

# The Topsham School

## Newsletter 26



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.  
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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Easter Holidays

School finishes for the end of term at **2.30pm** this afternoon (Thursday 28th March.) Twiglets also finishes at the earlier time of **4.30pm**.

We hope everyone has a relaxing break and will be welcoming children back to school for the start of the Summer Term on Monday 15th April.

### Science Week and Science Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to our Science Fair yesterday. It was a complete success!

The children have spent a week being curious, asking questions and discovering, focusing on scientific enquiry. The knowledge and skills they continue to develop in this area was certainly enhanced by this real focus in the subject.

Thank you for such a wonderful turn out from parents and grandparents- it was great to see so many families engaging in science together!

And I need to thank all the staff for such a huge effort, especially Mrs Watts for coordinating, organising and planning the event.



## New Dinner Menu

Copies of the new menu for April - July 2024 are now available on our website

<https://www.topsham.devon.sch.uk/school-lunch.html>

School dinners need to be paid for at the point of booking (unless your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals or Free School Meals.)

Bookings can be made in advance and the cut-off point for booking is 8.15am on the day the meal is required.

## Chess Club

Chess club runs in Autumn and Spring term, and this term we have been running a Chess Championship! Years 1-6 were participants, and the quarterfinals and semi-finals resulted in Oscar in Year 5 playing ben in Year 6. We are very proud to announce that Oscar won the Championship, well done Oscar! We are equally proud of the sportsmanship displayed by all contenders over the past month. Well done chess club!

**Mrs Finnegan**



## End of Term Achievement Awards

At the end of term, not only do we celebrate one particular person in the class for that half term, but also in certain areas of our school life.

### Our Values Cup:

This is awarded to one pupil across the school, nominated by staff, who consistently shows our school values, and who goes above and beyond, representing our school well and being an incredible role model of the rest of the school community.

**Awarded to: Daisy Y6**



### Keys to Success:

A member of each Key Stage is chosen, based on how they are developing as a learner, using their Learning Powers consistently and being open to learning new skills to help themselves.

**Awarded to: Boden BA, Otto Y2, and Cora Y5**

### Reading Progress:

A pupil from each phase is awarded a book token for their progress in reading. Progress is measured in many different ways, and these are awarded to pupils who have may have academically made progress from a starting point, progressed in their attitude to their reading or have met new goals.

**Awarded to: Aiden FSU, Alfie KS1, Nella and Tilly KS2**





**End of Term Achiever Awards: Josh BA, Casey Y1, Miro Y2, Ed Y3, Sienna Y4, Austin Y5 and Alicia Y6**

**School Leader's Choice Award:  
Awarded to Harper Y1**



## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding Leads and Contact Information

Miss Maria White: Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher. For any urgent safeguarding matters please email: [safeguarding@topsham.devon.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@topsham.devon.sch.uk). Please do not use this email for any other matters apart from safeguarding.

Our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Amanda Lacey, Headteacher.

Safeguarding our children will always be a priority for everyone in the school. All staff are trained in how to keep children safe and alongside this we have our safeguarding team. Anyone of our staff can be contacted in relation to Safeguarding.

Level 3 trained staff are qualified to the same level as the Safeguarding Leads. In our school this includes our Admin Team and Miss Greygoose. Again, their details are on our website.

**Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S business and we will always do our very best to keep our children safe.**

If **any** parent has a safeguarding concern or query about ANY child within our community, please email for advice.

**IF ANY ADULT FEELS A CHILD OR ADULT MAY BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER YOU MUST CALL MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) OR 999**

*"If you are worried about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child or young person worried about your own safety, please contact the MASH on **0345 155 1071** or email [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk) and give as much information as you can.*



## Community News\*

*\*Please be aware that clicking on links/following web addresses in this section may take you to sites that require payment for the activities advertised. The Topsham School does not endorse any products or events in this section.*

**Please see the links below for after-school football clubs for next term and holiday clubs run by Exeter City Community Trust**

Monday: KS2 ONLY Club

[The Topsham School Years 3-6 After School Club. - Exeter City Community Trust \(exetercct.org\)](http://www.exetercct.org)

Friday: Year 1 and 2 ONLY Club

[The Topsham School Years 1 and 2 After School Club - Exeter City Community Trust \(exetercct.org\)](http://www.exetercct.org)

Exeter City are also running Easter holiday clubs in various locations from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please follow the link below for more information:

[Easter Holiday Courses - Exeter City Community Trust \(exetercct.org\)](http://www.exetercct.org)



Date	Event
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for parent governor elections
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school after Easter Holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school after half-term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 4 Day Trip to Exmouth – Water sports
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July to Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 overnight stay at Sid Vale Scout Hut
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holiday (school finishes at 2.30pm and Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)