



**Braunton
Academy**

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Braunton Academy Newsletter:

3rd July 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you have had a lovely week, it has been extremely busy at school starting Friday last week with Sports Day, thank you to all the families that attended and cheered on the students. It was a standout day with the most amazing High Jump final in the school's history. Dylan and Danny both smashed the previous school record of 1.7 metres, with Dylan finally taking the title and the new school record of 1.8 metres in a tense match watched by all the students in the school.



Key Dates for July:

Friday 3rd July-
House Competition
Rocket Launch

Tuesday 7th July-
Friday 10th July:
Barcelona Trip

W/C Monday 13th
July: PE House
Competitions all
week

Tuesday 14th July:
Summer Concert

Tuesday 21st July:
Half Day Closing-
END OF TERM

In the evening we got dressed up and danced the evening away with the class of 2026 at their Prom. The students looked amazing and as usual they arrived in style with a mixture of sports cars, motorbikes, army vehicles and tractors!



Having said goodbye to the class of 2026, this week we have welcomed the Class of 3031 into school for their formal induction. We kicked this off at the start of the week with the information evening and then two fabulous days in school. It was wonderful to see the students settle so quickly, make new friends and start to become familiar with some of the staff and buildings. The two days finished with the student's formal assembly where we officially inducted them into the school and have now loaned them back to their primary schools for the last couple of weeks. I would like to thank all the Year 7 transition leaders that have been supporting the students throughout this week, also Marnie and Harry that had their first official duties speaking to Year 6 parents and students at the start of the week.

As Year 6 became fully focused on their move up to secondary school, Year 10 started the serious business of considering their post 16 options, with visits to North Devon College and Exeter College taking place this week. From this point onwards there will be a series of college open days for parents and students before applications are made in the Autumn term. Year 10 parents please keep an eye on the year group announcements on the newsletter as we will keep you updated as and when the dates are released.

Finally, a big well done to year 8 and 7 who have been completing their end of year exams this week. The final papers are being marked over the weekend with the end of term progress reports for all year groups being sent to you on 16th July.

Have a lovely weekend, and those planning for an interrupted sleep on Sunday night please ensure you have factored in enough sleep either side for your child to be fresh and ready for school at the usual time of 8:45am on Monday.

Best wishes,



**Mrs F Bowler,
Principal**



Whole School Messages

Medication in School

We are noticing an increase in children coming to first aid requesting pain relief. Whilst we do have school spares, we are asking if parents/carers can provide their own for their child, especially if they require a specific type e.g. liquid or dissolvable tablets. Please bring the medication to Reception, where you will be asked to complete a short form for non-prescribed medication. Once this is done, the medication will be stored safely in First Aid and can be given to your child if they need it during the school day

As we move into the busy summer period, we would like to gently remind parents/carers and students to stay extra vigilant around vehicles. Please take a moment to reinforce with your child the importance of not approaching or getting into any car or vehicle driven by someone they do not know, even if the person appears friendly or familiar. A quick conversation at home can help keep this message fresh and ensure everyone stays safe.

Summer HAF

Bookings are now open for the Devon Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme this summer. With over 170 locations across Devon, children and young people can enjoy a wide range of fun, safe and engaging activities, including sports, creative arts, outdoor pursuits and more.

The programme offers inclusive provision, with support for SEND pupils, and many clubs provide extended hours to support working families. Subsidised and paid places are also available.

To find out more and secure a place, visit: <https://eequ.org/devonhaf> or scan the QR code on the poster.

Future Year 7 Parents

https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/news-and-events/supporting-a-successful-secondary-school-transition-year-6-parents-and-carers/?fbclid=IwVERDUASgXjtleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbZcnRjBmFwcF9pZAwzNTA2ODU1MzE3MjgAAR57ERRX0JkYdqMHm7E7ExyYgkIKQsIFipCHrN_M27Q8yIR-72jN5OO9Bg0yFQ_aem_anQaHM74tbCpCB-OwCcqZA



Summer HAF

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

With more than 170 locations across Devon, exciting Holiday Clubs will be offering fun, safe and engaging activities for children and young people!

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- ✔ A wide-ranging programme spanning sports, outdoor pursuits, creative arts, life skills and much more.
- ✔ SEND-inclusive universal support and Specialist provision.
- ✔ Reclaim the Parks outreach days.

Many clubs offer extended hours for working parents and paid places for friends who are not eligible for HAF provision.

Sign up now at
<https://eequ.org/devonhaf> or
scan the QR code below






Saunton Surf Club – After School Sessions

Saunton Surf Club is offering exciting weekly surf sessions for young people aged 8–16. Taking place every Thursday from 4–6pm during term time, these sessions are open to all abilities and provide a fun, safe and supportive introduction to surfing. Led by experienced and qualified coaches, participants will learn ocean safety, surf skills and etiquette, all within small group sizes. All equipment is provided.

For more information or to book a place, please contact Walking on Waves directly.



SURFING ENGLAND



WALKING ON WAVES

SAUNTON SURF CLUB



- ✔ Ages 8-16
- ✔ £16 Per Session
- ✔ All Abilities Welcome
- ✔ During School Terms
- ✔ 4-6pm Every Thursday

What to Expect

- ✔ Ocean Safety
- ✔ Fun & Inclusive For All
- ✔ Experienced & Qualified Coaches
- ✔ Surf Etiquette
- ✔ 6:1 Max Group Ratio
- ✔ Equipment Included

CONTACT US

07578 595140
contact@walking-on-waves.com





ParentMail Issues

We are aware that many of you have experienced issues while trying to use ParentMail over the past week or two. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience this has caused.

Our team has been working diligently to resolve these problems in close liaison with other providers whose products are linked to ParentMail. We are committed to ensuring that the service runs smoothly and reliably for all families.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to address these matters.

Join Our PTFA

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We are setting up a new PTFA. This will help us raise money to go towards school rewards, play equipment, computers... the list goes on!

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

If you would like to join or register you interest please contact Mrs E Woodhead at:
ewoodhead@braunton.academy



North Devon Forum for Autism Spectrum conditions and ADHD



info@ndfautism.co.uk
facebook.com/groups/ndfarb
@northdevonforum

North Devon Forum for ASC and ADHD Announces Revitalisation and Expanded Support Across the Region

The North Devon Forum for Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC) and ADHD — a long-standing community charity supporting families and carers since 1992 — has announced a renewed period of growth and development following the recruitment of new Trustees.

Originally established over 30 years ago and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2017, the Forum has played a vital role in supporting autistic people, individuals with ADHD, and their families across North Devon. Its core objectives include:

- Providing informal support for autistic people, those with ADHD, and their parents, carers, and close family members.
- Organising social events and activities that enable individuals to access everyday experiences that might otherwise be difficult or inaccessible.
- Maintaining strong links with professionals, ensuring families receive up to date, reliable information.
- Offering signposting and networking opportunities to connect families with relevant organisations and services.

Regular Activities Supporting Families Across North Devon

The Forum continues to deliver a growing programme of inclusive activities designed to reduce isolation and create safe, welcoming spaces for autistic people and their families. Current provision includes:

- **Regular coffee mornings in Barnstaple**, featuring guest speakers and access to a specialised lending library of autism related resources.
- **Free monthly swimming sessions in Northam**, enjoyed by families throughout the year in a calm, supportive environment.



- **Day trips to local attractions**, including Exmoor Zoo and The Big Sheep, providing opportunities for social connection and sensory considerate outings.

Call to Action

The Forum welcomes contact from families seeking support, professionals wishing to collaborate, and potential funders or trustees who would like to help shape the next chapter of this essential local charity.

Media Contact

Name: Elaine Gannon

Role: Trustee

Email: elaine.gannon@ndfautism.co.uk

Phone: 07830 213265 (not monitored 24/7)

Let's Talk

The funded Let's Talk Project which "aims to empower parents and carers by raising awareness of risks facing young people, including pornography, drugs and alcohol, exploitation, and unhealthy relationships. The programme provides practical guidance to help families start difficult conversations and support their children. The Project delivers through multiple methods, consisting of live online sessions for parents, carers and professionals as well as bitesize tool kits and videos. The Project organisers also have plans for a dedicated Let's Talk 'Dads campaign' [Click here for further information](#)

Action for early years settings, schools and local authorities: Summer savings for families

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer. The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#). If helpful, please share this with parents, carers and families through your usual channels.

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#)



CHARITY EVENT: Brave the Shave / Macmillan Cancer Support

Hello!

I'm Miss Ronckier, and I will be doing a Brave the Shave challenge on the 17th of July on Tweedies, after school, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. I'll make my way over for 3.30pm and one of our leaving Y11's will be cutting my hair. I've already had suggestions for options aside from the obvious buzzcut so I'm still unsure what we will settle on!

I'm doing this in homage to H  l  ne, a girl who was at my primary school when I first joined it at around 8 years old, and who unfortunately passed away within a few months of my meeting her. I couldn't help her then and the memory stuck with me.

Fast forward a couple decades and I found out about Macmillan Cancer Support's Brave the Shave, as well as the Little Princess Trust, and that was just perfect to try and help other children and grownups facing their own battle with cancer. So, I "braved the shave" in 2018, with amazing support from the Braunton community.

Now my hair is long enough to have another go. Considering how much of it is turning grey, this might be the last donation I can make to the Little Princess Trust though.

I am signed up as Steph Ronckier, so if anyone wants to donate you can go to the Macmillan Brave The Shave website, "Donate to Shavers", and type "Steph Ronckier" to find me.

Here's the direct link if it's easier:

[Profile | Brave The Shave | Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

Looking forward to a cooler head and thank you in advance for your support,
Miss Ronckier



Clubs and Activities

All clubs and activities are now on the website.

<https://www.braunton.academy/key-information/whole-school-messages>

Climbing Club

<https://radventuresoutdoors.setmore.com/classes/4adbf691-9b54-437b-88f1-02584a9a5f71>

Booking Link
Radventuresoutdoors.setmore.com

Braunton Academy
CLIMBING CLUB

Maximum of 10 per group | PRE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

June & July 2026

Tuesday 3:15-4pm or 4:05-4:50pm
June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July 7th

Wednesday 3:15-4pm or 4:05-4:50pm
June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st, 8th

Don't forget to check the website for £30 per various indoor & outdoor climbing half term dates over the Summer Holidays

WWW.RADVENTURESOUTDOORS.CO.UK
INFO@RADVENTURESOUTDOORS.CO.UK

Girls play cricket too!

FUN FRIENDLY FITNESS

Girls Only Cricket Sessions

Every Tuesday 16:45-18:00

5th May – 21st July 2026

School Years 4-10

Costs... COMPLETELY FREE

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

For more information, please contact:
Martin Brice
brice100269@gmail.com
07597 543104

BRAUNTON 1880 CRICKET CLUB



Year 11 News

Your voice

Your future

Your community

Are you 16-24 years old?

Do you live in North Devon or Torridge?

Do you want to earn up to £375?

Kailo is a research and design programme that has spent 4 years listening to, and working with, young people to understand what needs to change to better support young people into employment.

We are looking for 10 young people (aged 16-24) to join us for the next stage- no experience needed!

What will you do?

- **Work with a group of 16-24 year olds** to share what actually matters to young people
- **Design workshops and events** that you will help deliver to organisations.
- **Be in the room with organisations** and tell them, what needs to change.

What's in it for you?

- **Paid £13.45/hr** (Real Living Wage) + travel and food.
- **Build skills and experience for your CV** in facilitation, design, public speaking
- **Work with a supportive, team** who will help you share your expertise.
- **Influence organisations** making decisions about your future.

What's the commitment?

Around 12 two hours sessions from July/August- October, held in Northern Devon.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

Message Katie saying you're interested by email: Katie.potter@dartington.org.uk or WhatsApp on 07879590585

Deadline: Monday 13th July, 5pm

Kailo

Year 10 News

Vaccination Final Reminder

Final reminder that the school age immunisation team will be visiting Branton Academy on the 9th July 2026 to see anyone who previously missed for their vaccination. This will be the last opportunity for your child to have any of these vaccines in school, this academic year. If you previously missed the deadline to consent to your Year 8 child having the HPV vaccine or your Year 9 child having the DTP & Men ACWY vaccine, you can now access the links again or call 01392 342678 where we will complete a consent over the



phone. If you have already completed a consent form earlier this year or in a previous year you do not need to complete the form again. If you are unsure, please check your emails for a confirmation email or call us to check. Please note: The HPV vaccine is one dose first offered those in years 8, and the DTP & MenACWY vaccine is first offered to those in years 9

School Code: DV138041

HPV Consent - www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV.aspx

DTP & MenACWY Consent

- www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP.aspx

The link will close at 9am on the 8th July. If you have a child in Year 9, 10 or 11 and you think they have missed any of these vaccinations, please call us so we can check and advise.

Year 9 News

Vaccination Final Reminder

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Year 8 News

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Year 7 News

No News This Week.

Catering

This is a polite reminder that we are a **nut free school**. Please ensure your child does not bring nuts or food containing nuts as part of their lunch. Many thanks.

WEEK B MENU

	Monday –	Tuesday –	Wednesday –	Thursday –	Friday –
Main Meal  	Devon Pork sausages served with mashed potatoes, peas & gravy	Cottage pie served with savoy cabbage, carrots & gravy	Roast Chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding seasonal veg & gravy	Chicken Fajita wraps served with potato wedges & coleslaw	Breaded white fish served with hash brown bites, peas & tartar sauce
Veggie	Quorn sausages served with mashed potatoes, peas & gravy	Cauliflower & broccoli bake Served with savoy cabbage & gravy	Veggie cottage pie served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding veg & gravy	Halloumi & roasted pepper wraps served with potato wedges & coleslaw	Homemade veggie quiche served with hash brown bites & mixed leaf salad
Desserts  	Traybakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Traybakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Traybakes Fresh fruit fruit pots	Traybakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots	Traybakes Fresh fruit Fruit pots
Grab & go Break & Dinner	Pasta Bolognese Veggie Bolognese	Cheesy pasta <u>bake</u> with garlic bread	Pasta Bolognese Veggie Bolognese	Chilli rice & nachos Veggie chilli & rice	Chorizo pasta <u>bake</u> with garlic bread
Grab & go Break	Hot BLT wrap with hash brown Veggie option	Spicy wedges topped with cheese & bacon	Hoisin duck wrap Veggie option	Breakfast wrap Veggie option	Meat ball sub roll Veggie option
Deli Bar	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  	Freshly made Rolls Wraps Pasta pots /salad  