



Autumn Term Week 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Dates for the diary

### February 2026

13<sup>th</sup> – Reception & Y6 Height & Weight

23<sup>rd</sup> – Class 4/5 Dartmoor Zoo Trip

### March 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening

16<sup>th</sup> – School closed, staff training day

### April 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Holidays

20<sup>th</sup> – Back to school

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week we are celebrating **National Storytelling Week**, a time to enjoy sharing stories, using our imagination and developing a love of reading. Storytelling helps children build language skills, creativity and confidence, and it's a wonderful way to bring people together.

As part of the celebrations, we were delighted to invite pupils from **Humpty Dumpty Childcare** to visit our school library. The children shared stories together, listened carefully and enjoyed spending time with one another in a calm, welcoming space. It was a lovely opportunity to build links with our local community and celebrate the joy of stories together.

Year 6 have been busy developing their own storytelling skills by writing imaginative fairy tales inspired by the book **Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin**.

They explored traditional fairy tale features, created rich settings and characters and wrote their own magical stories with care and creativity.

**Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team**

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# Celebrations

## Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by Year Group:

**Reception** – 94.3%

**Year 1** – 94.5%

**Year 2** – 95.2%

**Year 3** – 95.9%

**Year 4** – 92.1%

**Year 5** – 90.9%

**Year 6** – 93.8%

**Year 7** – 93.3%

**Year 8** – 93.1%

**Year 9** – 90.2%

**Year 10** – 91.7%

**Year 11** – 92.5%

School attendance for the year so far is currently

**92.4%**

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

## Primary celebrations

### 'Stars in our eyes'

Arya A – Nursery

Logan K – Reception/Y1

Jaden H – Class 1/2

Lacey I – Class 2/3

Robyn NP – Class 4/5

Mason K – Class 6



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# What have we been up to:

## Drama in Class 4/5

In Class 4/5, the pupils have been using drama to explore 2 characters. There were some fantastic demonstrations of old ladies talking to a customer as their imaginary stall. All of the children very much enjoyed taking on their part, supported by their equally fantastic directors.

Drama plays an important role in supporting our learners in expressing themselves and also in generating ideas. Watch this space for future Oscar winners!



Class 6 have been working incredibly hard this week with their practise SATs, and I couldn't be prouder of them! Well done to everyone for your focus, determination and effort. Well done as well, to everyone who is attending SATs and Snacks club on Mondays. You are showing a real commitment to your learning that you should be proud of. Keep up the fabulous work!

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Class 1/2 have been busy learning how to programme Beebots (our Robot Bees) as they explore Treasure Island! The pupils plan a route using simple commands to help their Beebot reach the treasure, then test it out to see if it works. When things don't go quite to plan, they debug their instructions and try again. It's been a fun, hands-on way to build problem-solving, teamwork and early coding skills.

The children have also been brilliantly supported by our Year 6 IT Monitors, who have acted as patient guides and role models. They helped the younger pupils think through their routes, encouraged them when debugging was needed, and shared their own computing knowledge with confidence. It's been lovely to see such positive teamwork and leadership across the school.



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## Our School Library

We are really proud of our school library: it is well-used and much-loved by all. To help us continue developing our library, we are kindly asking for donations of books. Graphic novels are particularly popular with our pupils, with titles such as *Dog Man* especially loved. Any suitable book donations would be very much appreciated.



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## Benefice of Dartmouth and Dittisham

The following clubs are open to everyone and are designed for various age groups, from expectant mothers, toddlers to adults. Along with my colleague, Heidi Lewis, we host them throughout the week at **St Clements Townstal**.

Here's a quick look at our current schedule:

- **Monday:**
  - 8:30 - 8:50 am: Morning Prayer
- **Tuesday:**
  - 10:00am - 11:30am: Little Pips Faith Journeys (starting on Tuesday 10th February)
  - 3:30 - 5:00pm: Tuesday Club (Coming soon late February)
  - 7:00 - 8:00 pm: Men's Fitness Group
- **Wednesday:**
  - 12:00 - 1:00 pm: Theology Cafe
  - 2:00pm - 3:00pm: Baby Group - Bumps and Beyond
- **Friday:**
  - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Little Pips (Toddler Group)
- **Sunday:**
  - 10:00am: Sunday Club for children and families
  - 11:00 am: Communion (at St Clements or at St Saviours on 2nd Sunday of the month)
  - 5:00 - 6:00 pm: Bible Course (except 4th Sunday of the month)
  - 6:30pm: Evensong (at St Saviours on 4th Sunday of the month)

**Special Event:** Pancake Races on Tuesday 17th February 2:30pm - 4pm



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# PANCAKE DAY RACES!

St Clement's Church,  
Townstal, TQ6 9SN

Tuesday 17th February 2:30pm-4pm



With pancake races, 'flipping' competition and chance to  
make pancakes with lots of toppings!

For more information contact Heidi on:  
[youth@dartmouthanddittisham-anglican.org](mailto:youth@dartmouthanddittisham-anglican.org)



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5+ £25

**MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 9AM - 3:30PM**  
**TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 9AM - 3:30PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 9AM - 3:30PM**  
**THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 9AM - 3:30PM**  
**FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 9AM - 3:30PM**

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# Half-term Story & Crafts

Wed 18th February. Drop-In  
10:30-12:30pm. Suggested donation £2

*Listen to an extract from this fabulous story, learn how to draw a cartoon pug, plan your own quest across a frozen land and immortalize your hearts desire. We hope you can make it!*

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# WildWeek @ COASTAL TRAIL

6 SOUTH EMBANKMENT DARTMOUTH TQ6 98H

**16-20 Feb 2026, 10am daily**

BeWild are returning to the Coastal Trail Café, Dartmouth for a WildWeek of daily inspirational talks, hands-on events and activities designed to connect our community with the incredible wildlife right on our doorstep. **Get involved!**

Plan your WildWeek



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