



The Tiverton Tribute

"Learning for Lifelong
Success"



May 2026

Diary Dates

- 11.05.26 GCSE & Functional Skills Exams begin.
- 11.06.26 - Learning Family evening.
- 16.06.26 - School Immunisations.
- 25.06.26 - Year 11 Prom.
- 29.06.26 - Activities Week.
- 16.07.26 - Celebration Evening.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2 :

Summer Holidays
21.07.26 - 04.09.26

All students return to school on Friday 4th September and will be in Learning Family groups for the day.

Please note all dates have been updated on our website.

Student Achievements

Well done to all Year 11 students who have completed their examinations this half term, you have all been amazing!

#spectacularstudents

#soproud

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Term Dates 2026-2027

Term Number	Common Name	Start Date	Finish Date
Term 1	Autumn 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
October Half Term		Monday 26 th October 2026	Friday 30 th October 2026
Term 2	Autumn 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Christmas Holidays		Monday 21 st December 2026	Friday 1 st January 2027
Term 3	Spring 1	Monday 4 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
February Half Term		Monday 15 th February 2027	Friday 19 th February 2027
Term 4	Spring 2	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Friday 26 th March 2027
Easter Holidays		Monday 29 th March 2027	Friday 9 th April 2027
Term 5	Summer 1	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
May Half Term		Monday 31 st May 2027	Friday 4 th June 2027
Term 6	Summer 2	Monday 7 th June 2027	Tuesday 27 th July 2027
Summer Holiday		Wednesday 28 th July 2027	Friday 3 rd September
September 2026 Return	Friday 4 th September 2026 – All Students return to school for the new academic year.		
INSET & Occasional Days	INSET 1 Tuesday 1 st September 2026 – Staff Onsite INSET 2 Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 – Staff Onsite INSET 3 Thursday 3rd September – Trust Wide INSET – Staff Onsite INSET 4 Monday 2 nd November 2026 – Disaggregated - No staff onsite INSET 5 Monday 4th January 2027 – Trust Wide INSET – Staff Onsite INSET 6 Tuesday 5 th January 2027 – Staff Onsite INSET 7 Friday 11th June 2027 – Trust Regional INSET – Staff Onsite INSET 8 Friday 25th June 2027 – Trust Wide INSET – Staff Onsite Occasional Day – Monday 26 th July 2027 Occasional Day – Tuesday 27 th July 2027		
Bank Holidays	Christmas Day BH – Friday 25 th December 2026 Boxing Day BH – Monday 28 th December 2026 New Year BH – Friday 1 st January 2027 Good Friday BH – Friday 26 th March 2027 Easter Monday BH – Monday 29 th March 2027 May Day BH – Monday 3 rd May 2027 Late May BH – Monday 31 st May 2027		

End of Term Letter from Mrs Smart and Mrs Chatterton



Dear Families,

As we approach the half term break, we are pleased to share a reflection on what has been another productive and positive half term across our school family. Although brief, this half term has been rich with learning opportunities, experiences and achievements across all areas of the curriculum. We are currently in the midst of the main examination season, our Year 11 students have approached this period with maturity, focus and resilience. We have been particularly proud of the way younger students have shown kindness, encouragement and empathy towards their peers. This strong sense of community and mutual respect is something we deeply value at ACE Tiverton.

Looking Ahead to Half Term 6: Following the half term holiday, we will begin preparing students for their transition into new classes for the next academic year. Class groupings will be shared with families via letter during the first week back. These decisions are carefully informed by recent progress information, including your child's Half Term 5 progress statement, alongside their EHCP outcomes.

- We are also pleased to invite families to attend our: Learning Family Evening – Thursday 11th June (3.00pm – 5.30pm). This provides an important opportunity to meet with your child's Learning Family Leader to discuss progress this year and priorities for next year.
- The SchoolCloud booking system will open at 10am on Thursday 21st May and closes on 10am on Monday 8th June.
- Appointments may be attended either in person or online.
- At the end of term, you will also receive a full written report outlining progress across all subject areas, alongside comments from Learning Family Leaders and Senior Leaders.

Key Dates for Your Diary

- Year 11 Leavers' Formal – Thursday 25th June; tickets are on sale in the Arbor shop
- Activities Week – Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July
- Celebration Evening – Thursday 16th July 6.00pm – 8.30pm. This is a highlight of our school year where we celebrate student achievement across the school. Families of students receiving awards will be invited after half term.
- School Sports Challenge Days – Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July, more details will follow later next term.

As always, we are incredibly proud of our students and grateful for the ongoing support from our families. Thank you for your continued partnership with us. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 1st June 202 at 8am.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Hannah Smart Mrs Julie Chatterton
Executive Headteacher Head of School



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Important changes for
2026 to 2027 academic year

Supporting children. Supporting families. Supporting Devon.

GOOD FOOD
BRIGHTER
FUTURES



FROM THE START OF THE 2026 TO 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

all children from households in receipt of **Universal Credit** attending these schools will be entitled to receive a free meal.



We have made this a legal requirement through the **Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026** and intend to lay additional regulations extending this duty to maintained nursery schools.

TWO CATEGORIES OF BENEFITS-BASED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:



TARGETED FSM

which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of **£7,400 or less**.

&



EXPANDED FSM

a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit.

EVER 6 FSM COHORT



Pupils who are, or have been, eligible for FSM over the last 6 years are part of the 'Ever 6' FSM cohort.



This is used for disadvantage funding and accountability purposes.



Following the expansion of FSM, Ever 6 FSM will be based on targeted FSM.

HOW TO APPLY

Applying is quick and easy – and could unlock extra support for your child and school.



Apply online

Visit devon.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply.



Have your details ready

You'll need your National Insurance number and some basic information.



Get a decision

You'll get an instant decision and the school will be informed.



Need help?

Contact our team:
0345 155 1019
Monday to Friday, 8am – 6pm



APPLY TODAY
to give your child
a healthy start
every school day



Find out more at
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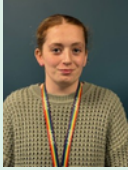


#SchoolSpotlight

Curriculum Team



Welcome to Einstein



Miss Coussell
teaching Assistant



Mrs Panton
Teacher



Mrs Seatherton
teaching Assistant

Einstein Class have had a busy and exciting time since returning to school!

In History, we've been exploring Anglo-Saxon life, we are designing and

building our own model Anglo-Saxon village.



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In Art, we finished off our ceramic pizza slices and have had a go at some weaving skills, showing great creativity and patience.

In English, they've been enjoying a class read- Stormbreaker from the Alex Rider series and have started The Wild Robot, both of which have sparked lots of great discussion and imagination.

Over in Science, they have been learning all about plants, including seed dispersal and germination- considering how things grow in the real world.

DT have them busy designing and making their own plush toys whilst Food Tech lessons, they have been looking at where our food comes from, exploring food distribution and food miles, and thinking about how our choices impact the environment.

We've even managed a fantastic class trip to Shutelake Farm where they got to cuddle and bottle feed newborn lambs!

it's been a fantastic start to the term.

Well done, Einstein :)





Donations and Wish List

We would like to say a massive thank you to all families that have made donations to our school family, we are very grateful to each and every one that has been received.

We are currently looking for Fiction and Non Fiction book for our children and Lego.

As we move into the summer term (and weather hopefully!) we are also seeking donations of ice poles/pops/lollies (ambient not frozen, please)

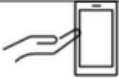




If you are able to contribute by purchasing any of these items for our #schoolfamily, we would be extremely grateful.


Mobile phone Rules

Please remind your child about our School Mobile
'Phone rules.

We expect to be followed every day, by every student.

School Rules: Mobile 'Phone & Electronics

1	If your 'phone or any electronic item is seen in school, it must be handed in to ensure it is kept safely in an agreed place.	
2	We have a locked cabinet in which all 'phones and electronic items are kept. This is the safest place in the school for all electronic items.	
3	If another place is agreed, this will be recorded on your <u>five point scale</u> .	
4	Phones and other electronics cannot be checked or used throughout the day, unless agreed as part of a personalised support plan. These will have very specific reasons and a limited time that they apply.	 

We recommend students don't bring in any item that is of value or importance  as there is a risk is may get lost or damaged in a busy school environment.

Every student has access to a locker and this is the safest place to keep non-electronic items.



Student Feedback

FROM
HALF TERM!



ACE TIVERTON
SCHOOL

Learning for Lifelong Success



REACH
SOUTH
ACADEMY TRUST

**YOUR IDEAS
YOUR SCHOOL**

MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT!

GOT AN IDEA?
SEE SOMETHING
THAT COULD
BE BETTER?



SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Big or small, every idea matters!



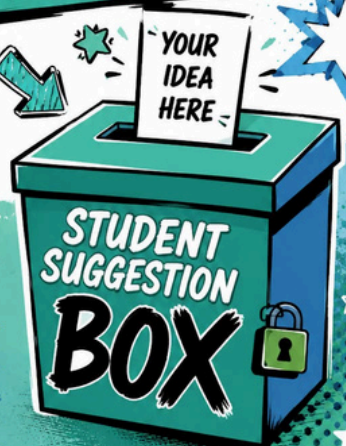
HELP SHAPE OUR SCHOOL

Your ideas can make a real difference.



BE HEARD

We listen. We act. Together
we make it happen!



DROP IT IN. MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN!









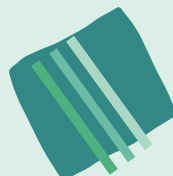


Screen Free Break & Lunchtimes

From our return after Easter, we will be establishing 'Screen-Free' break and lunchtimes for all students. This will give students vital space to reset, connect with others and develop social communication skills.

We will be encouraging quality social interaction, active play, and meaningful rest. Without digital distractions, our students will build stronger friendships, improved communication skills and return to learning more focused. It's a simple routine that strengthens wellbeing, connection, and will help everyone across our #schoolfamily

 Social Story: Screen-Free Break and Lunchtime	
	At school, breaktime and lunchtime are changing. After the Easter holidays , all breaks and lunchtimes will be screen-free . This means no laptops can be used during these times.
	Why are we having screen-free times? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It helps everyone feel calmer• It gives us time to talk to friends• It helps our brains rest from screens• It keeps everyone safe and focused
	What can I do instead? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read a book• Play a board or card game• Talk to friends• Talk to staff• Go outside and play
	What should I do with my laptop? I will keep it in the charging trolley or give it to staff , following school rules.
	What will happen if I forget? I can enjoy break and lunchtime without screens. I can still have fun. I can still relax. I can still spend time with people. Staff will be curious about your laptop use and want to find an alternative activity for you to do.





Important Information

The school office team are on duty with students during break and lunchtimes.

Between 09.45 - 10.15 and 11.45 - 12.15 there is an answerphone facility and the team will check messages and emails when they return to the office.

If you need to contact anyone within the school, the response times are as follows:

- Teachers and Class Based staff reply within 48 hours
- The School Office team reply within 24 hours..
- The Student Support Team reply within 24 hours.
- Please email:

atss_studentsupport@transformingfutures.org.uk to message them directly.

Have you seen our website?

www.acetiverton.org

It's packed full of useful information including Term Dates, safeguarding and curriculum information, useful links and much, much more.

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School Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please ring the school office on 01884 763140 and leave a message or email atss_info@transformingfutures.org.uk.

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16 yrs) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent **you are responsible** for making sure this happens. Parents and carers commit an offence if a child does not attend school regularly and the absence is not agreed by the school.

Will an absence be authorised by the school?

Schools can only agree absences for a limited range of exceptional circumstances, these are typically absences that are completely unavoidable. Absences that **will not be agreed** might include:

- Annual after registers have closed.
- Absences that are not properly explained.
- Day trips and holidays in term time.
- Leaving the school without school authorisation during the day. Repeated unauthorised absences may be referred to Devon County Council for Parent Responsibility measures to improve attendance.

Who can help you?

Do not be afraid to ask for help if a problem arises.

Parents and carers should reach out to the school to explore how they can support and/or contact other services available to help.



Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership
www.devonscip.org.uk

Public Health Nursing Hubs

Tel: 03332 341 910

www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/health/public-health-nursing/

Early Help

Northern Devon: EarlyHelpNorthDevon@devon.gov.uk

Southern Devon: EarlyHelpSouthDevon@devon.gov.uk

Mid & East Devon: EarlyHelpMidEastDevon@devon.gov.uk

Twitter: [EarlyHelpDevon@devon.gov.uk](https://twitter.com/earlyhelpdevon)



Devon Independent Advisory Service

DIAS devonias@devon.gov.uk

School attendance matters



Attendance advice and guidance for parents and carers

For further information about the Attendance Improvement Team and Devon Children's Services please see our website: www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/

Why is good school attendance important?

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential to supporting a child or young person to flourish, fulfil their potential and enables them to:

- learn
- make and manage friendships
- develop new skills
- have fun
- experience new things in the world around them
- develop awareness and respect of other cultures, religion, ethnicity, and gender differences
- build confidence and self-esteem
- achieve and thrive with a sense of belonging to their school community
- prioritise their well-being and happiness
- be given the best start in life, enabling the best possible choices in their future

Missing school... missing out!

Don't let your child be the one to miss out!

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent number of missed:		
	Days	Weeks	Average lessons
95%	9	2	54
90%	19	4	114
85%	29	6	174
80%	38	8	228
75%	48	10	288
70%	57	13.5	342
65%	67	16.5	402

"We are only a few minutes late" - Does it matter?

Being late for school reduces learning time and does not prepare your child or young person for their future working lives.

- Arrival 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed each year
- Arrival 15 minutes late every day = 10 days or 2 weeks of learning each year.

How can you help your child or young person to have excellent attendance in school

- Always inform the school if your child is absent.
- Talk openly to your child about school and work in partnership with the school to best support them.
- Encourage your child to attend regularly and advocate, speak up on behalf of their needs.
- Arrange medical or dental appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Establish good morning and bedtime routines.
- Support your child to arrive at school on time.
- Take truancy seriously - consider where are they? Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Where possible attend parent consultations and school events.
- Value and acknowledge achievements in school.
- Take family holidays, visit family outside of term time.



Young people regularly missing school without good reason = increased risk of becoming isolated from their friends, underachieving in their learning and/or have vulnerability to become involved in anti-social behaviour.

A good diet and sleep routine aids for successful learning.

Every minute in school counts!

Helping your child to arrive at school on time, wearing correct uniform gives them a positive start to their day.

Regular school attendance teaches a young person life skills like time-keeping, problem solving and independence.

Help your child by encouraging them to get their uniform and school bag ready the night before.

Our Safeguarding Team


ACE TIVERTON
OUR SAFEGUARDING
TEAM



Sarah Price
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Marlene Chalkley
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Dan Jones
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Nicola Mitchell
Deputy Designated
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Emma Doughty
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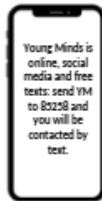


Simon Thompson
Safeguarding Team

WORRIED? 😞 **CONCERNED?** 🧠 **GOT QUESTIONS?** ?
WANT TO TALK? 🗨️ **NEED INFORMATION?** ⓘ
**YOU CAN TALK TO ANY MEMBER OF STAFF OR
CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:**

Your family and friends are good places to get support but if you think there is an immediate risk of harm, please do not keep it to yourself. Talk to any adult in our school family – we will help you. If you do not know how to start, just use the word “TREE” and we will know you are worried. If you want to get confidential or anonymous (no one asks your name) help, these organisations can help.

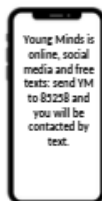
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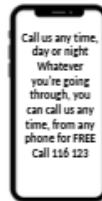
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CHILDLINE: SO YOU FEEL BETTER



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SAMARITANS



mash
Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0345 155 1071

Safeguarding Over the Holidays

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can. If you are worried about yourself or another young person while school is closed, please call someone and talk.

- NSPCC 0808 800 5000 if worried about a young person
- Young Minds Crisis Manager. Text YM to 85258, if you are a young person in crisis
- Childline: 0800 1111, if you are a young person and have no one to talk to.
- CAMHS 0330 024 5321

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Enjoy your Half Term

**We wish you a restful, relaxing
Half Term.**

**We look forward to seeing you
back on Monday 1st June 2026.**

with lots of love

your #SchoolFamily ;o)



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