



Autumn Term Week 30 – 20th May 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

KS2 SATs Week

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for the focus, resilience and determination they showed throughout the KS2 SATs last week.

The children approached each test with a calm and positive attitude, demonstrating their hard work and preparation. These assessments are just one part of their learning journey, and we are proud of how they represented themselves and the school.

A big thank you to our staff for supporting the children so thoughtfully, and to parents and carers for your encouragement and reassurance at home—it makes a real difference.

Hot weather reminders;

Please can we remind you to ensure your children have sun cream applied and come to school with a hat and water bottle during these hot days.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd June.

Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team

Dates for the diary

May 2025

21st – Primary Open Morning

21st – Class 3/4 Swimming

22nd – Class 2/3 Swimming

26th – Half Term

June 2025

2nd – Y6 Residential Mtg @ 3.20pm

9th – Reception Aquarium Trip

9th – Secondary Open Morning @ 9.30am

10th – Y6 Sailing

17th – Y6 Sailing

19th Y1 assembly to parents @ 9.00am

20th – Class 2/3 Assembly to parents @ 9.00am

24th – Y1 trip to Torquay Museum

24th – Y6 Sailing

24th – Y7 Induction Evening

25th to 27th – Y6 Residential

26th – House Cake Sale @ 3.10

27th – Class 3/4 Assembly to parents @ 9.00am

July 2025

7th – EYFS Family beach day

14th – Whole School Sports Day

18th – School closing at 1pm

Our future successes are built on the work we do today.

Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by
Year Group:

Reception – 83.8%

Year 1 – 90.5%

Year 2 – 94.2%

Year 3 – 93.9%

Year 4 – 91.4%

Year 5 – 95.2%

Year 6 – 91.5%

Year 7 – 94.7%

Year 8 – 91.9%

Year 9 – 89.4%

Year 10 – 89.5%

Year 11 – 90.3%

School attendance for
the year so far is
currently

91.8 %

**Thank you for supporting
our target of 96%**

Primary celebrations

'Stars in our eyes'

Mollie H – Nursery

Skylla-Lin G – Reception

Mehran J – Class 1

Joury A – Class 2/3

Esme M – Class 3/4

Jazmine O – Class 5

Dainton F – Class 6



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What have we been up to:

This term, our Year 1 pupils have been busy diving into the world of computing—and what an exciting journey it's been.

In their computing lessons, the children have been learning all about the different parts of a laptop. With curiosity and enthusiasm, they've discovered how each part plays an important role in helping the computer work.

They've explored the **screen**, where we see everything we do on the computer; the **keyboard**, which lets us type letters, numbers, and symbols; the **spacebar**, which makes spaces between words when we're writing; and the **trackpad**, which helps us move the **cursor**—a new vocabulary word they've learned! The cursor shows us where we're working on the screen, and the children have had great fun moving it around and clicking on different things.

For many, this was their very first experience using a laptop, and they were full of excitement and eager to learn. They especially enjoyed practising their typing and exploring how all the parts work together.

We're incredibly proud of how engaged and enthusiastic our Year 1 learners have been. These early experiences are setting them up to become confident and capable digital citizens in the years ahead.

It's important to say a huge thank you to the **year 5 pupils** who volunteered to support year 1 during their lesson. Some gave up their breaktimes to help set up the computers and other supported during the lesson, sharing their knowledge and expertise truly demonstrating our school values of **ambition** and **compassion**!



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Class 2/3 took advantage of our beautiful views from school during our observational drawing art lesson. The sun really helped!



Over the past few weeks, we have been fortunate to have a karate teacher called Caroline come in and run some free taster sessions. The children have loved these sessions and were fully engaged with many asking if they could join!

Karate offers children numerous benefits including improved physical fitness, mental wellbeing and personal development. It enhances strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular health while also boosting self-confidence, discipline, and self-esteem. Caroline runs a karate after-school club on a Wednesday afternoon at Dartmouth Academy. **To find out more please contact her directly on: 07492681677**



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Class 3/4 have been enjoying their swimming lessons as Dartmouth Leisure Centre..



Dart Music Festival

Last Friday, our pupils shone brilliantly at the Dart Music Festival 2025, truly embodying our school values of **courage, compassion, and ambition**. Whether it was stepping onto the stage with confidence, supporting their peers with kindness, or performing with passion and determination, every child was a credit to the school. Their talent and behaviour made us incredibly proud. A heartfelt **thank you** goes to all the **volunteers, parents, and carers** who generously gave up their time to walk with the whole school to the festival, and to the many families who came along to cheer the children on. Your support and enthusiasm helped make the event such a special and memorable experience for all.

Huge thanks also to Mrs Bower, Ms B and Rose Sage and the teachers for all the rehearsals and organisation on the day.



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Lost property can be located at reception, any items not collected will be disposed of at the end of each term.

WE ARE

the Fidget project

OUR STORY

Lynne Tarrab-Snooks and Helen-Jane Ridgeway have spent their careers in the fields of Education and Psychotherapy, helping children access education and learning.

Children with **SPD** have needs that are often not recognised. These needs can also be hard to meet as they require time out to move, to manage sounds and sights differently.

WE BRING... PRACTICAL EDUCATION SOLUTIONS

OUR MISSION

- To raise awareness of **SPD** in the South Hams community & nationally.
- To share understanding of how **SPD** can get in the way of learning & social relationships.
- To help parents and school staff to recognise **SPD** behaviours and to know how to address them.
- To provide a mobile, safe, fully equipped space that we call the **FIDGET BUS** so that children get regular access to the activities they need to learn, shine and have bright futures.

WE WANT TO CREATE A SAFE SPACE

where primary school-aged pupils with **SPD** can find ways to manage their sensory overload and processing differences.

OUR FIDGET BUS WILL HAVE EQUIPMENT, ACTIVITIES AND SKILLED SUPPORT - EVERYTHING OUR STUDENTS NEED TO HELP THEM EXCEL

School supplies, educational games and activities specifically catered to their learning abilities, a qualified Sensory Specialist whose expertise is in educating children with **SPD**, and a fully licensed driver to help us reach as many children in the Devon area as possible.

OUR GOALS

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BUY A BUS!

Although our goals are simple, we can't do it on our own. Here are some practical ways you can support the Fidget Project to give children with **SPD** access to a brighter future:

- 👉 SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
- 👉 DONATE AND/OR RAISE FUNDS
- 👉 EDUCATE YOURSELF MORE ON **SPD**
- 👉 BECOME A PARTNER FUNDRAISER

Visit our website or contact us for more info
mail@thefidgetproject.org

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SENSING TO LEARN • LEARNING TO MAKE SENSE

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The Flavel Dartmouth

Here at The Flavel, we are delighted to be working in partnership with the Academy and hope to see as many pupils, parents and carers as possible enjoying what the Centre has to offer. Over the forthcoming months, we will be developing our partnership even further with the following just some of the ways in which we will be supporting Academy pupils and families;

- Development of a Youth Choir
- Facilitation of Work Experience Placements
- Exhibition of pupil art work.
- 10% ticket reduction for all Dartmouth Academy pupils.
- A free monthly prize draw which will include a family ticket to the cinema for the lucky winner (2 adults and 2 children).
- Screening of films and plays which support understanding of texts delivered in the Academy curriculum.

As an organisation, we believe wholeheartedly in the positive effects that involvement in cultural and art-based activities can have and we are fully committed to ensuring that the Flavel is used by young people as much as possible. They are the future of our centre.





The poster features a light blue background with stylized, colorful, hand-drawn shapes in yellow, green, and pink. Silhouettes of gymnasts in various poses are scattered across the background. The main title is in large, bold, black letters with a pink outline. The dates and times are listed in bold black text. A price tag with '£25' is shown in a yellow and green bubble. A contact email and a QR code are also present. The bottom section has a pink background with booking instructions and a URL.

KINGSBRIDGE GYM CLUB

MAY HALF TERM

GYMNASTICS

HOLIDAY

CLUB

TUESDAY 27TH MAY 9AM - 3:30PM

THURSDAY 29TH MAY 9AM - 3:30PM

FRIDAY 30TH MAY 9AM - 3:30PM

£25

5+

info@kingsbridgegymclub.co.uk

BOOK USING THE QR CODE OR THE LINK BELOW

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