

Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Fortnightly Flyer

7th February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,



What a wonderful start to the day we had this morning, with Debbie from Rowcroft visiting us to not only present the final total of money raised by Sacred Heart but to share with the children where their money will go. We learnt that it takes £11million a year to run Rowcroft with 75% of that (£8,250,000) coming directly from fundraising.

Debbie ran a very interactive assembly teaching everyone about all the different occupations at the hospice and how each role supports the patients and their families. We were astounded by the staggering total raised by our community.

Thank you to everyone who made this happen. What an achievement! What a difference our community has made to people's lives.





Farewell Mrs Perkins

Last Friday we had a celebration of service Mass for Mrs Perkins in Church. Although Mrs Perkins has been unwell for quite some time, we wanted to mark her retirement with this special Mass to mark her twenty-two years of service to the school. Jackie was very generous with her time over the years, running clubs such as drama and needlecraft. She also supported maths boosters for Y6 as they approached SATs and was very active in the school library. Another accolade was years of support in organising sports day.

Now it is time for Jackie to start a new chapter as she begins her retirement. Generous until the end, Jackie presented the school with a hamper of books for the school library for readers from Nursery through to Y6, which we were much appreciative of.



Staffing

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Pancott back to school. She enjoyed spending time getting to know her new class this week and meeting some of the Reception parents. Mrs Pancott will be back in next Monday and Tuesday and then back full time from Tuesday 25th February. We will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Gascoyne who has been a much loved member of the teaching team this year at the end of this half term. We do hope that this won't be the last we have seen of her.

Parent Consultations

You will have seen the dates for the Spring term parent/teacher consultations will be upon us quickly after half term. These will be on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th March. Booking in details will go out either next week or as soon as we return after the holidays. There are two exceptions to these dates. The first will be for reception class. This will move until later in the half term to allow Mrs Pancott time to settle back in. The other change will be for Y2, whose meeting cannot take place on Wednesday 5th as Miss Sloggett is not available. This is likely to change to Monday 3rd for Y2s only. This will be confirmed when the letters go out.

Enrichment



Year 5 class had an unforgettable trip to Yarnar Wood with Natural England and conservation volunteers! Despite the rainy January weather, the children explored one of the last temperate rainforests in Britain, learning about local wildlife, ancient woodlands, and the importance of protecting our ecosystems. They spotted wild Dartmoor ponies, dormice, deer, and more, while also creating stunning artwork inspired

by the forest. 🌿 😊

A fantastic day full of learning and connection to nature!

Even though it was the very next day, we couldn't turn down a free opportunity for Year 5 to participate in Wonderstruck's Science show all about forces, hosted by Paignton Academy! They watched incredible controlled explosions with gases, liquids, and even gunpowder, then got hands-on by designing and launching their own rockets. A thrilling day of experiments and learning that brought science to life!



Parking

Following yet another complaint, this time from a parent from a neighbouring school due to her 4 year old son 'almost being run over by a parent leaving the Church carpark', staff have been monitoring the carpark this week and asking parents face to face not to drop off, pick up or park in the carpark. Although this is taking staff away from what they should be doing, it appears to have had some impact as we have had a quieter few days in the mornings. Long may this continue. Parking permits were handed out for the council carpark to support the ongoing issue. Whereas this won't provide parking for all our parents, it helps alleviate the problem for some.

A traffic enforcement officer has been out and about at the back of the school and will be continuing with his drop ins over the next few weeks.

Any updates to the diary dates, I have entered in bold so that it is clear to see and adaptations. I will continue with this method as the year progresses.

Warm regards,

Nichola Day

Executive Headteacher

What's on at Sacred Heart

SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2025

Mon 10th: 3:30pm Y3 Parents – Pixie Holt meeting

Tues 11th: Y3 Ancient Greece Day

Tues 11th: Safer Internet Day

Fri 14th: Break up for the half term holidays.

Mon 24th: INSET Day

Tues 25th: Mrs Pancott returns from maternity leave.



Mon 3rd: Author visit – Jennifer Davy

Wed 5th: Ash Wednesday **Mass 10am**

Wed 5th & Thurs 6th: Parents Evening

Thurs 6th World Book Day – **Dress up as a character or cosy up with a book (pjs/chilling clothes)**

Fri 7th: Y2 Dentist Workshop

Weds 12th: Science Day (**As part of National Science Week**)

Thurs 13th: Mastering Number Y2 Parent Workshop 2pm (Mrs Bird/Miss Sloggett)

Thurs 13th Y6 Outdoor Education at Paignton Academy

Mon 17th- Mon 24th Scholastic Book Fair

Wed 19th: 'Switched On' Workshop – British Rail (KS2)

Wed 19th: Mastering Number Y1 Parent Workshop 2pm (Mrs Bird/Mrs Good)

Thurs 20th: Y4 Outdoor Education at Paignton Academy

Thurs 20th: 'Switched On' Workshop EYFS/KS1

Fri 21st: Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Wed 26th Mastering Number YR Parent Workshop 2pm (Mrs Bird/Mrs Pancott)

Thurs 27th/Fri 28th: Y3 Pixie Holt

Thurs 27th Y2 Outdoor Education at Paignton Academy



Tues 1st: Bikeability Assembly

4th: Break up for the Easter holidays

Fri 18th: Good Friday

Sun 21st: Easter Sunday

Mon 21st Bank Holiday Monday

Tues 22nd: Back to school – Summer term.

Mon 28th: Level 1 bikeability



Thurs 1st: Y3 Cricket Festival at Paignton Academy

Mon 5th: Bank holiday

Tues 6th- Thurs 8th : L2 Bikeability (Y5)

12th-15th KS2 SATs week

23rd: Break up for half term holidays



2nd INSET Day

3rd-13th: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

9th-13th: Y1 Phonics Screening

3rd Back to school

Sun 22nd-Wed 25th: Y6 to Osmington Bay, Dorset.



3rd: Y6 Diocesan Mass (Exeter)

14th-17th: Y6 Bikeability

23rd Y6 Leavers' celebration

25th Break up for summer



Contacting your child's teacher

Nursery: Mrs Berry berry@shrcps.org

YR: Mrs Gascoyne gascoyne@shrcps.org

Y1: Mrs Good lgood@shrcps.org

Y2: Miss Sloggett sloggett@shrcps.org

Y3: Mrs Flintham / Mrs Glew flintham@shrcps.org / glew@shrcps.org

Y4: Mr Mason jmason@shrcps.org

Y5: Mrs Whitmore/Mrs Taylor whitmore@shrcps.org / taylor@shrcps.org

Y6: Mrs Bird bird@shrcps.org

Executive Head Teacher	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
Senior Administrator	Mr O’Kane (8am – 11am)	senioradmin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Macdonald (8am – 11am)	admin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Garside (10.15am - 3:45pm)	garside@shrcps.org
Inclusion Team		
Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org
Deputy SENCO	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org
Support Team		
Play Therapist	Jane Doidge	doidge@shrcps.org
Family Support Worker	Rachel Ripley	rachel@attendance-solutions.co.uk
Attendance Officer	Natalie Black	natalie@attendance-solutions.co.uk

What's on...




AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

SPRING TERM 1

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Table Tennis	Gymnastics	Football
Every Monday 6 Jan - 10 Feb	Every Wednesday 8 Jan - 12 Feb	Every Friday 10 Jan - 14 Feb
£3.50 per session	£3.50 per session	£3.50 per session

20 places available for each club. All clubs run from 3:15 to 4:15. Remember your PE kit, a coat/jumper, and a water bottle.

BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE
www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk
 Bookings are now open









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Community Children's Clothing Event

Thursday 20th February
10am - 4pm

Come along and choose from quality second hand donated clothes

If you have good quality clothes to donate please drop them off at the Church from 12th, 13th & 14th February

Free Event

Kit out your kids for **FREE**

Garden Café will be open until 1pm

Preston Baptist Church
62 Old Torquay Road
Paignton TQ3 2RB



February Half-Term 2025 - Multi-Sports Camp!

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Venues -

Oldway Primary School

Higher Polsham Rd, Paignton, TQ3 2SY

Abbey School

Fore Street, Torquay, TQ1 4PR





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February Half-Term 2025 - Multi-Sports Camp!

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

PLEASE NOTE

You must book a full-day session to attend the Early Drop-Off and/or the Late Pick-Up.

Advanced Booking - Live Friday 10th January at noon.

Pricing Structure:
 Full Day: 10:00am-4:00pm - £18.00 Per Child.
 Early Drop-Off: 8:00am-10:00am - £4.00 Per Child.
 Late Pick-Up: 4:00pm-5:30pm - £4.00 Per Child.

Full Week Discounted Price: 10:00am-4:00pm - £72.00 Per Child

Standard Booking - Live Friday 24th January at noon.

Pricing Structure:
 Full Day: 10:00am-4:00pm - £21.00 Per Child.
 Early Drop-Off: 8:00am-10:00am - £6.00 Per Child.
 Late Pick-Up: 4:00pm-5:30pm - £6.00 Per Child.

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL
FEB 17TH - 21ST

TORQUAY ACADEMY

Dates:
17th, 18th, & 19th

Times:
Youth: 9.30 - 15.00
Minis: 10.00 - 15.00
Girls: 9.30 - 15.00

Cost:
£18.00



SPIRES COLLEGE

Date & Times:
21st February
Youth: 9.30 - 15.00
Minis: 10.00 - 15.00

Cost:
£15.00




www.torquay-united-cst.classforkids.io/ admin@tucst.co.uk



The Cove Discovery Project

Libraries Unlimited

SAT 08 FEB
10:00 - 14:00
Paignton Library
Donations Appreciated



Art workshop with Lou Chapman



Futureproof-Eco Takeover

Orchard Forest School

Cricketfield Community Garden

Junk modeling

Play Torbay Eco Champions



Taleblazers



Book art



Nature and eco friendly themed activities for all ages.

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FREE CHILDREN'S CLOTHES & TOY SWAP

DONATE ANY PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, SHOES, TOYS AND BOOKS WITH PLENTY OF LIFE LEFT IN THEM AND GO AWAY WITH SOMETHING NEW TO YOU!

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR PRE-LOVED ITEMS AT BAY CHURCH ON MONDAY 17TH OR TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY BETWEEN 11AM-4PM.

REFRESHMENTS AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES PROVIDED

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
10.00AM-11.30AM & 5.00PM-6.00PM
BAY CHURCH, SANDS ROAD, TQ4 6HA



TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

OPEN WEEK
Come and take a look
24-28 March
Tours at 9:30 & 2:00
Book a tour time at tbgs.co.uk/join-us

Caring environment nurtures academic excellence

National and international sporting reputation

Wide range of extra-curricular opportunities

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Dare to join a top Grammar School? It might not be as hard as you think...

If your son will be in Year 6 in September 2025, you can now register to take the entrance tests for Torquay Boys' Grammar School. We're excited to welcome our next potential students!

The tests will be on Saturday, 20 September 2025 and they have been thoughtfully-designed to cover the Maths and English that your son has been learning at primary school. No extra tutoring is needed - just bring your enthusiasm.



Additional Support for Pupil Premium Students

We believe every child should have a chance to shine, no matter their background. That's why we're excited to team up with Atom Learning: the leading platform for the entrance tests. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium, they can access a fantastic free online programme to help build their confidence and skills for test success. It has been shown that students with a glimmer of academic potential make more progress in schools such as TBGS, and this offer of PP support is part of our continued effort to encourage as many students as possible to consider us for secondary school.

Not eligible for Pupil Premium? You can still try Atom Learning with a free five-day trial on their website: atomlearning.com.

To apply to take the tests, complete the online registration form: tbgs.co.uk/join-us

Why you should dare to join us?

TBGS is renowned for providing students with:

- a top-quality, rich and varied curriculum, which enables academic progress, whilst encouraging inquisitive minds;
- a wide range of extra-curricular pursuits, and sporting opportunities, contributing to developing the whole person;
- a caring environment and strong pastoral system allowing the nurturing of academic excellence of each individual.

The essence of what TBGS strives to do is captured in our clear mission to:

- **enable** students' enjoyment of learning for its own sake, whilst developing their creative talents to fulfil their intellectual potential;
- **provide** individuals with the knowledge and skills to respond to a changing world with confidence and humility;
- **encourage** each person to be reflective, open-minded and principled so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

Excellence Integrity Leadership

TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Tours 25-28 March at 9:30 & 2:00

OPEN WEEK

Book a tour tbgs.co.uk/join-us

Dare to be
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This February half term, help Tonic Creatives bring some colour and vibrancy to our highstreets with a programme of FREE family fun. Expect circus skills, street games, art activities, street performers, storytelling, music fun, a colour quiz and so much more. See their social media for details of some of the wonderful local acts and entertainers joining us.

Open anytime between 11am and 3pm and why not wear something bright and colourful and join in the fun!

**Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February
Torquay (Lower Union Street)**

**Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th February
Paignton (Victoria Street)**

**Friday 21st & Saturday 22 February
Brixham (Fore Street)**

To find out more, visit www.toniccreatives.co.uk