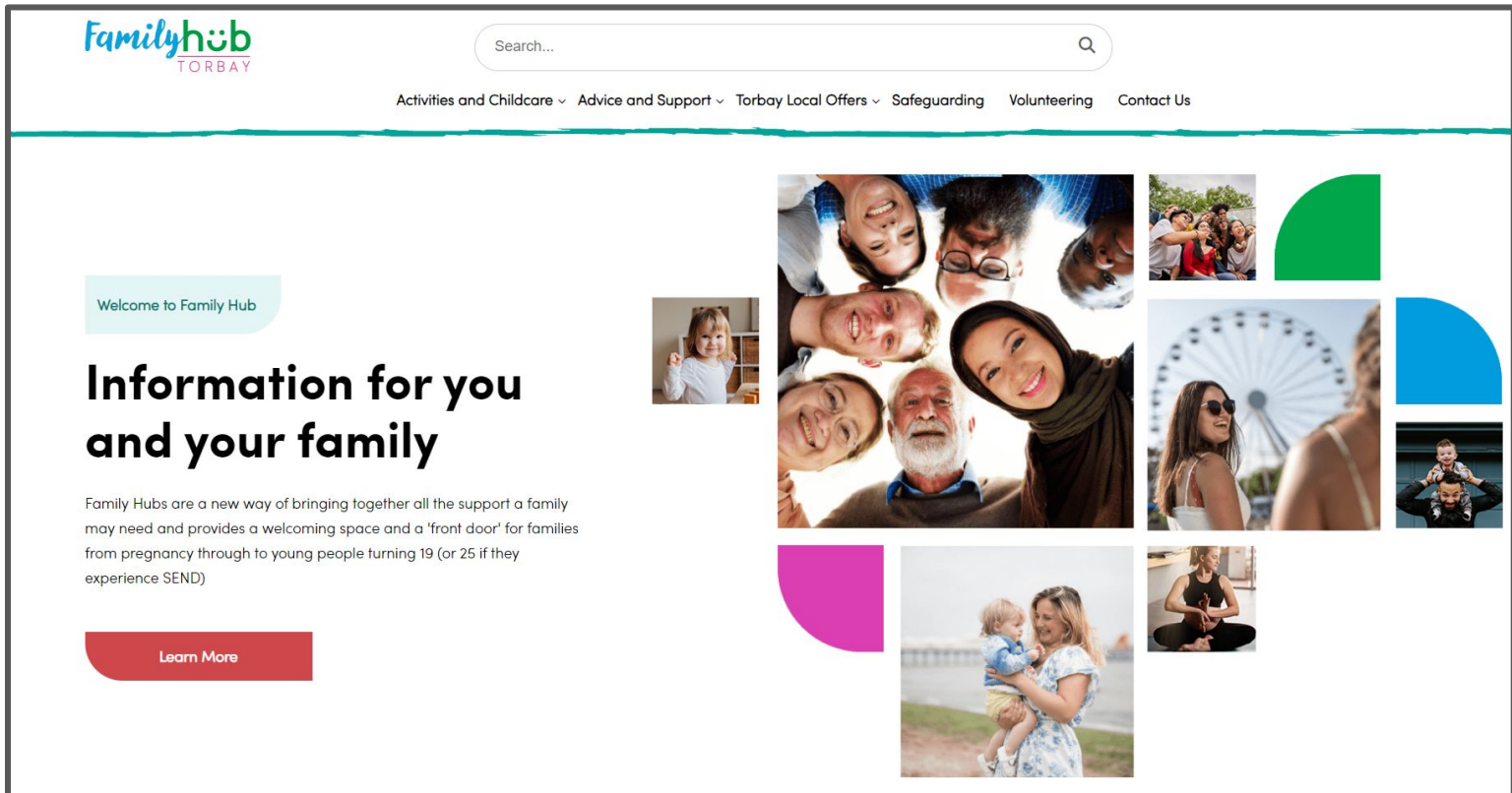
We're holding a virtual roadshow so you'll be able to find out how the local area works to meet your child or young person's Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND). You'll also get the chance to ask us your questions.

Register your interest for the online event, which takes place on Monday 30 October from 6pm to 6:30pm: [Join the guestlist – SEND virtual roadshow – Teams, Mon 30 Oct 2023 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM \(tickettailor.com\)](https://www.torbay.gov.uk/graduated-response/)

Learn more about our new SEND Provision and Support toolkits: <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/graduated-response/> which help to get the *Right Support, in the Right Place at the Right Time*.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Torbay Council, SEND Family Voice Torbay and the NHS**



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Family Hub Torbay website. At the top left is the 'Familyhub TORBAY' logo. A search bar is located at the top center. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with the following items: 'Activities and Childcare', 'Advice and Support', 'Torbay Local Offers', 'Safeguarding', 'Volunteering', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a large heading 'Information for you and your family' with a sub-heading 'Welcome to Family Hub'. Below this is a paragraph of text: 'Family Hubs are a new way of bringing together all the support a family may need and provides a welcoming space and a 'front door' for families from pregnancy through to young people turning 19 (or 25 if they experience SEND)'. A red 'Learn More' button is positioned below the text. To the right of the text is a collage of images showing diverse families and individuals, including a young girl, a group of people, a woman with a child, and a woman holding a baby. There are also several colored geometric shapes (green, blue, pink) scattered around the images.

## Torbay Family Hubs

Please find the link to the Torbay Family Hub website above. This website provides lots of links to resources, information and signposting to services available to families across Torbay.





## Open Events at Kings Ash Academy

For families with children starting school in September 2024

Tuesday 14th November at 10:30am and 5pm  
Wednesday 6th December at 10:30am and 5pm

Please contact the school office to book your session, or for an alternative time if you are unavailable for these dates.

☎ 01803 555657

