

Newsletter

23 June 2025

We are committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Amelia Harding
Deputy Child Protection Officers: Kate Davenport, Lauren Stone
Named Governor for Child Protection: James Beamish

Message from Mrs Harding

Thank you to all the staff and parents that supported our Summer Fayre. We are yet to count the takings but will let you know how much we raised.

It was lovely to see members of Mr Brown's football team supporting the event with their Beat the Goalie shootout.

On Sports Day on **Friday 27th June** we will also be taking the opportunity to honour Mr Brown and raise funds for Rowcroft Hospice who supported Mr Brown and his family at home during their last days together.

All adults are invited to wear blue and the children taking part are invited to wear a blue tshirt with their PE shorts. Refreshments will be available - don't forget to bring some cash - and a chair to sit on!

What we did last week!

Congratulations to our pupils who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday –what a joyful and sacred milestone in your journey of faith.

May this be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Christ, filled with peace, kindness, and a deep sense of belonging in God's family. Well done for embracing this important step with such grace and enthusiasm!

If you would like your child to take their First Holy Communion next year please email torquay-abbeyroad@prcdtr.org.uk



What we did last week!

A small team of pupils in Y5 represented the school at the Children's Parliament held at Torbay Town Hall.

They were invited to give a speech about how young people could be encouraged to vote if the voting age was reduced to 16. The children were amazing and overcame their nerves to present their argument very confidently. The presentations were judged by the local councillors and our team came second out of the eight schools that took part! Well done team!



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We were visited by Steve Darling MP on Monday. We invited him to come and talk to staff and governors about our provision for children with SEND and how we would like to offer more but our current funding level prevents us from doing this. Steve has written a report about SEND provision in Torbay and has promised to take our concerns back to parliament for discussion.

The children (and Kirsty) enjoyed meeting Jennie, Steve's guide dog who apparently loves to have her tummy tickled!



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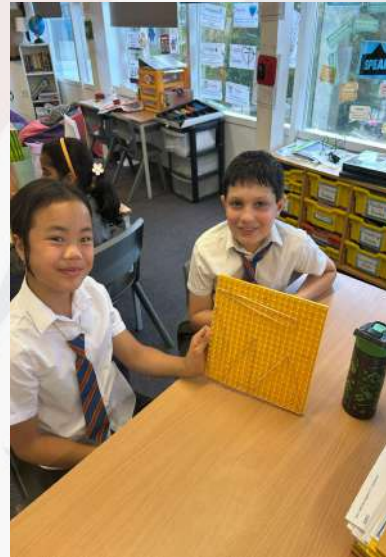
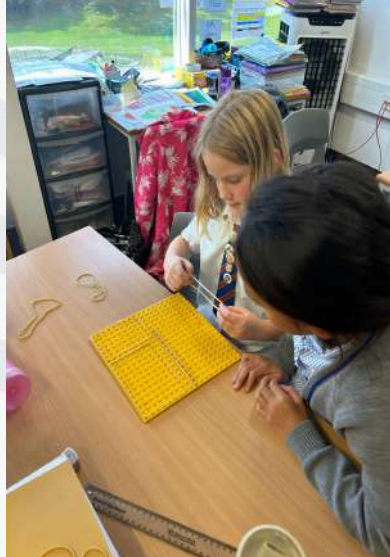
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This week in RE, Year 1 have been learning all about *The Cross*. We explored the difference between a cross and a crucifix, then took our learning outside on a special cross hunt around the school grounds. Back in the classroom, they used playdough, natural materials, and their own drawing skills to create their very own crosses.



What we did last week!

Year 4 have been investigating the properties of different triangles and quadrilaterals using Geoboards. By stretching rubber bands around pegs, pupils can create squares, rectangles, triangles, parallelograms, and trapeziums—then compare their sides, angles, and symmetry.



What we did last week!

Year 5 have been looking at the artwork of Paul Cadden, who is a hyper realistic artist. This week, the children focused on the eye and what it takes to draw as realistically as possible. They've done an amazing job, learning to shade, blend and build layers.



What we did last week!

Chartwells provided a picnic for all the children having school dinners on Thursday. We were able to make the most of the lovely weather and all the children enjoyed lunch together on the field in the shade of the tree!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 24th June	Current Reception Class Trip - Steam Train
Wednesday 25th June	New Reception Class Taster session 9.15 am - 10.30 am
Thursday 26th June	Year 5 Taster day at Torquay Academy
Friday 27th June	Sports Day AM - everyone to wear something blue to honour Mr Brown
Thursday 3rd July	All children to attend the morning in new year groups
Friday 4th July	Pupil reports to parents
Monday 14th July	Year 5 Learning Assembly 9am - parents invited
Tuesday 15th July	Year 4 Learning Assembly 9am - parents invited

This week's Gospel Value

Compassion



Jesus showed compassion to everyone that he met especially those people that were suffering. To show compassion means to want to help others.

- Can you take the time this week to keep looking out for those that need help and then help them?

Dear Jesus,

**You gave us your body in the bread of life,
a gift of love that never ends.**

**Help us to be like you—
kind to others, ready to share,
and full of love for those who are sad or alone.**

**Fill our hearts with your compassion,
so we can carry your love to everyone we meet.**

Amen



Awards last week

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bee Conall Ezekiel	Atlanta Harry Sade	Joshua Emeliya Mia-Louise	Alarna Millie A Millie C	Layla Jacob Christopher	Evuprasia Amara Millie	Charlotte D Thomas Meelie

House points



Nye Bevan
Champion of Wealth Equality



Tanni Grey -Thompson
Champion of Disability Equality

Bevan
224

Thompson
181

Stephenson
490

Pankhurst
308



Paul Stephenson
Champion of Racial Equality



Emmeline Pankhurst
Champion of Gender Equality

Summer After School Clubs

Monday

Basketball 3,4,5,6
Really Wild club R,1,2

Tuesday

SEN Craft/games club
Cricket/Rounders 3,4,5,6
Choir 3,4,5,6

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Wednesday

Dance 3,4,5,6
Girls football 3,4,5,6
Science R,1,2

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Friday

Boys football 3,4,5,6
Journalism 5,6

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All clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account.



Attendance Reminders

If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence by 9.00 a.m. and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

Is my child too ill for school? (Government advice)

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.

If your child arrives after 9am (after registers close) this is recorded as an unauthorised session (unless evidence of a medical appointment has been provided).



Our Target is 95%



Whole school attendance this week 95.3 %

Current overall attendance 94.8%

This week's trend ↑3%

Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be. [More information here!](#)

Instrumental Music Concert



This year, as well as our Annual Whole School Music Concert on the last day of term, we will be holding a separate Music concert with performances from children that have individual or small group instrumental lessons.

If your child has instrumental music lessons outside school and would like to perform at the concert, please let Mrs Harding know.

Holy Angels



Holy Angels Pre-school finishes for the summer break on Friday 18th July.

We will continue to offer Breakfast and After school club sessions for Our Lady's, on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd July. They will not be available on Thursday 24th or Friday 25th July.

Any sessions required for the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of the last week, **MUST** be booked by Thursday 17th July. No ad hoc bookings will be taken after this date.



The main purpose of the PTA is to raise funds for extra items for the children. Last year we bought football kit, ukuleles and gardening equipment.

Our PTA is completely reliant on volunteers to be able to run events. All parents / carers are automatically PTA members and are welcome at all meetings and events.

Please let us know in the office if you would be able to help with the Summer Fayre on Friday 20th June.



Children across Torbay are going to be able to take a Deep Sea Adventure at their local library this summer as Libraries Unlimited launch their very own reading challenge.

Based on the charity's popular reading challenge for five to twelve-year-olds 'The Secret Book Quest', The Summer Book Quest sees beloved characters Pip, Zena and Libro head off on a new adventure. The theme for the first year is The Deep Sea Adventure, based on the Underwater Zone in The Secret Book Quest.



Free

Midsummer Music Event

Torbay and South Devon
Music
Centre



Always wanted to play a musical instrument?
Now's your chance.

No prior experience needed,
just bring along your enthusiasm.

Already play one instrument, why not try another?
Come along and join in the opportunity to try several different
orchestral instruments.

Meet the teacher and 'taster' sessions with TSDMC's qualified teachers
and Alumni music graduates.

Performances from current pupils who this
year performed at the Royal Albert Hall
as well as locally at the Devon County Show.



The TSDMC tuck shop will be open
and Refreshments will be on sale.

Time and date: 16.30-18.30 on Friday 11th July 2025

Place: Torquay Boys' Grammar School.

Cost: FREE

Ages: 6-18 years.



**For more information and to let us know you
are coming along please contact:**

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