

# CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS



This term we are developing as swimmers, looking at the different swimming strokes on our front and backs. We are learning to travel, float and submerge with increasing confidence!



As Scientists we have been practically exploring the difference between states of matter.

Can you guess which picture shows a solid, liquid and gas? When we have a solid - particles are tightly packed together and in a gas they are far apart!

As Writers we have been using role play to bring our story Alba the Hundred Year Old Fish to life. We considered how the fish and sea creatures of the Coral reef felt when the townsfolk were polluting the sea. We used our thoughts and feelings to write a descriptive diary entry.





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Much of our learning is linked to 'Around the world in 80 Days' so in music, we have been having fun creating our own soundscapes based on the arctic



As scientists, it has been great beginning learning all about the circulatory system, discovering how blood moves around our body and that our heart is a pump which is why we can feel our pulse.



In RE, we have been looking at the beatitudes and how this is Jesus' guide to happiness. We recreated scenes as to what this would look like in our lives.

## Breakfast Club

- Available **Monday – Friday** from **8:00 AM**
- Cost: **£4 per session**



## Booking Information:

All bookings should be made via **ParentPay** prior to the session. For any last-minute bookings, please call the **school office**.

## After School Club

- Available **Monday – Friday**
- Until **5:00 PM – £6.75**
- Until **5:30 PM – £10.00**
- **Fridays close at 5:00 PM**



**\*\* Please inform the staff of any food allergies as food will be served \*\***



## Important Notice:

Any accounts with arrears of **£50 or more** will not be permitted to use the **Breakfast Club or After School Clubs** until the balance is cleared.



# BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITIES

## **Weekly Schedule:**

**Monday: Football**



**Tuesday: Netball**



**Wednesday: Art**



**Thursday: Forest School**



**Friday: Games**



**Snacks Provided**

# Attendance Matters



## Attendance January

	99%
	95.8%
	93.74%
	94.82%

## Important Notices & Reminders

If your child is late for morning registration, arriving late at school after 9am, please ensure you or their accompanying adult reports to the school office to ensure that they are registered.

**Good attendance means...**  
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



# Attendance Roadmap

In line with the DfE Statutory Guidance (in force from 19th August 2024) we offer a supportive, stepped, attendance approach. We will offer a welcoming ethos with high expectations for all. We will assess data to identify absence trends & use preventative discussions/meetings with families to listen, understand & support to remove barriers. Where needed, we will formalise support to nurture improvement with Attendance Contracts & as a last resort we will consider intensifying support &/or enforce legal sanctions.



## STEP 1 – Identify, Assess & Prevent

Our daily actions & processes aim to promote relationship building with children & families to prevent absence. This involves monitoring data trends & absence patterns to inform our conversations with you (& your child where age allows). The trigger for conversations is where absence is at risk of reaching the new National Threshold (**10 sessions (10 half days/5 days) within a 10 week rolling period**). Other daily actions involve promoting attendance positively, using praise & incentives, swift absence follow up, email &/or letter communication to raise your awareness of emerging concerns, processing requested or unrequested 'Term Time Exceptional Absence' & doing Home Visits to meet our safeguarding duties as required.



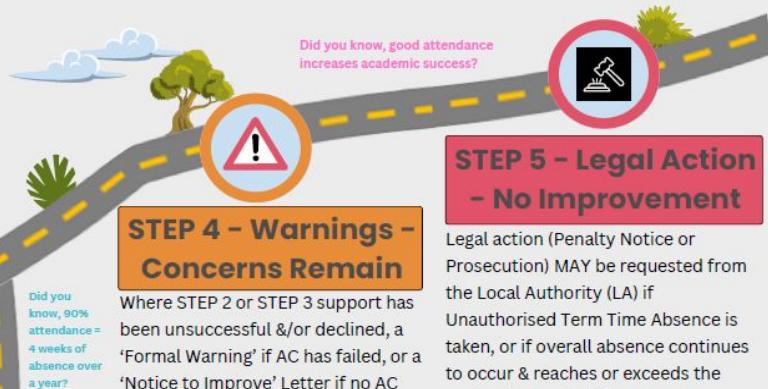
## STEP 2 – Early Absence Support

We move to this step if the National Threshold for absence is met (authorised or unauthorised) to prevent further absence occurring. Discussions & meetings will be offered to identify if early support or reasonable adjustments are needed. This will be done using discussions &/or meetings to create a supportive action plan. An Early Help Assessment (EHA) may be required for some support to be accessed along with a Team Around the Family (TAF) Meeting Process

## STEP 3 – Formalised Support

Where absence continues & initial support needs to be increased an Attendance Contract (AC) will be offered to formalise support. This is a 3-6 month nurturing plan of improvement to prevent further escalation. Achievable & individual targets will be set & reviewed regularly. Medical &/or other information will be actively sought at this point if required to work collaboratively with you & other agencies. An AC can run alongside other meetings e.g., TAF meeting.

Please talk to us about how we can support you &/or your child at any time.



Where STEP 2 or STEP 3 support has been unsuccessful &/or declined, a 'Formal Warning' if AC has failed, or a 'Notice to Improve' Letter if no AC appropriate, will be issued to reinforce the need for immediate improvement. A Family Court Order such as an Education Supervision Order will also be considered as an alternative to prosecution.



## STEP 5 – Legal Action – No Improvement

Legal action (Penalty Notice or Prosecution) MAY be requested from the Local Authority (LA) if Unauthorised Term Time Absence is taken, or if overall absence continues to occur & reaches or exceeds the National Threshold for absence, despite STEPS 1-4 being attempted. Statutory Guidance States a Referral to Children's Social Care for children with 'Severe Absence' (less than 50%) should be considered to obtain 'Intense Support'.

## PENALTY NOTICES & LEGAL ACTION

**1st Offence** (after 19th August 2024) of Term Time Leave &/or Irregular Attendance (10 sessions of Unauthorised Absence or more) = Fine of £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. If paid within 21 days fine is reduced to £80 per parent, per child.

**2nd Offence** within 3 years (from 19th August 2024) = Fine of £160 per parent, per child payable within 28 days, no reduction available.

**3rd Offence** within 3 years (from 19th August 2024) NO PENALTY NOTICE considered. The case will be presented to **Magistrates' Court** under s444(1) or (1a) of the Education Act. If found guilty, a fine of up to £2500 per parent, per child can be issued. Convictions for s444(1a) offences will show on DBS record.

# Someone Special Pop-Up Gift Shop

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Say thank you to that special person in your life...  
Mum, Nan, Auntie, Sister

*An amazing variety of gifts on offer.  
Your child can choose their own gift &  
have it wrapped for that special person in  
their life!*

£3 per gift

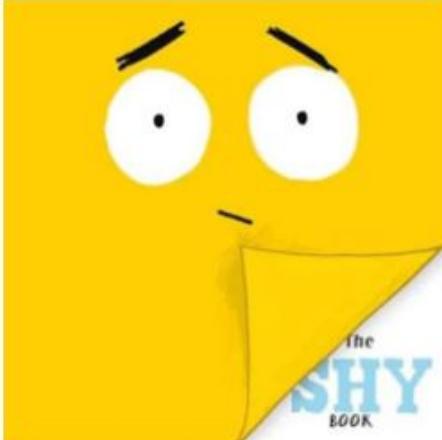
Payment via ParentPay  
'Someone Special'



02.02.26	Animals 2 U visit in school	09.03.26	Bug Workshop - St. Francis
13.02.26	Break up for Half Term 18.02.26 - Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins	12.03.26	Yr5 Coombeshead - Discover Music : Rhythm & Pulse
23.02.26	Non Pupil Day	19.03.26	Feast of St. Joseph - Mass at Church 10 a.m Parties p.m
24.02.26	Children Back to School 1:30 - 2:30 Ashes Service - All are welcome	20.03.26	Red Nose Day - Go red and silly
25.02.26	Year 5 Black-out Poetry @ Coombeshead	24.03.26	St. Oscar Romero Day
27.02.26	South West Regional Storytime Event Featuring Special Guest: Award-Winning Author SF Said.	30.03.26	YR5 NAC Workshop - Easter
04.03.26	PE Impact Day - NAC teaching PE Yr5 Coombeshead - The Ivory Bangle Lady	31.03.26	Holy Week Liturgy - School Hall - All welcome
05.03.26	World Book Day - come dressed as your favourite character or in PJs for a cosy reading experience	02.04.26	Break Up for Easter Holidays
		20.04.26	All return for Summer Term 1

## The Shy Book by Howard Pearlstein

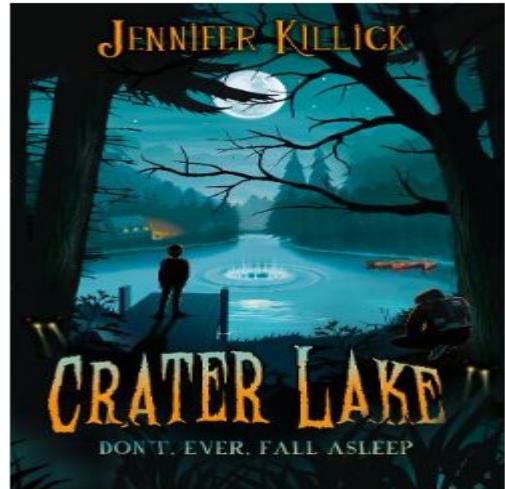
A nervous little book tries its best to avoid being read, hiding behind pages and peppering children with questions as it warms up to the idea. Through these playful interactions, it slowly grows braver and more open. Designed for read-aloud fun, The Shy Book encourages children to join in, talk about shyness and think about how to connect with others. James Munro's lively illustrations keep the story feeling genuinely interactive for five- and six-year-olds.



**"Reading is to  
the mind what  
exercise is to  
the body." -**

Richard Steele

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



## Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick

Never, ever fall asleep in this fast-paced and mysterious horror thriller! When Lance sets foot in the Crater Lake activity centre, little does he realise what awaits him and his friends. Will they be able to stop aliens in time before they brainwash all their teachers and classmates? A cracking creepy page-turner for independent readers.



## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at St. Joseph's is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Mrs Day or Mrs Pascoe on 01626 352559. Our named governor for child protection is Tim van Kroonenburg.

### WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Julie . Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Julie in their lives!



### ATTENDANCE

*Hi, my name is Natalie, I'm the Attendance and Welfare Officer here at St Joseph's. I monitor attendance regularly to ensure that, where possible, every child is in school on time every day. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please leave a message with the office and I will contact you.*



### CPOMS and Operation encompass

At St. Joseph's we use CPOMs as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. Further information about the programme can be found here -

**<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>**

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**DEVON HAF HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD**

**TOTNES | NEWTON ABBOT | DARTMOUTH**

**FULLY FUNDED**  
**FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 5-14**  
**ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFIT RELATED**  
**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**  
**(£25 PER DAY FOR PUPILS NOT ELIGIBLE)**

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL**  
**10am DAILY FOOTBALL**  
**- 3PM & MULTI-SPORT**  
**ACTIVITIES**

**NUTRITIOUS COOKED MEAL EVERY DAY**  
**CERTIFICATES, PRIZES, NUTRITION GUIDES**  
**and much more!**

FOR LOCATIONS, DATES AND BOOKINGS  
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**Shear Soccer**

For more information contact **ADAM SHEARER 07967 124844**

**PLYMOUTH & TORBAY HAF VENUES**

\* **What is a HAF Club?** A FREE HAF Club includes physical activity, sports, dance, arts and crafts, well-being activities, AND A NUTRITIOUS LUNCH for your child!

\* **Where is it held?**  
Our Lady & St Patrick's Primary School, Teignmouth, TQ14 9DT  
Haytor View Primary School, Newton Abbott, TQ12 4BD

\* **When is it?**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 9am-1pm  
Please check individual venues for exact running dates

\* **Who can attend?** Children aged 4-11 who receive Free School Meals

\* **How do I book?** Scan the QR code (above and below) and select your venue/dates

\* **When can I book?** Bookings go live on 30<sup>th</sup> January. Please use the QR codes attached

\* **Do you need help with booking?**  
Contact us on...  
[dcrysell@premier-education.com](mailto:dcrysell@premier-education.com)  
or 01392 982809  
or Facebook messenger

Our HAF Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this holiday period as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!

**Book today**

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**RIVER DART COUNTRY PARK**

**FEB HALF TERM FUN!**  
10th - 18th FEB

**£3 PER PERSON** **WOW!** **GREAT VALUE DAY OUT!**

**NO CAR PARKING FEES!**

**EXPLORE LARGE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS IN OVER 90 ACRES OF WOODLAND AND PARKLAND!**

**PRE-BOOK TICKETS AT [WWW.RIVERDART.CO.UK](http://WWW.RIVERDART.CO.UK)**

Adult or Child age 2 years +. Age 2 and under FREE. Tickets available online only. Daytime activities & Dartmoor Bike Park available at additional cost. Pre-book online.



**ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR HIGH 5!**

**GALAXY EXPLORERS**  
**@STOVER SCHOOL, NEWTON ABBOTT**

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**MARTIAN MONDAY**

- Space Surfer Simulator
- Deep Space Dodgeball
- Halo Hockey
- Jedi Training Academy
- Zero Gravity Inflatables session

**EXTRATERRESTRIAL TUESDAY**

- Space Surfer Simulator
- Space Jam Basketball
- Cosmic Cricket
- Neon Dodgeball Tournament

**OUT OF THIS WORLD WEDNESDAY**

- Deep Space Dodgeball
- FireBall Football
- Halo Hockey
- Wet Welly Space Explorers
- Jedi Training Academy

**MILKY WAY THURSDAY**

- Meteorite Multisports
- Cosmic Cricket
- Deep Space Dodgeball
- Wet Welly Space Explorers
- Zero Gravity Inflatables session

**FLYING SAUCER FRIDAY**

- Space Jam Basketball
- Deep Space Dodgeball
- Zero Gravity Inflatables including Space Surfer Simulator
- Fluro Dance Party
- Star Wars Mini Golf

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