



Sally Banfield

Headteacher

25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well as we continue into another exciting and productive term at school. Please see below a list of things to note in your diaries.

Parents Evening – A reminder that Parents Evening is on Tuesday 29th September from 3.30pm. Please do not arrive before 3.25pm to allow for transport buses to be able to leave. The deadline for booking an appointment is Monday 28th September at 11.00am. If you would prefer a telephone call rather than an in-person meeting, please email emails@combepafford.torbay.sch.uk with a selection of preferred times and the Admin Team will assist.

If you would like your child to stay at school for collection before 4.00pm please complete the survey: [Parents Evening - Transport Information – Fill out form](#)

School Photos - It has been confirmed that the photography team will be attending at school on Friday 2nd October to do headshots of our pupils. A letter has been sent out today in relation to this. Please can I remind all parents to ensure their child is wearing full appropriate uniform on this day.

Torbay's new Education Strategy - Torbay's new Education Strategy has now been launched. The strategy has been developed with education leaders and partners across Torbay and sets out a shared commitment to improving outcomes and life chances for children and young people.

Through Torbay Together, schools, settings and partners will work collaboratively on five collective priorities: school readiness, reading, belonging and attendance, high-quality transitions, and pathways into education, employment and training. We are also pleased to have been successful in securing a Department for Education grant to support the appointment of an independent chair, who will help launch and implement the new Torbay Together plan and strengthen the collective focus needed to make a striking impact on these priorities. You can read the strategy and supporting information on the Torbay Council website:

Here is the link - [Torbay Together – Torbay Education Strategy 2026-2030 - Torbay Council](#)

Flu Vaccinations – Flu Vaccinations will take place on Monday 28th September.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. Your partnership is greatly valued and plays an important role in our pupils' success. I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Kindest regards

Mrs J McVeigh

Jenny McVeigh
Acting Headteacher

🌿 **FREE 8-WEEK PARENT SUPPORT COURSE – AUTUMN COHORT NOW OPEN** 🌿

Through our **Parent Support Hub** project, Therapeutic Support Services is pleased to offer a **FREE 8-week course for parents, carers and guardians who want to better understand and support a child experiencing mental health difficulties**. Fully funded by National Lottery Community Fund.

The course is for **parents, carers and guardians of children aged 8+ who are experiencing mental health or emotional difficulties**, including:

- ♥ Anxiety and excessive worry
- ♥ Low mood and depression
- ♥ Self-harm
- ♥ Suicidal thoughts or feelings
- ♥ School anxiety and difficulties attending school
- ♥ Emotional distress and difficulties coping

The course helps parents to develop a greater understanding of **what may be happening underneath their child's difficulties**, alongside practical ways they can support their child's emotional and mental health within the home.

📅 **Our next courses begin in October:**

🏠 **IN PERSON - People's Parkfield in Paignton**

Wednesdays, 11:30am–1:30pm

Starting **7th October**

💻 **ONLINE via Zoom**

Tuesdays, 6:30pm–8:30pm

Starting **6th October**

💎 **The full 8-week course is completely FREE of charge.**

Applications are now open.

👉 **Information & application:**

https://www.therapeuticsupportservices.com/parent_support_hub

🕒 **FREE WEEKLY PARENT SUPPORT DROP-IN**

Alongside the course, we also offer a **free weekly drop-in service** where parents and carers can talk informally with mental health professionals, receive advice and support, and connect with other parents experiencing similar challenges.

📍 People's Parkfield, Paignton

📅 Thursdays during term time

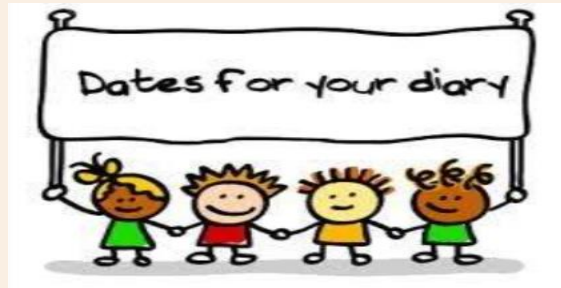
🕒 12:30–2:00pm

♥ No appointment needed and completely free

Torbay Bikers for Kids

Please see below poster in relation to a sponsored walk taking place on 17th October together with a poster in relation to a quiz night held every Monday in October.





SEPTEMBER 2026

- 28th September Flu Vaccinations
- 29th September Parents Evening

OCTOBER 2026

- 2nd October School Photos
- 22nd October Last Day of Term
(Children Return on 2nd November)
- 23rd October INSET DAY