



Sally Banfield

Headteacher

27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school, and the weather has been fairly kind to us — we even had sunshine on Wednesday!

Thank you for supporting our pupils to return in such smart uniform. It is clear that both families and young people are taking real pride in how they present themselves, and it makes a wonderful difference across the school.

We have another exciting and busy half term ahead. All important information and key dates will continue to be shared through my Headteacher Bulletin and via letters sent through Arbor. If you ever misplace a letter, please remember that all of them are stored together on our school website in the parents' section: [Combe Pafford School - Letters to Parents](#)

Following the letters sent yesterday, I wanted to update you regarding the cases of sickness and diarrhea among our community. Please be reassured that we are taking all necessary precautions and have already carried out, and will continue to carry out, thorough deep cleaning across the school.

At this time, the school remains open for all students in Years 5 –14 on Monday 1st March. We are closely monitoring the situation and will keep you informed via email should anything change.

I can also confirm that the closure of the Yellow Frog was due to staff absence. The Yellow Frog Café will be open as usual on Monday.

## **Wales & West Utilities**

A letter was sent to all parents on 24th February about essential improvement works to the gas mains in the local area. These works from Wales & West Utilities will begin around 27th February and may affect certain nearby streets up until the Easter break. If you need another copy of the letter, please contact our reception team.

## **The Great Bake Off**

Thank you so much to everyone who baked or bought cakes for our 'Great Bake Off' during the last school week. We are clearly a community of excellent bakers — the cakes, buns and biscuits could happily have filled an entire cake shop in Torquay! I was very fortunate to win the auction for a delicious chocolate cake; I don't know who made it, but it was superb. The event raised £150 for Operation Imprezza, our partner school in Kenya.

Although we decided to postpone today's cake sale, we will rearrange it very soon and look forward to another successful event.

## **World Book Day – Thursday 5th March**

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with a range of fun and engaging activities for all pupils. Children are very welcome to dress up as their favourite book character. We understand this may not be possible for all families, and there is absolutely no obligation to provide a costume. Pupils are equally welcome to wear school uniform and may bring in their favourite book.

There will be competitions and activities throughout the day, and we hope the children really enjoy the celebrations.

## **Years 7 & 8 - Easter Service**

We are excited to let you know that our annual Easter Service, for Year 7 and 8 pupils, will be taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 1.00pm at St Mary the Virgin Church, St Mary Church, Torquay. Please can all parents and family members arrive for a 1pm start.

**Turning Heads Saturday Club** – Please see attached information in relation to the Turning Heads Saturday Club which starts on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact Turning Heads directly if you are interested.

## ☀️ TURNING HEADS SATURDAY CLUB ☀️

Building Independence • Developing Skills • Creating Opportunities

Delivered by Turning Heads CIC

### 📅 Starting Saturday 14th March

🕒 10:00am – 2:00pm (Every Saturday)

📍 The Skills Centre  
Lime Avenue  
Torquay  
TQ2 5JL

### 👥 Who Is It For?

This club is open to:

- ✓ Young people aged 13–19
- ✓ Those with an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)
- ✓ Students in mainstream or special school
- ✓ Young people looking to build confidence and independence

We see this Saturday Club as a **progression step towards greater independence**, preparing young people for adulthood in a supportive and structured environment.

### ☀️ What To Expect

Each week follows a **specific theme of activities** and may include:

1. 🎨 Art-based activities
2. 💻 IT and technology opportunities
3. 🪚 Woodwork
4. 🍳 Cooking
5. 🧘 Beauty and wellness
6. 🗺️ Off-site volunteering and exploring

Sessions are designed to build practical skills, social confidence, and real-world experience.

### 👥 Staffing & Support

- Minimum of **4 experienced staff** each session
- If your child has an **enabler**, they are welcome to attend to provide additional support where required

### 💰 Payment Options

Sessions can be funded through:

- ✓ **Direct Payments**
- ✓ **Spot Purchasing** (if your child is open to the SEND service in Torbay)
- ✓ **Private payment** (cost will vary depending on level of need)

### ✉️ For More Information & Sign-Up

Please contact:

**Alan Tilley**  
✉️ [admin@turningheads.org.uk](mailto:admin@turningheads.org.uk)  
☎️ 07817 777739

Spaces are limited – early enquiry is recommended.



**Cuckooing and County Lines** - Please see attached posters which we have been asked to share with parents and families in relation to the very serious issues around cuckooing and county lines. We hope they are helpful.

**Is someone near you being CUCKOOED?**

Criminal gangs force vulnerable people to let them use their home for drug dealing.

It's called cuckooing, like the behaviour of cuckoo chicks which push other birds eggs out of the nest and take over.

**Tell us about it so we can take action**

- Call us on 101
- Tell us online [dc.police.uk/contact](https://dc.police.uk/contact) or scan the QR code

**Report anonymously**

- Tell Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
- [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

**Devon & Cornwall POLICE**

**COUNTY LINES**

How drugs are brought into your community

The police can disrupt the supply of drugs and safeguard vulnerable people at any of these points.

**Report anything suspicious to the police online**  
[dc.police.uk/countylines](https://dc.police.uk/countylines) or scan the QR code

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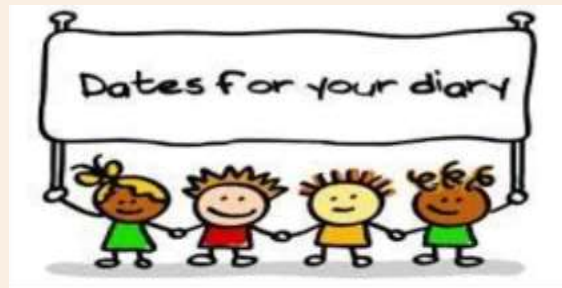
**Devon & Cornwall POLICE**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

I hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend together.

Kindest regards

**Sally Banfield**  
Headteacher



### MARCH 2026

- 3<sup>rd</sup> KS2 Swimming
- 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Swimming
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Science Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> KS2 Swimming
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Swimming
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Residential to Kenya
- 16<sup>th</sup> Immunisations for Years 9, 10 & 11
- 17<sup>th</sup> KS2 Swimming
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Swimming
- 20<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> KS2 Swimming
- 27<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Swimming