



Sally Banfield

Headteacher

19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year. The routines and structures staff have put in place for the young people have supported them incredibly well to settle into their new year groups. The students have been very receptive and embraced their lessons with genuine enthusiasm, showing great effort.

We have a jammed packed half term, and I will ensure that we communicate the exciting events and news with you in a timely way to make sure that all families are aware of key dates and information. Arbor, our new information system, is a key lever to do this and I am grateful to those parents who have already signed up via the app. When I first joined the school, the message from parents was they wanted one consistent way the school communicated with them. We heard this, and Arbor is here, and we hope it is already proving helpful to you.

Key information for the coming weeks.

School Photos – Date is 3rd October – This is always a lovely day, and the photographs are always wonderful to send home. Please send your children in their correct uniform and jumpers for their photographs.

Parents Evening & Meet the Headteacher – 30th September – This is our first parent/carer consultation of the year and is an opportunity to share pupil development targets and meet your child's new tutor. Please sign up, via the Arbor app if you have not already done so.

Arbor – We currently have 64% of our families signed up to Arbor. Please download the app and 'join us'. All communications from us to you, and from you to us can be done via the app. It really does make things easier for everyone. You only need your email address to do this.

Transport – We have had several messages from parents and families about the Local Authority transport and the change from buses to taxis for some children. I hope that any initial issues with transport have now been ironed out and we, as a school, will continue to contact transport on your behalf with concerns. It is important to note that as a school we do not control any transport changes, but if you have concerns please let us know to see if we can help.

Friday after school club – As our Fridays now finish earlier, I was keen to commit to running an after-school club, if this would be helpful for families. We set this up, with an outside provider, but unfortunately only 2 families contacted him to take up the sessions. This number was too low to make the club viable. I am always happy to offer another opportunity if the demand is there from families in the future.

Yellow Frog Cafe – To ensure security and improve the safety for our children, we now have locked gates at the entrance to the YFC. We are still very much open to the public and the gate will be opened by pressing a buzzer. Please do and join us and experience our new menu.

Getting in touch – There are several ways you can communicate with us – all of which we hope improves our lines of communication with you. You can “in app” message the school via Arbor, or email emails@combepafford.torbay.sch.uk, call 01803 327902 or message on ClassCharts.

Dan Boosey – Dan, in Year 12, has been nominated for a BBC ‘Make A Difference’ Award, in the Young Hero category. He has been invited to the awards ceremony in Exeter and his parents, and the school, are immensely proud of him. Recently, Dan did an interview with BBC Radio which has recently been played on air, and you can listen to it via this link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0m2z62w> . Just to be nominated for this award is a huge achievement and we are keeping our fingers and toes crossed that Dan can bring the award back to Torbay. Good luck Dan!

Clubs Please see below a list of clubs that have been arranged for students’ enjoyment. Please see the link if this is preferable.  [Clubs Autumn 2025.pptx](#)

Combe Pafford Lunch Clubs

Autumn 2025

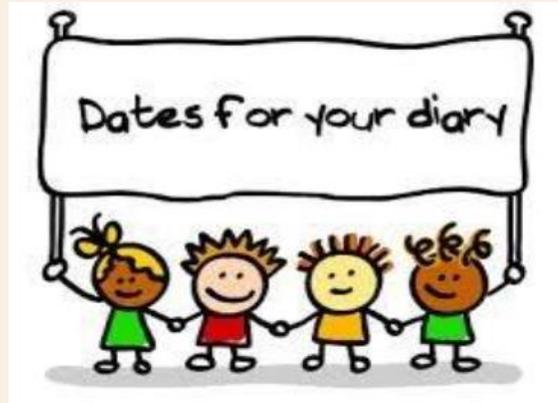


	KS2 Playground	Sports Hall	Hardcourt	Astroturf (Left side)	Astroturf (Top Right Quarter)	Astroturf Btm Left Quarter	ICT Club Y8+	Library	Additional Clubs
Monday	Duck Duck Goose or similar formal game		Parachute Games Y7-11	Football Year 9-11	Year 7 - 8 Football	Multi-Sport Y7-11	Yr 8 Computer Club	Reading / Colouring / Quiet Game (Justine B)	Karaoke Club
Tuesday	Football	Basketball Y7/8	Chill Out or Free Play / Skipping	Football Year 8-11	Tennis	Capture the Flag		Reading / Colouring / Quiet Game (Justine B)	
Wednesday	Toilet Flush/ Stuck in the Mud (or similar)	Beachball Volleyball Y9 - 11	Pickleball Y7-8	Football Year 9-11	Year 7-8 Football	Skipping Games	Y9 Computer Club	Reading / Colouring / Quiet Game (Justine B)	 for upper school
Thursday	Basketball	Pickleball Y9-11	Chill Out or Free Play / Skipping	Football Year 8-11	Tag Rugby Y7-8	Parachute Games	Y10 Computer Club	Reading / Colouring / Quiet Game (Justine B)	
Friday	Parachute	Dance Club	Chill Out or Free Play / Skipping	Football Year 8-11	Tennis	Multi-Sport Y7-11	Y11 Computer Club	Reading / Colouring / Quiet Game (Justine B)	

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend with your families and friends.

Best wishes

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SEPTEMBER 2025

- 23rd KS2 Swimming
- 24th KS2 Golden Hind Trip
- 24th Immunisation Team Visit
- 26th Year 7 Swimming
- 30th Meet the Headteacher at 9.00am
- 30th Parents Evening from 3.30pm
- 30th Meet the Headteacher from 5.30pm

OCTOBER 2025

- 3rd School Photographs
- 3rd Year 7 Swimming
- 7th KS2 Swimming
- 10thh Year 7 Swimming
- 14th Futures Open Evening
- 14th KS2 Swimming
- 17th Year 7 Swimming
- 21st KS2 Swimming
- 22nd Harvest Festival
- 24th Year 7 Swimming
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