



The Tiverton Tribute

"Learning for Lifelong
Success"



December 2025

Diary Dates

06.01.26 - Students return to school.

22.02.26 - Student Immunisations

05.03.25 - World Book Day.

20.03.25 - Red Nose Day.

Term Dates

Spring Term 1:

Half Term: 16/02/26 -
20/02/26

Spring Term 2:

Easter Holidays: 03/04/26 -
17/04/26

Please note all dates have been updated on our website.t

Student Achievements

Well done to all year 11s for sitting your Mock Exams so successfully. you were each amazing! #schoolfamily

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End of Term Letter from Mrs Smart and Mrs Chatterton



Dear Families,

End of Term Letter and Seasonal Wishes

As we reach the end of this half term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the achievements, progress and wonderful sense of community that continues to grow across our ACE Tiverton family. This time of year can bring challenges: shorter days, colder weather and an increase in illness often make daily routines a bit harder. Despite this, our students have shown remarkable resilience, positivity and a real willingness to engage in their learning.

Staff work hard consistently provide every student with the support they need to thrive. We are delighted to see how this has translated into increased confidence, stronger communication and meaningful engagement across the curriculum. Whether students are new to the school in year 7 or have been with us longer, the friendships and connections they are forming are a joy to witness.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you. Your support, generosity and close working partnership makes a tremendous difference. From attending meetings and celebrations, to the thoughtful donations that help enhance learning experiences, your involvement strengthens our whole school community. We really appreciate everything you do.

We hope you have enjoyed keeping up with our weekly updates on social media and through the school newsletter. If you don't already, please do follow us at @activerton to enjoy regular snapshots of the fantastic learning and events happening each week. As we look ahead to the new year, please note the following dates:

- Monday 5th January: INSET Day – School closed to students
- Tuesday 6th January: Usual school day for all students, lesson one will be in Learning Families

We wish you all a restful and joyful Christmas break. We are looking forward to seeing those who can attend the Christmas Showcase on Thursday 18th December at 12.45 – spaces are limited so please do let the school office know if you would like to attend. Thank you once again for your continued trust, support and partnership. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another term of growth, learning and shared success.

With warmest wishes for a happy Christmas and a wonderful start to 2026.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Hannah Smart
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Julie Chatterton
Head of School



Volunteers
needed



**We are seeking
members for our
Local Governance Committee
from our local community**

The commitment is a 2-hour meeting (in-person or virtual) each half term (every six weeks) and at least one visit during school hours every 12 weeks.



Please contact Sarah Dunn
atss_info@transformingfutures.org.uk
or call 01884 760140
to find out more.

No experience necessary, full training will be provided

#Schoolspotlight



Learning Families

Welcome to Haven

Applegate Stoltman Gadsby



Mrs Wilkins
Stoltman Team



Miss Stephenson
Gadsby Team



Miss Chatterton
Gadsby Team



Miss Morrish
Stoltman Team



Mr Lawson
Stoltman Team



Ms Ambrose
Joining Applegate
soon



Ms Martyn
Joining Applegate
soon



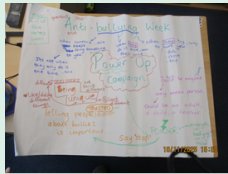
Miss White
Applegate Team

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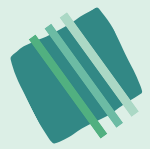
- Applegate have been settling into their new Learning Family this half term. They have had lots of teamwork tasks to help build their social bonds and have worked affectively together. Applegate work in small group rotations and are thriving with their new routines.
- In Maths they have been focusing on Place value and Addition & Subtraction:
- In Food Tech, Applegate have made lots of tasty dishes, including bread, chips and chocolate cake.
- In English, we have looked at 'The Wisp' and 'Saving Sorya' - focusing on sentence stacking and emotive language.
- In PSHE, we have been looking at respect, bullying and body mapping the emotion of anger.



Gadsby

- In English we have been reading a beautiful book called "the Rhythm of the Rain".
- We will start writing our own setting narrative based on one of the illustrations. (see below)





- In maths, we have continued our Direct instruction addition unit and all the girls are doing very well.
- In science, we are learning about the digestive system and have been focusing on teeth and the impact plaque has on them. We have had a couple of experiments around this.
- In art, we have gone back to basics and have focused on line and created portraits based on Paul Klee.



- Amongst the vast range of learning Stoltman class have participated in this half term, they have taken a trip back into the Stuart's era learning about the reign of awful events that took part in England during this period. The Great Fire of London, the horrendous living conditions and multiple fall outs over leadership and control.
- We debated whether Guy Fawkes' plot to blow up Parliament was really so awful - was he a villain or defending the freedom of personal religious choice? Whilst learning about the Plague we made Plague doctor masks using a host of creativity and skill.
- We continued our 3D creativity within Art where we researched the sculptor, Alberto Giacometti. Using his style, Stoltman created their own clay and wire sculptures which almost appear to be made from bronze just like his.

Children in Need



Thank you!

Thank you for all your amazing support!

We raised

£197.00 for this brilliant cause.





Donations and Wish List

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 left the School Shop open on Arbor for anyone that would like to donate any amount to our school.

We have also set up an Amazon Wish List. Which we will update each half term with items that we are in need of. Here is the link for this:

<https://amzn.eu/bRyJpPL>

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





Important Information

Please note that the school office team are 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.
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Have you seen our website?

www.atss.transformingfutures.org.uk

It's packed full of useful information including Term Dates, safeguarding and curriculum information, useful links and much, much more.

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Term Dates 2025-2026

Term Number	Common Name	Start Date	Finish Date
Term 1	Autumn 1	Thursday 4th September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025
October Half Term		Monday 27th October 2025	Friday 31st October 2025
Term 2	Autumn 2	Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025
Christmas Holidays		Monday 22nd December 2025	Friday 2nd January 2026
Term 3	Spring 1	Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
February Half Term		Monday 16th February 2026	Friday 20th February 2026
Term 4	Spring 2	Monday 23rd February 2026	Thursday 2nd April 2026
Easter Holidays		Tuesday 7 th April 2026	Friday 17th April 2026
Term 5	Summer 1	Monday 20 th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026
May Half Term		Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 29th May 2026
Term 6	Summer 2	Monday 1 st June 2026	Tuesday 21st July 2026
Summer Holiday		Monday 27 th July 2026	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
INSET Days	Occasional Day - Thursday 23rd July 2026 Occasional Day - Friday 24th July 2026 INSET 1 Tuesday 3rd September 2025 – Staff Onsite INSET 2 Wednesday 4th September 2025 – Staff Onsite INSET 3 Monday 3rd November 2025 - Disaggregated INSET 4 Monday 5th January 2026 – Staff Onsite INSET 5 Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – No Staff Onsite		
Bank Holidays	Christmas Day BH – Wednesday 25th December 2025 Boxing Day BH – Thursday 26th December 2025 New Year BH – Thursday 1st January 2026 Good Friday BH – Friday 3rd April 2026 Easter Monday BH – Monday 6th April 2026 May Day BH – Monday 4th May 2026 Late May BH – Monday 25th May 2026		

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.devorscp.org.uk/

Public Health Nursing Hubs

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

Early Help

Northern Devon: Earlyhelpnorrt@secure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk
Southern Devon: Earlyhelpsou@secure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk
Mid & East Devon: Earlyhelpmid@secure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk
Exeter: Earlyhelpex@secure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk



Devon Independent Advisory Service
DIAS@devon.gov.uk

School attendance matters



Attendance advice and guidance for parents and carers

For further information about the Attendance Improvement Team and Devon Children's Services please see our website: www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/

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 wellbeing 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	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	13.5	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 positive 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.

Our Safeguarding Team

ACE TIVERTON
SCHOOL

OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

WORRIED? 😟 CONCERNED? 🧠 GOT QUESTIONS? ❓
WANT TO TALK? 🗣️ NEED INFORMATION? ⓘ

YOU CAN TALK TO ANY MEMBER OF STAFF OR CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

Your family and friends are good places to get support but if you think there is an immediate risk of harm, please do not keep it to yourself.
Talk to any adult in our school family – we will help you. If you do not how to start, just use the word “TREE” and we will know you are worried.
If you want to get confidential or anonymous (no one asks your name) help, these organisations can help.

Marie Fildes
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sharna Canning
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Joseph Ward
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Michelle Orchard
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sarah Dunn
Safeguarding Team

Rebecca Sargent
Safeguarding Team

Amy Chatterton
Safeguarding Team

Shyn Davis
Safeguarding Team

Jessica Stophmann
Safeguarding Team

YOUNG MINDS
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Young Minds is online, social media and free texts: send YM to 85258 and you will be contacted by text.

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Childline can be contacted via a free phone number: 08001111. There is also a website childline.org.uk.

shout
85258

Young Minds is online, social media and free texts: send YM to 85258 and you will be contacted by text.

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Call us any time, day or night
Whatever you're going through, you can call us any time, from any phone for FREE
Call 116 123

mash
safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

 Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0345 155 1071

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 Christmas Break



**We wish you a restful, relaxing
and Happy Christmas and New
Year.**

**We look forward to seeing you
back on Tuesday 6th January
2026.**

**with lots of love from your
#SchoolFamily**



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