

A photograph of two young girls standing in a forest with fallen leaves on the ground. The girl on the left is wearing a light purple long-sleeved shirt and denim shorts. The girl on the right is wearing a green t-shirt and a pink skirt. They are both looking towards the right. The text "Meet the Teacher" is overlaid in white, with "September 2023" below it.

Meet the Teacher

September 2023

Have you seen our Parent Handbook for all the information you need?



TERM DATES

2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

- Non Pupil Day: 4 September
- Start: 5 September
- Half Term: 23 – 27 October
- Non Pupil Day: 30 October
- End: 15 December

Spring Term 2024

- Bank Holiday: 1 January
- Non Pupil Day: 2 January
- Start: 3 January
- Half Term: 12 – 16 February
- Non Pupil Day: 19 February
- End: 28 March

Summer Term 2024

- Non Pupil Day: 15 April
- Start: 16 April
- Bank Holiday: 6 May
- Half Term: 27 May – 31 May
- End: 24 July

<https://dartington-lap.co.uk/parents/term-dates/>

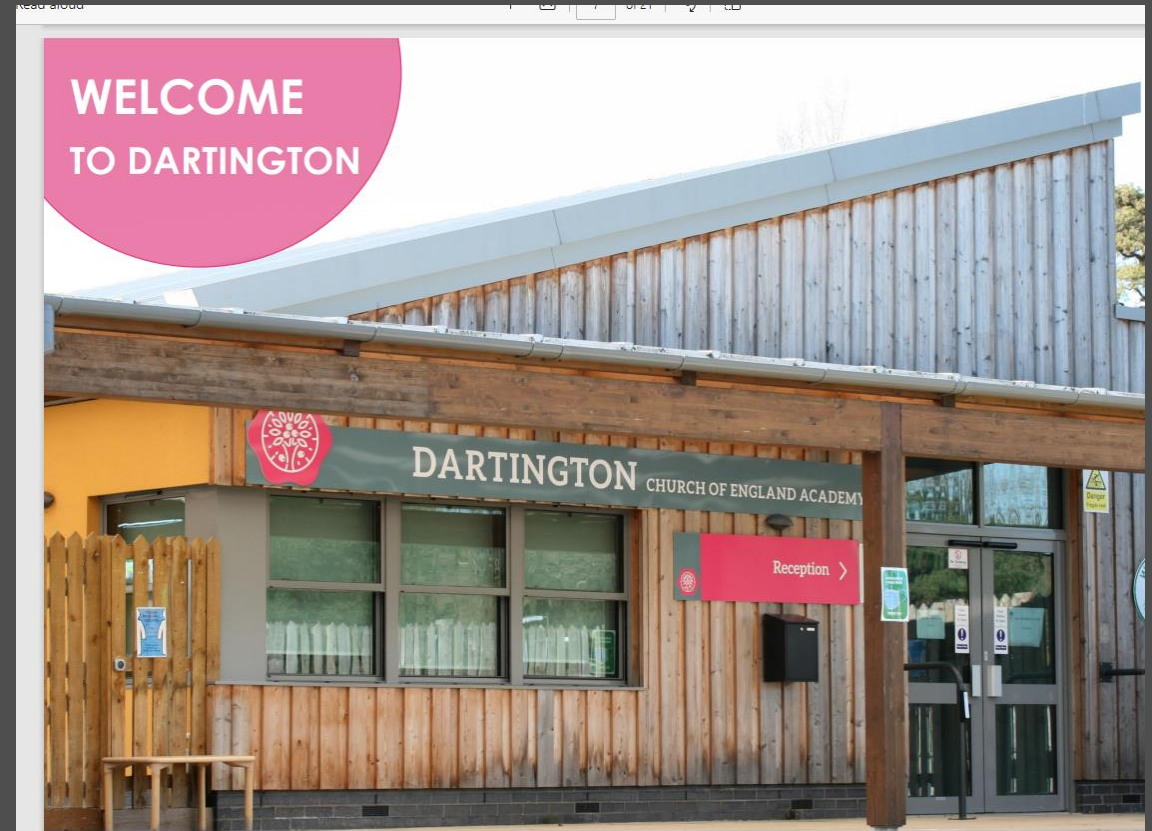
SCHOOL:

Start of the school day:

Gates open at 08:40 and children go straight to their class and the school day begins at 08:45. Registration closes at 09:00.

Children who miss all or part of the registration period can feel very unsettled and unsure about what is happening the rest of the day, so please make sure your child arrives at the school on time.

We ask that parents do not come into the classroom at drop off and collection. As well as being important from a safeguarding perspective, it also helps to build children's independence.



UNIFORM

We are a non-uniform school. Our drive to realising standards encompasses all aspects of school life; teaching & learning; relationships; behaviour and dress code. Wearing suitable clothing is essential. The support of parents is very important in this and it is vital that all clothing is clearly labelled.

Guidelines for School Dress and Appearance:

- Clothing and footwear must be clean, well fitted and in good repair.
- Outdoor wear, including coats, hats and fleeces, may only be worn outdoors.
- Clothing must be free of wording and prominent logos (small, discreet logos are acceptable).
- Trousers must be appropriate for sitting, playing and learning.
- Skirts and dresses should be of an appropriate length for sitting and playing.
- Cropped t-shirts and jumpers are not appropriate.
- Footwear must be appropriately fitted with good soles to enable the children to join in comfortably with the school day. Flip flops, crocs and wellington boots are not to be worn in the classroom.
- Jewellery must not be worn.
- Pupils may not attend school with visible nail varnish

All children must have an appropriate kit for sports and Forest School. These items may be kept in school in a bag on the child's peg so they are prepared each week. They will be sent home each half term to be washed.

Sports Kit:

- A navy Dartington PE shirt which can be ordered through Riviera Schooldays - [Classic Shop - Riviera Schooldays](#)
- Plain black or navy-blue shorts
- Sports trainers with suitable tread



Forest School Kit:

- Warm clothes (hats, scarf and gloves in colder weather).
- Water proofs (trousers and overcoat).
- Correctly fitting Wellington boots.
- A water bottle.

It is essential your child has a school book bag with them every day which can be ordered and paid for on the Riviera School Days website [Classic Shop - Riviera Schooldays](#)

Reading books and important information will be transported daily in this bag between home and school. If your child does not have a book bag you may miss out on some vital information and in some cases we will not be able to send books home without one.

Please make sure your child knows if there is something important to be handed in. Also please make sure someone at home checks the book bag as children cannot always be relied upon to remember that there may be important information in there.

KEY CONTACT DETAILS

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Who will be in our classroom this year?



Mrs Eversfield
Class Teacher and Assistant Head



Miss Misa
LSA



Mrs Backhouse
LSA



Mrs Matthews
PPA Cover



Mrs Wallis
Forest School



Mrs Palmer
HLTA

Who can I contact if I have a question?



A close-up photograph of various colorful, 3D-printed mathematical symbols scattered on a blue surface. The symbols include numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9), a plus sign (+), and a multiplication sign (x). The colors are vibrant, including yellow, red, blue, green, and orange. The symbols are arranged in a somewhat chaotic but organized manner, with some overlapping. The text "How do I know what my child is learning?" is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

How do I know what my child is learning?

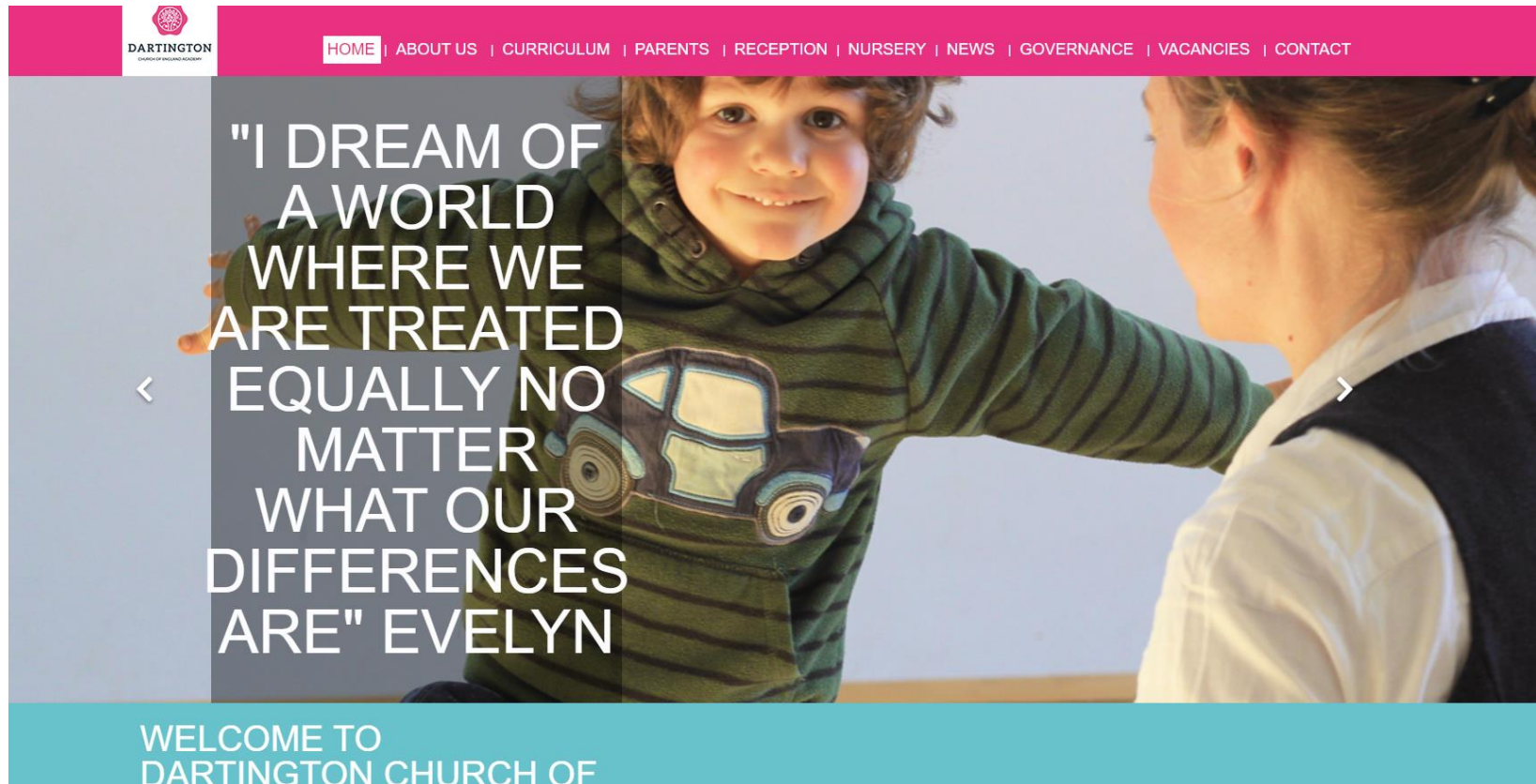
Autumn 1	Year 1/2
Class Novel	Swallows favourite five – 'Only one you', 'Here we are', 'Julian is a mermaid', 'All the year round', 'The day the crayons quit' Starlings- Poetry books by Joseph Coelho Kingfishers- The Magic Finger – Roald Dahl
Writing	In Read, Write Inc this half term the children will continue to learn and revise their set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. In each group, they will explore a text related to their reading levels and sounds that they are learning. They will progress into composing descriptive sentences, questions, speech and thought bubbles and short narratives both orally and written. Children who have completed the Read, Write, Inc programme will move onto English lessons. Our first unit of work is based around the book "The Marvellous Fluffy Squishy Itty Bitty." A finding tale about a child who wants to give his mother a special present but is not sure what to give her.
Maths	Our Maths focus for this half term is number and Place Value. Year 1 children will be learning to count, order and compare the numbers 0-20. Year 2 children will be learning to compose and decompose the numbers to 100. We will be using a variety of equipment to make numbers to understand how they are made tens and ones.
Science	In science this half term we will learning about the four seasons and seasonality. We will be making scientific observations as the season changes to Autumn and observing what happens to the trees around us. We will identify key changes across the seasons and learning about how this affects the produce that is available.
RE	In RE this term, we will be exploring the learning question 'what does it mean to belong to a faith community'. We will be comparing and contrasting Christianity and Islam and looking into how we belong.
Geography	We will continue our science learning on the seasons in Geography. We will identify weather patterns across the seasons and compare that with the weather in the north and south poles as well as locations around the equator.
PE	In PE this term we will be learning multi skills such as catching, throwing, travelling and stability. We will also start to learn the basic skills for football.
RHE	Our focus in RHE is respecting ourselves and others. We will look at how our behaviour affects others and being polite and respectful.
Forest School	In forest school, we will be focussing on the harvest. We will be collecting and pressing apples as well as edible seeds. As the season changes, we will begin collecting, identifying and sorting leaves and then using them to create textured artwork.

Curriculum Booklets

These come home every half term and show you what your child is learning across all of their subjects that half term. A great piece of information to have on your fridge so you can ask questions about your child learned in their lessons that week!

The school website

All our curriculum overviews, curriculum intent, event dates and information for wider curriculum areas such as personal development can all be found on our school website for your information.





New Curriculum Open Classrooms!

This year, we will begin to add the additional open classroom events to our school year. There will be one every half term and the dates can be found in the school newsletter so you can plan ahead. These sessions will allow you to spend time in your child's classroom looking through their learning in books.

Termly Parents evenings and annual report

- Every term, we hold parent consultations so you can have the opportunity to sit and discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. These can be booked on the MCAS app.
- The annual reports get emailed out at the end of the academic year with clear indications of your child's progress. The final parent evening appointments enable you to chat through the successes and next steps.



How can I help at home?

01

Reading the newsletters to ensure you child has everything they need.

02

Communicating with us of any changes at home for your child so we can support where we can.

03

Communicating any concerns that you have swiftly so we can meet to discuss actions and support.

04

Completing the home learning to help your child to raise their confidence and fluency in their learning.



STARLINGS
YEAR 1 AND 2



TEACHERS:
Mrs Eversfield
Mrs Matthews (PPA Cover)
Mrs Wallis (Forest School)
Miss Misa and Mrs
Backhouse (LSA)
Mrs Palmer (HLTA)



Star of the week!


Who has sown seeds of
our school values: *Trust,
Peace, Creation and
Creativity, Wisdom,
Compassion and Love*
around our school this
week?

Important messages for next week:

Kingfishers' Weekly Home Learning

Number Fluency	Writing Fluency		Reading Fluency
Daily TT rockstars/ Numbots	Y1 Spellings from CEW lists	Y2 Spellings from CEW lists	Read your phonics/library book or something you enjoy each night (even if it is just a page!)
Log on to Numbots and practise your number facts. If you are in year 2, why not have a go at your times tables on TTRockstars too?	a are ask be by come	after again any bath beautiful because	Remember, we give certificates for every 10, 25, 50, and 75 books read. Once you reach 100, you will become a book ambassador!

Kingfishers' Autumn 1 Home Learning Menu

Art	Geography	RE
Find out about our focus artist, Yvonne Coomber. Create a piece of artwork inspired by Yvonne Coomber.	Look at the weather in different countries including the North and South Poles. Can you find a country on the equator and track the weather?	Consider the question: "What does it mean to belong to a faith community". Think and create a poster of ways that you belong (family, friends, clubs).
Science	Across this term, children complete the daily bites size fluency learning and choose a minimum of 3 longer term projects to complete however they wish from the selection to share with classmates. You can choose to present them any way you <u>like</u> : video, powerpoint, leaflet, poster, artwork etc The more creative, the better!	PE
Can you create snow? 1. Pour 3 cups of baking soda in a bowl 2. Add ½ bottle of white hair conditioner gradually and stir. 3. As it starts clumping together use your hands to <u>mix together</u> .		Our focus this half term is on fundamental skills. Can you create a ball game that you can <u>teach</u> your friends in school?
Music	Reading For Pleasure	
Learn <u>a song</u> of your choice and perform it for your family.	This half term, we love these books.	
		
	Why not visit the library in Totnes to see if they have a copy of any of them?	

New Home Learning Offer

Home learning requirements are not the same for every family or every child. This year, we are trialling a different approach where you will get a 'menu' each term. This details daily expectations to build confidence and fluency in spellings, reading and maths facts. As well as this, it will have a menu to choose at least 3 projects for the term from across the curriculum.

What is happening in Starlings that you need to know?



PE will be every Tuesday and Wednesday



Reading books will be changed on a Friday but children should have book bags daily.



We will visit the school library on a Thursday.



We will be using a balance of formal lessons and learning through provision to support all learners.



Forest School will usually be on a Monday morning.



We will be planning a series of educational visits this year- more info to follow!



Dates for your Diary

- 5th October- Census Day
- 12th October- Curriculum Open Afternoon
- Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October- Parents Evenings
- 23rd-27th October- Half Term
- 30th October- Non-Pupil Day