

# The Topsham School

## Newsletter 7



A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do.  
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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**We would like to wish everyone in our school community an enjoyable half-term break. We will be welcoming the children back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October for the start of busy half-term with lots of exciting events coming up.**

### **Thank you!**

Thank you very much for all your generous donations for Exeter Food Bank as part of our Harvest Celebration. Thank you also to our Mental Health Ambassadors who created a display using the donations and helped to load the Food Bank van on Tuesday.

### **Timings for the start of the school day**

We would like to remind parents that the school gates open at 8.45am each morning and school begins 8.55am and children are expected to be in school by this time.

### **New Date for Personalised Cards/Gifts - 20th October (TODAY!)**

Once again, with the help of the lovely Maria Goodfellow of Magenta Bespoke, the PTA are organising the wonderful opportunity for your child's designs to be turned into a unique gift or set of cards for you to share with your family and friends this Holiday. All funds generated will be added to the PTA funds.

This year we have done things a bit differently! Your children have already created their artwork during school time and it has been uploaded to Google Classroom (have you checked if they are already there?!) or sent by email (for Little and Big Acorns)

You can then go to [www.topshampta.co.uk/xmas-gifts](http://www.topshampta.co.uk/xmas-gifts) and select the options you wish to purchase (cards, mugs, coasters, aprons, tea towels, metal tins, or tote bags).

**Place and pay for your order by 20th October** (this is to make sure that you will receive your order with plenty of time for Christmas).

Once ready, your child will bring home your order.

**Please note that after 20<sup>th</sup> October, no more orders can be placed.**



### **New menu**

Copies of the new menu for after half-term have been sent to parents via Schoolcomms email. The menu can also be viewed on or downloaded from our website.

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

School dinners can now be booked online via Schoolcomms for next half-term up to December. Please remember to book your child a meal by 8.15am on the day the meal is required.

## Achievers

As a school, we promote positive behaviour and we have numerous incentives to support this. The recipients of last week's achiever awards are listed below:

### Achiever Awards:

**Big Acorns** Hollie & Lily

**Year 1** Harper & Evie

**Year 2** Maddie & Isaac

**Year 3** Arthur & Lola

**Year 4** Losi & Elliot

**Year 5** All of Y5



## Applying for Secondary School places for September 2024

The deadline for applying for a Year 7 place for September 2024 is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Devon School Admissions Team have informed us that there is a lot of pressure on school places this year and failure to apply could mean that pupils miss out on a place at their local school.

## Tempest Photographs



If you have not already done so, and you wish to order your child's Tempest Photograph, the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

## School Leaders

Our School Leaders! We are thrilled to introduce you all to this year's School Leaders. Below, they have written a small profile about themselves so that you and the children of Topsham School can get to know them. You will be seeing a lot of the School Leaders over the course of the year; they are your child's representative in our Leadership Team and will be raising changes and actions they wish to make within the school, on behalf of all children.



**Name:** Livvie  
**My favourite thing...**basketball and trampolining  
**Three words that best describe me...**crazy, kind, fun!  
**I am known for...**being funny and helping others



**Name:** Emily  
**My favourite thing...**cats!  
**Three words that best describe me...**kind, caring, curious  
**I am known for...**loving cats!



**Name:** Eliza  
**My favourite thing...**music, dance, drama, art, sport and most importantly, chocolate!  
**Three words that best describe me...** responsible, fun, friendly  
**I am known for...**leading the ukulele club



**Name:** Tilly  
**My favourite thing...**listening to music  
**Three words that best describe me...**kind, patient, funny  
**I am known for...**my calm attitude!

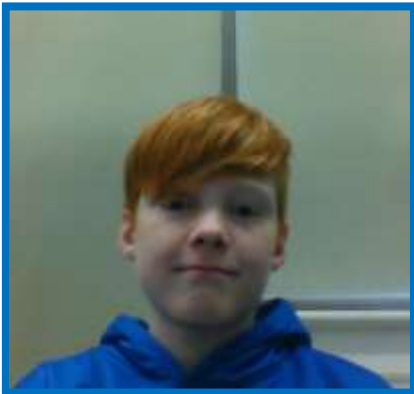


**Name:** Jowan

**My favourite thing...**rugby!

**Three words that best describe me...**funny, active, kind

**I am known for...**doing lots of sports!

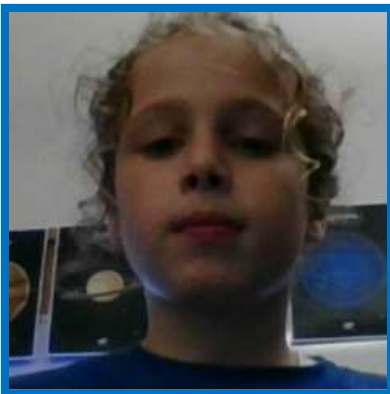


**Name:** William

**My favourite thing...**sport!

**Three words that best describe me...**kind, competitive and sporty

**I am known for...**rocket throws in dodgeball



**Name:** Hector

**My favourite thing...**cars!

**Three words that best describe me...**kind, responsible and funny

**I am known for...**my love of cars!



**Name:** Esme

**My favourite thing...**netball!

**Three words that best describe me...**creative, kind and approachable

**I am known for...**being the presenter of Strictly Come Pyjamas (Y6 Residential!)

# 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.*

## PTA NEWS

Thank you so much for all of you that were present and participated on this week's PTA meeting. A lot was discussed and we have exciting plans for this year Christmas events!

### Personalised Christmas cards/gifts – LAST DAY for orders

Today is the last day to order online your child design in a card/gift. Check the artwork on Google Classroom (or email for Acorns), then go to [www.topshampta.co.uk/xmas-gifts](http://www.topshampta.co.uk/xmas-gifts) and complete your order. You have until the end of today!

### Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – TODAY!

We can all agree that the winter is fast approaching! Today at collection time, check out all the bargains! Good for the wallet and for the environment!

### Christmas Hampers

For 2023 Christmas Raffles we are having again the year groups coloured hampers. Donations will start after the half term, but we cannot wait to let you know this year's colours:

Acorns → Gold

Year 1 → Red

Year 2 → Yellow

Year 3 → Green

Year 4 → White

Year 5 → Silver

Year 6 → Blue

Start thinking on what you can donate and be creative (you can always wrap the donation or add a colour bow)!

### PTA CALENDAR

Never miss an important event again! Subscribe to our Topsham PTA Calendar which lists all the bake sale dates, summer and winter fairs, ice cream Fridays, meeting dates and the AGM.

You can view the full list of events on our calendar HERE:

<https://www.topshampta.co.uk/events/>

At the bottom of the page, there is the option to subscribe to the calendar or download a spreadsheet of events.

Or just subscribe to a calendar HERE:

Google Calendar

[www.topshampta.co.uk/?post\\_type=tribe\\_events&ical=1&eventDisplay=list](http://www.topshampta.co.uk/?post_type=tribe_events&ical=1&eventDisplay=list)

iCalendar

[www.topshampta.co.uk/?post\\_type=tribe\\_events&ical=1&eventDisplay=list](http://www.topshampta.co.uk/?post_type=tribe_events&ical=1&eventDisplay=list)

Outlook 365

[https://outlook.office.com/owa?path=%2Fcalendar%2Faction%2Fcompose&rru=addsubscription&url=webcal%253A%252F%252Fwww.topshampta.co.uk%252F%253Fpost\\_type%253Dtribe\\_events%2526eventDisplay%253Dlist%26ical%3D1&name=Topsham+School+PTA+Events+-+Topsham+School+PTA](https://outlook.office.com/owa?path=%2Fcalendar%2Faction%2Fcompose&rru=addsubscription&url=webcal%253A%252F%252Fwww.topshampta.co.uk%252F%253Fpost_type%253Dtribe_events%2526eventDisplay%253Dlist%26ical%3D1&name=Topsham+School+PTA+Events+-+Topsham+School+PTA)

Outlook Live

[www.topshampta.co.uk/?post\\_type=tribe\\_events&eventDisplay=list&ical=1](http://www.topshampta.co.uk/?post_type=tribe_events&eventDisplay=list&ical=1)

Have a lovely Half Term

## 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.*

### Missing Cat

One of the school's immediate neighbours has reported that their cat named Creamy has gone missing. He is a long-haired chocolate brown 4-year-old boy. Please call 07977 251456 / 01392 876771 if you've seen him or have any information.

## MISSING CAT



### Topsham Museum

Topsham Museum will be open Wednesdays to Sundays, 2.00-5.00 until 29 October. Entry is free and families will find lots to see and do, with plenty to discover about their local area. Our temporary exhibition about local football hero Dick Pym finishes this month. When we open again in March we'll have a special exhibition about the lead-up to D-Day (80 years ago next year).

**TOPSHAM MUSEUM**

**Half term Family  
Craft Workshops  
at Topsham Museum**

**TUESDAY 24th OCTOBER**  
**2 DROP IN SESSIONS:**  
10.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 16.00

**FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN AGE 5 AND OVER  
AND THEIR CHOSEN ACCOMPANYING ADULT.**

**WE ARE HOLDING HALLOWEEN CRAFT  
SESSIONS SO COME AND MAKE  
SOMETHING SPOOKY!  
LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD!**

**MAKE A SCARY SPIDER, A  
HAPPY GHOST OR AN  
AMAZING MONSTER FROM  
CARD AND PAPER, RIBBONS  
AND GLITTER, BOXES AND  
RECYCLED MATERIALS.**

Dates for  
the Diary:

Date	Event
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3/4 Roman Workshop at Topsham Museum
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half-term (3.30pm finish)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	New deadline for ordering PTA Personalised gifts
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Return to school after half-term
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Closing date for applying for a secondary school place for September 2024
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Open Session for children starting Reception class in September 2024 9.30am - 10.30am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 6 Trip to Exeter Energy from Waste Plant (EFW)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	No teacher-led clubs this week.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening – 3.45pm – 6.45pm online
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening – 3.45pm – 6.45pm online
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Bake Sale
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 4
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Open Session for children starting Reception class in September 2024 1.30pm-2.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 3 and 4 Roman Celebration
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Drum Assembly
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Craft morning: Wear Christmas Jumpers!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Rehearsals in the Church 1.30-3.15pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Community Christmas Party (morning), led by Year 6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday December	Watermeadow Grange visit – Year 3
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir performing Christmas Carols in the playground at 3.30pm. Mince pies and mulled wine.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Rehearsals in the Church 1.30-3.15pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Service in the Church 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and FSU Christmas Service 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and FSU Christmas Parties
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Finish at the earlier time of 2.30pm (Twiglets finishes at 4.30pm)