

# Weekly Newsletter

## 4 December 2023

**We are committed to safeguarding children.**

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# What we did last Week!

Thank you to the amazing team of people that helped to put up the Christmas tree and run the Christmas Fayre.

The Christmas Fayre raised a super £265.25 for the PTA funds. Last year this money was spent on subsidising school trips and buying resources for the classrooms.



## *This week's Advent Reflection*



This week we will pray with Mary, through recalling some of the beautiful titles she has been given over the centuries. Every day this week children will focus on one of these titles to inspire their prayers and draw them closer to God.

Father God

Thank you for sending us the Holy Family to show us how to know and share your love.

Help me to be like Mary - Holy and full of grace.

Amen



## Holy Angels After school Club

A reminder that, as usual, Holy Angels Pre-school will finish at 3pm on the final day of term, Friday 15th December 2023.

After School Club will not be available.

## Holy Angels After school Club



If you require an After school club place for your child in Holy Angels Pre-school, it is important that you book them in prior to your child arriving at the pre-school door. After School club has a maximum number of children it can accept and there are occasions when it has been full and places are not available. Also, for your child's safety, it is important that Pre-school know to expect your child.

Further to the above, please let the school know if you have booked your child into After School club at Holy Angels Pre-school. Again, for their safety we need to know where the children are going at the end of each day.

# Primary applications

The application period for children born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20, to make a primary school application, is 1st November 2023 until 15th January 2024

Applications received after 15th January will be considered late and may be at a disadvantage.

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/primary-admissions/>

What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?

What can we do to have a positive impact on climate change?



**SPEAKING UP!**

Oracy Project

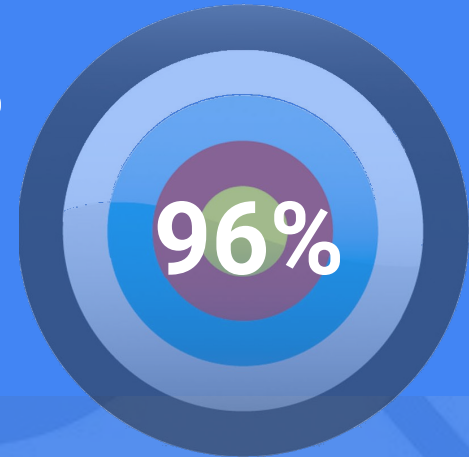




Whole school attendance this week 91.4%

Current overall attendance 92.3%

This week's trend  $\uparrow$ 1.9%





# House Points - Weekly



Bevan House

647

Stephenson House

728

Pankhurst House

581

Thompson House

607



# Awards last week

## Class R

Azi

Regan

Aiden

## Class 1

Mia-Louise

Freddie

Luna-Rose

## Class 2

Annabelle

Alarna

Albie

# Awards last week

## Class 3

Xabryna  
Caroline  
Oliver

## Class 4

Amy  
Brian  
Julita

## Class 5

Seren  
James  
Harry

## Class 6

Savannah  
Lily  
Ashton

# Attendance Reminders

If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence by 9.00 a.m. and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.



# School Meals

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.65.

All meals must be ordered by midnight the day before via ParentPay.

Please note that parents whose children are entitled to Free school meals or universal infant free school meals must also order their children's lunches in advance.

# Spring - After School Clubs Yr R-6

Monday - Multi Skills/Sports R,1,2,

Tuesday- Dodgeball 4,5,6

Wednesday - Netball 3,4,5,6

Thursday - Girls football 3,4,5,6

Friday - Boys football 3,4,5,6

The clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account.



## Nut free school!



Please be reminded that the school is a nut free zone.

Please check your child's packed lunch before sending it in. Children are not permitted to eat products containing nuts on the premises.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe, resulting in anaphylaxis. This can be life-threatening.

We insist on the school being a nut free zone to protect the children in our school who have this life threatening allergy.

Thank you for your understanding.

# Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be.

[More information here!](#)





# *THE CAMEO SINGERS IN CONCERT*

AN ENCHANTING EVENING OF CHORAL MUSIC,  
FEATURING A REPERTOIRE OF SACRED AND  
SECULAR SONGS SPANNING ADVENT,  
CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND

Saturday 9th December 2023  
7pm

THE CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY HELP OF  
CHRISTIANS & ST  
DENIS  
PRIORY ROAD  
ST MARYCHURCH  
TORQUAY  
TQ14NZ

£5 ON THE DOOR  
UNDER 16S FREE  
CASH PREFERRED

PROCEEDS TO  
CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY PLYMOUTH  
& CHURCH FUNDS



the national  
**sleep**  
helpline

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?

Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



## PARENTS CLUB

**FRIDAYS 9:30AM - 11AM**  
**PALACE AVENUE, PAIGNTON**

*Free Support Group for neurodivergent parents,  
those with sensory issues or with suspected  
neurodivergence and parents of neurodivergent  
children under 18.*

*Content to be decided by the group. Be as social or as  
quiet as you like.*

**contact: [admin@therapyservicesouthwest.co.uk](mailto:admin@therapyservicesouthwest.co.uk)**

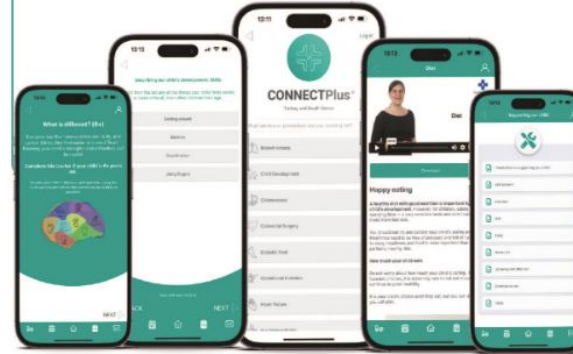
Torbay and South Devon NHS foundation trust have launched a new Child Development app. It's full of collected tips from parents and professionals on how to describe and support need.

The app is aimed at parents of children of primary school age and younger and is accessible to families in Torbay and South Devon.



DOWNLOAD THE

## CONNECTPlus App: Child Development



- ✓ Access useful tools, information and videos on how to support your child
- ✓ Find advice and guidance from other parents
- ✓ Track your child's development and share with others
- ✓ Explore a range of valuable links and resources



Scan here to download

OR

Search CONNECTPlus



Find in your app store

The Torbay Community Helpline is a one-stop-shop for access to advice, information and referral to a whole range of support in the community and beyond.

Call or use the online form to ask for help or signposting about anything, including:

- Benefits, debt, and finance
- Housing issues
- Activities and groups in your area
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Caring for someone
- Accessing training and skills
- Domestic abuse
- Volunteering

If you need to speak to someone face to face, you can also visit the Community Cafe and Help Hub at Temperance Street, Torquay (down the slope next to McDonalds in Union Street). They are open Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 3pm.

# Torbay Community Helpline

## One call - that's all



Contact us:

Phone: 01803 446022

Online form: [bit.ly/torbayhelpline](http://bit.ly/torbayhelpline)

Monday-Friday: 10am-6pm

Saturday: 11:30am-12:30pm



# Upcoming Events

Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day- donations to CAFOD Christmas gifts EY/KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 14th December	Christmas dinner and party day
Friday 15th December	Celebration assembly 2.30 p.m. by invitation only
Monday 18th December - Monday 1st January	School closed. Christmas Break
Tuesday 2nd January	School reopens



Contact us:

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