The Tiverton Tribute

"Learning for Lifelong Success"

ACE TIVERTON SCHOOL

October 2026

Diary Dates

11.11.26 - Rememberance Day

12.11.26 - Flu Vaccinations

16.11.26 - Anti Bullying Week

20.11.26 - Children in Need

25.11.26 - Tempest Photography Day

26.11.26 - Post 16 Evening

03.12.26 - Family Teacher Evening

09.12.26 - Christmas Bingo

14.12.26 - Christmas Activities Week.

Term Dates

All students return to school on Tuesday 3rd November and follow thier usual Tuesday timetable

Christmas Holidays:

21.12.26 - 06.01.27

Students return Wednesday 6th January 2027.

All dates are updated on our website.

Student Achievements

Welcome to all our wonderful new year 7 students and their families.

#spectacularstudents #soproud

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Term Dates 2026-2027

Term Number	Common Name	Start Date	Finish Date
Term 1	Autumn 1	Tuesday 1st September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026
October Half Term		Monday 26th October 2026	Friday 30th October 2026
Term 2	Autumn 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas Holidays		Monday 21st December 2026	Friday 1st January 2027
Term 3	Spring 1	Monday 4th January 2027	Friday 12th February 2027
February Half Term		Monday 15th February 2027	Friday 19th February 2027
Term 4	Spring 2	Monday 22nd February 2027	Friday 26th March 2027
Easter Holidays		Monday 29th March 2027	Friday 9th April 2027
Term 5	Summer 1	Monday 12th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027
May Half Term		Monday 31st May 2027	Friday 4th June 2027
Term 6	Summer 2	Monday 7th June 2027	Tuesday 27th July 2027
Summer Holiday		Wednesday 28th July 2027	Friday 3rd September

INSET & Occasional Days

INSET 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Staff Onsite
INSET 2 Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – Staff Onsite
INSET 3 Thursday 3rd September – Trust Wide INSET – Staff Onsite
INSET 4 Monday 2nd November 2026 – Disaggregated - No staff onsite
INSET 5 Monday 4th January 2027 – Trust Wide INSET – Staff Onsite
INSET 6 Tuesday 5th 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 26th July 2027
Occasional Day – Tuesday 27th July 2027

Bank Holidays

Christmas Day BH – Friday 25th December 2026
Boxing Day BH – Monday 28th December 2026
New Year BH – Friday 1st January 2027
Good Friday BH – Friday 26th March 2027
Easter Monday BH – Monday 29th March 2027
May Day BH – Monday 3rd May 2027
Late May BH – Monday 31st May 2027

End of Term Letter from Mrs Smart and Mrs Chatterton



Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that students have achieved. The progress, resilience and determination they show continue to make us immensely proud, and I would like to thank you for the vital role you play in supporting their learning, wellbeing and development.

Students have worked towards their individual learning goals and have demonstrated excellent commitment, independence and perseverance. One particular highlight of this term was our participation in the Devon SEND Football Tournament. Our teams represented ACE Tiverton with tremendous sportsmanship, teamwork and determination, and we were delighted to finish as runners-up, securing an impressive second place. We are incredibly proud of every student who took part and the way they represented our school community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all families for your continued support throughout the term. The strong partnership between home and school makes a significant difference to the success of our students, and we are grateful for your encouragement, communication and involvement. We are keen to add to our Local Governance Committee. If you would like to find out more, please contact Sarah Dunn, who will be pleased to discuss the role and answer any questions you may have.

s we head into the half term break, I hope that you and your family have the opportunity to enjoy some well-earned rest and quality time together. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Hannah Smart
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Julie Chatterton
Head of School



School Development Priorities 2026-27

At the heart of our school is a shared commitment to helping every child feel that they belong, are valued and can be successful at anything they choose. Just as students are set targets for growth, improvement and development so we do the same for our school family. It is important for us to share these with families as we know that our students achieve their best when we work together. We are grateful for the support, encouragement and trust that you, as our school families, show each day.

This year, as a school staff team, we are focusing upon:

- **Developing strong leadership and expertise**: We will continue to invest in our staff through high-quality training and leadership opportunities. By developing leadership at all levels, we can strengthen teamwork, share expertise and ensure the very best support and outcomes for our students.
- **Enhancing teaching and learning:** We are committed to providing engaging, meaningful and ambitious learning opportunities for every child. Through ongoing staff development and continued reflection on our practice, we will ensure that teaching remains responsive to pupils' needs and helps them achieve their full potential.
- **Strengthening communication, inclusion and student voice:** Communication is at the heart of everything we do. We will further develop our whole-school approach to communication so that every student can express themselves, share their views and actively participate in school life. We will also continue to celebrate diversity and promote understanding, respect and belonging throughout our school community.
- **Improving outcomes, wellbeing and preparation for adulthood:** We want every student to leave our school with the skills, confidence and resilience they need for a happy and successful future. By focusing on wellbeing, attendance, positive behaviour, strong family partnerships and meaningful preparation for adulthood, we will support each young person to achieve their aspirations and take their next steps with confidence.



Devon County Council

GOOD FOOD BRIGHTER FUTURES

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Important changes for 2026 to 2027 academic year

Supporting children. Supporting families. Supporting Devon.



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
devon.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Good food. Better learning. Brighter futures.

New School Year

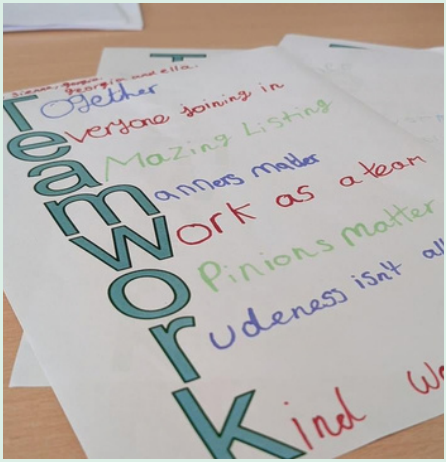








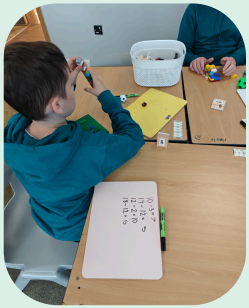


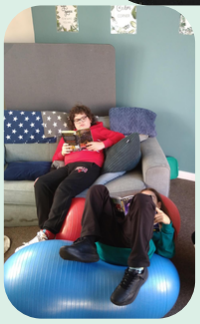












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Football Tournament















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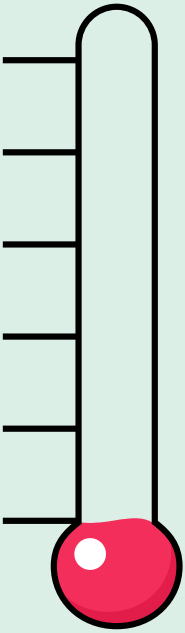
Fundraising

Shelters and shades for the Gardens.



We are currently looking for sponsorship from companies, community organisations or Private individuals.
We are currently looking to raise £10k towards Shelters and Shades for the garden area.

Students will be doing activities in September to contribute towards this.



We are looking for anyone that is able to help with providing materials or anyone able to donate towards this.

We will update the progress of this through the newsletter.

A SMALL DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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Amazon Wishlist

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.

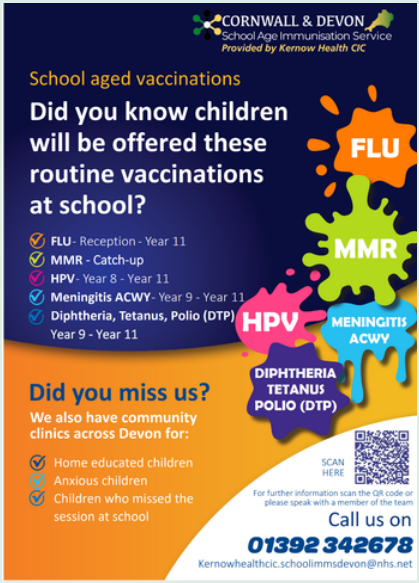
We have updated our Amazon wish list, the link for this is:
https://amzn.eu/0defkvJt

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

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Important Information

THIS SCHOOL
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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:

- Arrival 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.devonscp.org.uk/

Public Health Nursing Hubs
Tel: 03332 341 910
www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/health/public-health-nursing/

Early Help
Northern Devon: Earlyhelpnorthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk
Southern Devon: Earlyhelpsouthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk
Mid & East Devon: Earlyhelpmideastsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk
Exeter: Earlyhelpexetersecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Devon Independent Advisory Service

County Council

School attendance matters

Attendance advice and guidance for parents and carers

For further information about the Attendance Improvement Team and Devon Childrens Services please see our website:

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	11.5	342
65%	67	13.5	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 you can 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 adds to successful learning.

Every minute in school counts!

Helping your child to arrive at school on time, wearing correct uniform gives them a postive 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.

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Our Safeguarding Team



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

Enjoy your Half Term!

We wish you a restful, relaxing half term.

We look forward to seeing you return to school on Tuesday 3rd November 2026.

with lots of love

your #SchoolFamily ;o)



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