



Autumn Term Week 10 – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

### Thank You for Your Support at Parents' Evening

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. Your engagement and partnership are vital in helping us support your children to achieve their very best. If you were not able to book an appointment, please don't worry—it's not too late. We will always make time to talk about your child's progress and discuss how we can work together to support them in every way possible. Families who didn't book may receive a phone call soon, as we are aiming to ensure that **100% of parents** have the opportunity to receive an update on their child's education. We truly value your involvement and look forward to continuing this important dialogue.

As we head into the colder months, we kindly ask parents to ensure that all coats and belongings are clearly labelled with their child's name to help us return any lost items quickly. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in keeping our playgrounds safe in the mornings by avoiding the use of scooters. Your cooperation makes a real difference and helps us ensure a calm and safe start to the school day for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.

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

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## Dates for the diary

### December

1<sup>st</sup> – Non-pupil day

4<sup>th</sup> – Primary Open Morning @ 9.30am

9<sup>th</sup> – Rainbow Theatre Performance

10<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Nativity @ 9.00am

12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fayre

15<sup>th</sup> – Y1 - 6 Carol Service, St Clements Church at 2pm

17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

19<sup>th</sup> – End of term, closing at 1pm

### January

5<sup>th</sup> – Back to School

# Celebrations

## Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by  
Year Group:

**Year 1** – 94.5%

**Year 2** – 96.5%

**Year 3** – 94.9%

**Year 4** – 94.7%

**Year 5** – 94.2%

**Year 6** – 93.7%

**Year 7** – 94.1%

**Year 8** – 94.1%

**Year 9** – 91.9%

**Year 10** – 92.9%

**Year 11** – 93.2%

School attendance for  
the year so far is  
currently

**93.6%**

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

## Primary celebrations

### 'Stars in our eyes'

Finley HT – Nursery

Amara GP – Reception/Y1

Bonnie B – Class 1/2

Archie W – Class 2/3

Jaden M – Class 4/5

Alexis MC – Class 6



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# What have we been up to:

## Celebrating Excellence and Character

This week, we proudly held our whole school awards ceremony to recognise pupils who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and personal growth. One of the highlights was celebrating a Year 6 pupil Leo, whose incredible attitude to learning and genuine kindness towards others has had a powerful impact on our school community. Despite facing significant personal challenges, he has shown courage, resilience, and a consistently positive approach to every lesson. His politeness, engagement and determination to succeed have made him a true role model for his peers. We are delighted to recognise not only his academic effort, but also the strength of character he has displayed throughout the year.



Last week, Class 1-2 read one of their favourite five stories "The Crow's Tale" to children at Yaremche Lyceum in the Ukraine. This is just the beginning of our UK-Ukraine partnership, which seeks to celebrate our shared love of reading. Together we talked about our favourite characters in the story and why we love it so much. These pictures show the moments we most enjoy. What an amazing experience to talk to children in another country about a story we love!



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Class 6 used their Geography fieldwork skills to collect data about human geography in our local area. They counted customers going into local supermarkets and will analyse the data in their next geography lesson as part of their fieldwork unit. Thank you to Mrs Eggleton, Mrs Margison and Mrs Hendin for volunteering to help us!



DAF (Dartmouth Academy Friends) are collecting any unwanted bottles/presents for the tombola at this year's Christmas fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of December from 2.45pm. If you have any please can you drop them off to reception by Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> November.

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# Christmas Tree

## DECORATING WORKSHOP

**Friday 5th December**  
**St Clement's Church,**  
**Dartmouth, TQ6 9SN**

★ Make decorations to either  
take home or to decorate the  
church & the tree for  
Christmas!

~ festive refreshments ~  
end of school - 5pm



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CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR SERVICES  
BUT THE SERVICES LISTED HERE WILL BE PARTICULARLY  
SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES TO ATTEND TOGETHER.

# DECEMBER

## Sunday 7th December

### Christingle Service

11 am, St Clement's, TQ6 9SN

Join us to make a Christingle and to celebrate the start of the Christmas season



## Sunday 21st December

### Nativity Service

11 am, St Clement's, TQ6 9SN

Chance to wear a Nativity costume once again, and to join in with this improvised retelling of the traditional Christmas story - bring your own costume, borrow one of ours, or simply come as you are... followed by...



## POSADA PARTY

11:45am - 1pm, St Clement's, TQ6 9SN

Join us for this festive treat at the start of the Christmas Holiday



"Clements Coffee".

"The United Benefice of Dartmouth and Dittisham"

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### Wednesday 24th December

#### Family Carol Service

3pm, St George's, Dittisham TQ6 0HS

A popular village tradition as we bring together the Nativity Characters and retell the story of the first Christmas Eve



## CHRISTMAS DAY

### Thursday 25th December

#### Christmas Celebration with Communion

8am, St Clement's, TQ6 9SN

Festive pyjamas and jumpers are essential on 'the BIG day' so come as you are! Service will finish in plenty of time to get home to prepare Christmas Lunch.



## JANUARY

### Sunday 4th January

#### Epiphany Service

11 am, St Clement's, TQ6 9SN

Join us for our New Year's Service as we reflect on the story of the Wise Men. Followed by a shared meal.

