

Family Newsletter



20th March 2026

NOTABLE DATES

w/c Monday 23 March - Emily Fairweather, independent photographer, visiting the Hollow Lane site

Monday 23 March - Tempest visiting Hollow Lane

Monday 23 March - KS3 families invited into College for an Easter activities afternoon from 2 pm - 3 pm

Tuesday 24 March - Tempest visiting Wayside Crescent

Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 March - Calvert Trust residential for Year 11's

Friday 27 March - Easter Raffle Draw at 12 noon

Saturday 28 March - PTFA Disco for ALL school and college students, taking place at Hollow Lane, 4 pm - 6 pm

Wednesday 1 April - School families invited into Hollow Lane for an Easter activities afternoon in class, from 1.45 pm - 2.30 pm

Thursday 2 April - Distribution of Easter Eggs / toys to all pupils at the school and college (courtesy of the PTFA)

Thursday 2 April - Last day of term

Tuesday 21 April - Students return to school

Friday 1 May - PTFA meeting at Wayside Crescent, starting 10 am. All parents & carers invited

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday Monday - school and college closed

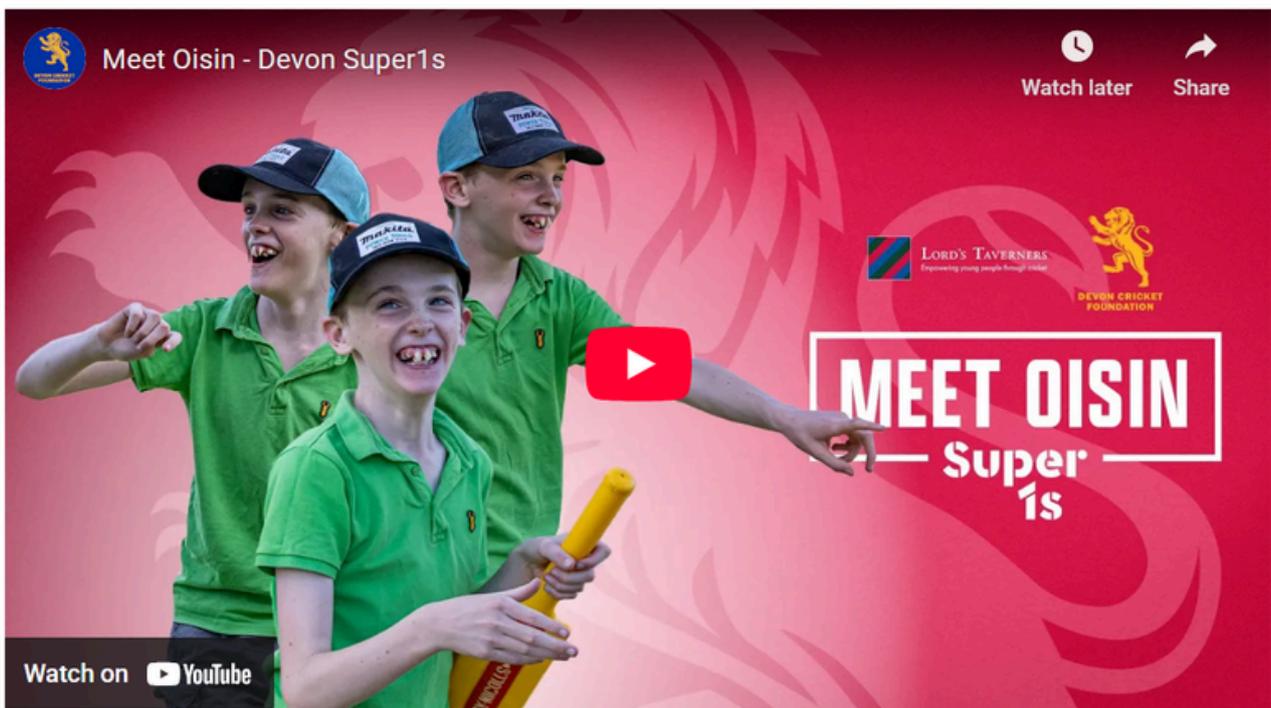
Tuesday 5 May & Wednesday 6 May - Parents' Evenings (some classes may hold their appointments on alternative days this week, but letters will be sent nearer the time with information)



Emily Fairweather - Emily is an independent photographer, and will be visiting Hollow Lane next week to photograph the pupils. Emily's style is informal - she prefers to take photos of children outside, whilst they are playing. Once Emily has taken the photos and processed these, we will send home an individual link for you to view the shots she has taken of your child. If you would like to purchase any photographs, this will be handled directly with Emily. Last year, Emily visited our Early Years classes and the photos she took were really lovely, so we're excited to see the results from this photoshoot!

Emily will be working at the school next week and will move on to the college after this.

Tempest - We also have Tempest Photography visiting the school and college next week (Monday at school and Tuesday at college). Tempest offer a different style of photos, with a studio set-up. Photo packs will come home with your child / young person following their sessions next week.



Devon Super1s Cricket - We are proud of Oisin who has enjoyed his cricket training with Devon Cricket Foundation. Devon Community Cricket staff visit the school and college each summer to deliver cricket training to our students. We hope to see them again this summer! If your child / young person is inspired by Oisin and you'd like to know more about Devon Super1s in Exeter, [click here](#).

ELLEN TINKHAM PTFA

DISCO

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TICKET SALES CLOSING SOON!

with **DJ Pedro**

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026

4-6 PM

@ HOLLOW LANE EX1 3RW

BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY
ALONG

EVERYONE FROM
SCHOOL AND
COLLEGE INVITED

TICKETS =
£4 PER PERSON
INCL HOT DOG

PURCHASE IN
ADVANCE FROM
SCHOOL GATEWAY

SWEETS, TREATS
AND DRINKS
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE
ON THE DAY

Easter Raffle - Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

And any sweet treat donations for our hamper would be appreciated, so we can create some lovely prizes! **Thank you.**

The draw will take place at noon on Friday 27 March, and you could be one of our lucky, lucky winners!



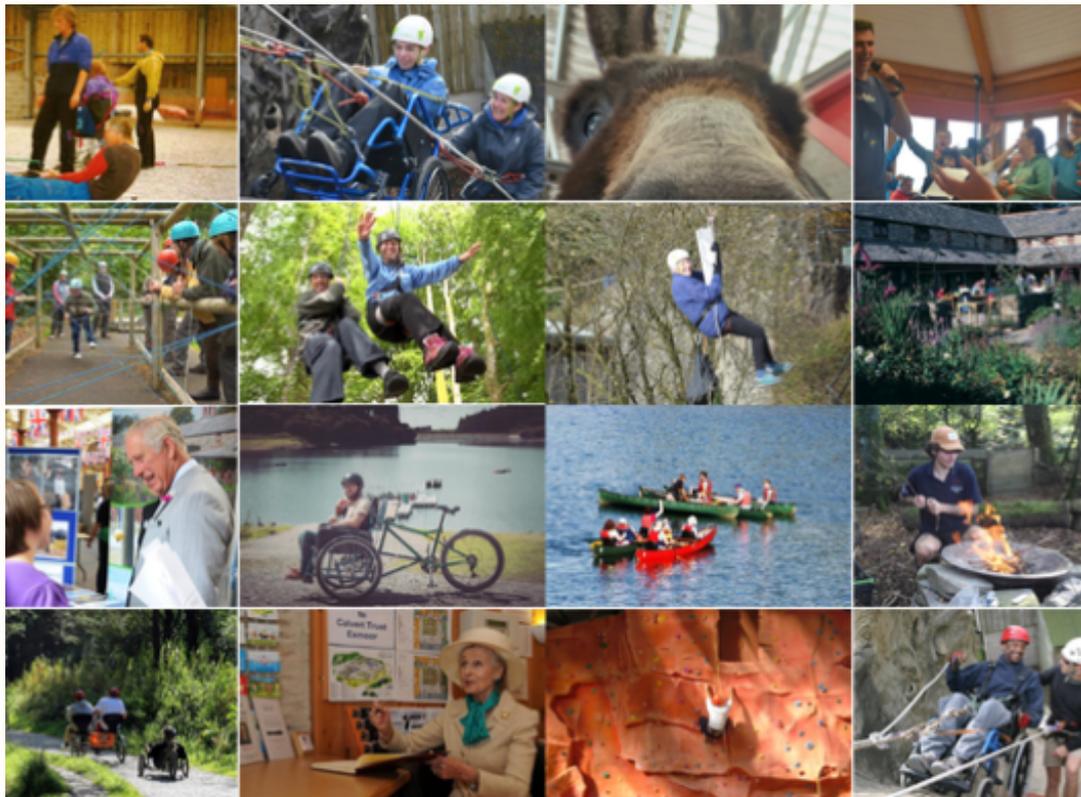
HAPPY EASTER

We are looking for non perishable / unopened items for our raffle eg Easter Eggs, chocolates, biscuits, Florentines, cakes and sweets!

PLEASE BRING/SEND DONATIONS TO US BY WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

THANK YOU! RAFFLE DRAW = FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

The poster features a pink background with a white rabbit peeking from the right, a basket of colorful Easter eggs, and several hanging Easter eggs. The text is in white and yellow, with a 'THANK YOU!' graphic in yellow.



Happy Adventures

to all our Year 11 students going to Calvert Devon next week for the residential. Have fun!

FREE EASTER HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEND CHILDREN

Dartmoor Activity Centre - Haytor Saturday 4th April – Easter Saturday

This is a family day split in to two sessions to keep the numbers spread across the day.

[SEND Family Fun Day - Haytor Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Activities include Bushcraft fire lighting, Shelter Building, Tyrolean Traverse, Archery.

Dartmoor Outdoor Learning Team – Basecamp days spread across the Easter Holidays at Pixies Holt

These are drop off and pickup days – key requirement being the child is okay in small groups (4 or 5 children to 1 instructor) (Children are welcome to attend 2 days across the holidays) and need to be mobile.

[SEND Basecamp Taster Day with Dartmoor Outdoor learning team - Age 11 -17 Tickets, Tuesday, Apr 7 from 10 am to 3:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

[SEND Basecamp Taster Day with Dartmoor Outdoor learning team - Age 8 -13 Tickets, Wednesday, Apr 8 from 10 am to 3:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

[SEND Basecamp Taster Day with Dartmoor Outdoor learning team - Age 8 -17 Tickets, Thursday, Apr 9 from 10 am to 3:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

[SEND Basecamp Taster Day with Dartmoor Outdoor learning team - Age 8 -13 Tickets, Friday, Apr 10 from 10 am to 3:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

[SEND Basecamp Taster Day with Dartmoor Outdoor learning team - Age 8 -13 Tickets, Monday, Apr 13 from 10 am to 3:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

[SEND Basecamp Taster Day with Dartmoor Outdoor learning team - Age 11 -17 Tickets, Tuesday, Apr 14 from 10 am to 3:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Calvert Trust Weekend Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April

These are family days and spread over 4 sessions to keep the numbers spread across the weekend

[SEND Family Fun Day Exmoor Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Families are able to book either morning or afternoon session or book both sessions on either the Saturday or Sunday.

These sessions are very accessible for a range of needs.

Activities include:

- Archery
- Bikes
- Rafting
- Camp Craft
- Climbing

Any queries, please contact Paul Holmes paul.holmes@devon.gov.uk



PRO SHAW'S COACHING

DISABILITY FOOTBALL

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 15

**INCLUSIVE
FOOTBALL**

TUESDAYS 5PM - 6PM • MUGGA PITCH BY DYRONS
LEISURE CENTRE, NEWTON ABBOT BASED

WHO ARE THESE SESSIONS FOR?

- ✓ Children with additional needs
- ✓ Physical disabilities
- ✓ Learning disabilities
- ✓ Neurodiverse children (ADHD, Autism, etc)
- ✓ Boys & girls of all abilities welcome

WHAT CHILDREN WILL DO:

- ✓ Fun, inclusive football games
- ✓ Develop ball skills & coordination
- ✓ Build confidence, friendship & social skills
- ✓ Supportive & understanding coaching

BOOK OR ENQUIRE:

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*Football should be for EVERY child.
Disability or not, we're here to help
children build confidence
through fun, supportive coaching.*



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

AGE RESTRICTION
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Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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