



Dear Families,

There are still a few spaces in some of our After School Clubs so please use the app or call into the office to sign your child up—we really would love every child to be attending one club to develop their social, physical and creative skills.

Thank you to those parents who have supported our Year 6 cake sales this week; either through donating cakes or buying and eating them! The money raised is to enable the Year 6 children to take a coach to Exeter to attend a special concert for schools by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; this is part of our LAP “70 B4 Year 7 Promise” where we want to ensure all children have the opportunity to listen to a professional music concert before they leave for secondary school.

Just a couple of reminder messages:

- 1) The school office is closed between 11am—1pm to enable our admin team to complete all their essential jobs. There has been a doorbell fitted in the school foyer which can be used during this time if you need to drop children off or collect them for an appointment.
- 2) We are now just encouraging the children to drink water during the school day and not bring in high-sugar juices or drinks. Thank you for continuing to promote this with your children.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



January	
Monday 13th January	After School Clubs starting
Friday 31st January	Year 6 trip to the Orchestra in Exeter
February	
Friday 14th February	Last day of the half term
Monday 24th February	All children back to school
Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th February	Year4 Residential to Dartmor
March	
Tuesday 25th March	World Book Day
April	
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 5/6 theatre trip—watch this space for more information
Tuesday 22nd April	Extra non pupil day—school closed for children



## Attendance Awards

We are working really hard to make sure all our pupils are in school, every day and on time. Obviously we all get sick, every now and then, but if we are well, we need to be in school!

Well done to **Herdsmen and Little Tigers** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	93.09%	Christie House	92.74%
Little Lions	92.7%		
Little Foxes	92.2%		
Little Tigers	99%	Darwin House	95.59%
Unicorns	94.97%		
Dolphins	97.39%		
Little Horses	94.8%	Kingsley House	95.7%
Eagles	94.67%		
Swans	93.33%		
Herdsmen	100%	Singer House	96.82%
Heroes	93.31%		
Hunters	96.09%		
Warriors	96.49%		
The winner is ... HERDSMEN		The winner is ... SINGER HOUSE	



## STARS OF THE WEEK



	<b>Little Stars</b>	Afsheen for her amazing start at LS and being a kind and caring friend. Afsheen always has a beautiful infectious smile!!
	<b>Little Bears</b>	Liam - for showing good stewardship at tidy up time!
	<b>Little Lions</b>	Milani for super sitting and listening on the carpet!
	<b>Little Foxes</b>	Serah, for her exceptional attitude to learning this week. You have challenged yourself to share ideas and persevered with all of your learning, especially in maths!
	<b>Little Tigers</b>	Riley F - for your incredible learning and attitude in school, what a fabulous role model! Keep it up Riley!
	<b>Unicorns</b>	Bonnie for her constant positive attitude towards her learning all the time!
	<b>Dolphins</b>	Willow for her focus and perseverance with her maths this week!
	<b>Little Horses</b>	Kaiden for the amazing growth and independence in his learning!
	<b>Eagles</b>	Ayush for making such an incredible effort towards reading in front of an audience
	<b>Swans</b>	Araiya - for always showing our school values and for being such a thoughtful member of
	<b>Herdsmen</b>	Jonas for his spectacular history knowledge and contributions to class discussions.
	<b>Heroes</b>	Koreem for his fantastic learning this week.
	<b>Hunters</b>	Lucas for his excellent writing this week
	<b>Warriors</b>	Dylan F- for a positive attitude towards learning and consistently pushing himself and trying his best!

### Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Eligibility

If your personal circumstances change, even for a short period of time, your children might become eligible for Free School Meals. If this is the case, the school also then gets extra funding (called Pupil Premium funding) which can be used to subsidise trips and visits. If you think your child/ren might be eligible, please click on the following link:

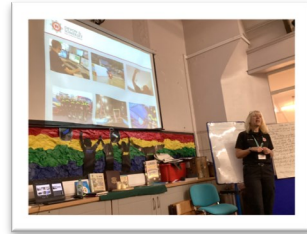
[FREE SCHOOL MEALS—TORBAY COUNCIL](#)

Or speak with Mrs Hughes in the school office who can give you a paper copy of the form.



## Fire Service Visit

Years 2 and 5



We had a visit from Devon & Somerset Fire Rescue Service this week who came to chat to years 2 and 5 about the importance of fire safety.

**Libraries Unlimited**

**The Cove Discovery Project**

SAT 08 FEB  
10:00 - 14:00  
Paignton Library  
Donations Appreciated

**Art workshop with Lou Chapman**

**Cricketfield Community Garden**

**Futureproof-Eco Takeover**

Orchard Forest School

**Junk modeling**

**Play Torbay Eco Champions**

**Taleblazers**

**Book art**

**Nature and eco friendly themed activities for all ages.**

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**The National League Trust**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL**

FEB 17TH - 21ST

**TORQUAY ACADEMY**

**Dates:**  
17th, 18th, & 19th

**Times:**  
Youth: 9.30 - 15.00  
Minis: 10.00 - 15.00  
Girls: 9.30 - 15.00

**Cost:**  
£18.00

**BOOK HERE**

**SPIRES COLLEGE**

**Date & Times:**  
21st February  
Youth: 9.30 - 15.00  
Minis: 10.00 - 15.00

**Cost:**  
£15.00

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# The Ellacombe Weekly



17th January 2025



**Empowering parent carers with Information and strategies.**



**PARENT MEETINGS**

**Wednesday 5th February 1.45 to 2.45 -**  
Coffee and welcome

**Wednesday 5th March 9.15 to 10.15 -**  
Sensory Needs

**Wednesday 28th March 9am to 10am -**  
Transition

**How to book a space**

You can find all the links to book the sessions on the SEND Family Voice Torbay website.

If you have any issues you can just give us a ring, text us or message us via facebook and one of the team will be happy to help you.



Scan the QR code to book the workshop or visit our website

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FOR PARENT CARERS IN TORBAY

**Neurodiversity Parent support Program**

**Understanding Autism**

In this session will aim to enhance your understanding and awareness of autism. We will cover the three areas of difference that affect autistic & neurodiverse children & young people.

The session will equip you with the knowledge you need to begin to consider making adjustments to some aspects of home life.

By the end of the session you will have some ideas of things you can practically do to support your autistic & neurodiverse child or young person.

14 January 2025 10-12 @Parkfield House and online 6-7:30pm

**Sensory Differences**

In this session we will look at what we mean by "Sensory differences". We will explore the 8 senses and some of the differences that Neurodiverse children and young people may experience.

We will look at seeking and avoiding behaviour and how to find the "Just right zone".

We will also cover the frequently asked questions that come up when discussing sensory differences and autism.

11 February 2025 10-12 @Parkfield House and online 6-7:30pm

**Communication and positive relationships**

In this session we will cover social understanding and communication differences that neurodiverse children and young people may experience.

This session includes the differences in receptive and expressive communication. We also cover strategies to support communication and social understanding.

Finally we will cover supporting positive relationships and how we can support autistic and neurodiverse children and young people.

11 March 2025 10-12 @Parkfield House and online 6-7:30pm

**Autism and Anxiety session 1**

In this session we will help you to understand how anxiety works, its impact and what triggers it.

The session will look at anxiety and how the three areas of difference that affect autistic & neurodiverse children & young people can interact with anxiety.

We will consider strategies that can help autistic and neurodiverse children and young people understand and manage their anxiety.

13 May 2025 10-12 @Parkfield House and online 6-7:30pm

**Autism and Anxiety session 2**

In this session we will:

- Review of anxiety – how it works and what triggers it and how can we support regulation of nervous system?
- How can we support neurodivergent young people to recognise what they are feeling (interoception) and take daily action to turn the volume down on their anxiety/ reduce stress levels?
- What is masking? Why does it happen and what does it look like? Pros and cons.
- What are meltdowns? How are masking and meltdowns connected? Can meltdowns be prevented? Strategies for minimising and managing.

10 June 2025 10-12 @Parkfield House and online 6-7:30pm

**Transitions**

In this session we will help you to understand what we mean by transitions and the range of transitions encountered by children and young people.

We explore the impact of transitions on the education and wellbeing of autistic children and young people and the reasons they may require specific enhanced transition support.

Finally we will discuss how to support autistic children and young people effectively with transitions.

08 July 2025 10-12 @Parkfield House and online 6-7:30pm