

Diary

2026/27 Term dates

Autumn Term

7th Sept - 18th Dec

Half Term

22nd Oct – 30th Oct

Spring Term

5th Jan - 25th March

Half Term

15th Feb - 19th Feb

Summer Term

14th Apr - 23rd July

Half Term

31st May - 4th June

Term time bank holiday

May 3rd

Immunisations



Did you know that we offer immunisations in school and will be holding a 'mop-up' immunisation session in school on **Wednesday 23rd July** for HPV, Diphtheria, Meningitis / Sepsis vaccines.

Message from our Head

What a term! This year has been truly ground breaking for us here at Barnstaple On Track. We have had more entries and successes in accredited qualifications and outcomes than ever before including BTEC entries in Art, Music, Cooking, Vocational Studies, and PE to name just a few.

With exams now complete, we would like to congratulate all of our pupils for their hard work and resilience. We also want to thank our staff for their tireless commitment in supporting exams, leavers' events, transitions, access arrangements and adjustments — you have all made a real difference!

We are delighted to have rolled out new OT equipment across all sites, enhancing our therapeutic provision and creating even stronger learning environments. As the term draws to a close, we are also busy finalising destinations and transition plans, helping students prepare confidently for the exciting opportunities ahead as they take their next steps towards adulthood.

We are incredibly proud of our school leavers who are beginning new challenges and preparing for their next chapters. At the same time, we are delighted to be welcoming new pupils and new faces through our transition sessions, even while navigating the very warm weather of the season!

We are looking forward to the Autumn term when we will continue supporting the government changes around phone use and access for pupils in school, supporting Year 11 transition reviews and helping students settle into their sites. With refreshed site focuses and new pupils joining across all key stages, we are excited for the year ahead. Our pupils will continue to benefit from support from a range of professionals, including Educational Psychology, Speech and Language Therapy, and Occupational Therapy

"Inclusion isn't just something we do – it's the foundation of everything we do."

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Wishing everyone a safe and restful Summer break.

Kindest,

Maria Roberts



Please note that after the Summer Break, there will be INSET days and pupils will return to school on Monday 7th September 2026.

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Parents' Afternoon

As another incredible school year wraps up, a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parents and guardians. Your unwavering support means the world to us, and it was fantastic seeing so many of you at Parents' Afternoon.

Picnics and Games

National Picnic Day brought students together to share food, laughter, and games. Though held indoors due to warm weather, "Boards 'n' Boards Day" successfully fostered community, connection, and great social memories.



Meet the Team

Sally Rana - SMSC lead



I've been a teacher at On Track for just over four years and have taught a wide range of subjects.

I am the lead for Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development. I like working at On Track because I have the freedom to respond to what students need - I can create learning based on things they enjoy..



at On Track

This term, our focus has been on empathy and understanding how others feel.

Exploring the history of D-Day allowed us to consider the complex emotions experienced by soldiers, prompting meaningful and thoughtful discussions.

We also explored the foundation of friendships, identifying the qualities that make a good friend. Alongside these conversations, crafting sessions and board games provided fun opportunities to build vital social skills. These activities also allowed us to celebrate World Ocean Day and learn about protecting our oceans.

Wearing green for mental health

During Mental Health Awareness Week (11-17 May 2026), our community supported 'Wear It Green Day' to promote well being. We connected over a special breakfast while staff undertook mental health training. This event successfully highlighted the importance of discussing mental health, creating greater awareness of the need to share problems and embrace vulnerability.



Record breaking WJEC success

As the school year ends, we are delighted to celebrate our students' exceptional hard work in completing their WJEC Entry Pathways qualifications. These courses provide fantastic opportunities to develop valuable life skills, build confidence, and gain recognised accreditation.

Through incredible dedication and perseverance, our learners have achieved a remarkable milestone this year: over 80 qualifications across Entry Levels 1, 2, & 3!



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Boxercise

Some of our students took part in Encompass Southwest's 'Power & Pause' boxercise and mindfulness programme. Combining non-contact boxing with grounding activities, this high-energy session helped the girls build confidence, express themselves, and develop social skills during a fun afternoon.



Charitable trim

A special mention must go to Junior Hommell for his amazing charity work this term. He made the brave decision to chop off his long hair, donating his ponytail to a cancer charity to help others in need.

His thoughtful and caring nature has shone brightly through this selfless gesture, and we are all incredibly proud of him.



Occupational Therapist provision

This exciting new space, complete with specialist equipment, will provide more opportunities for our pupils to develop key skills, build confidence, and reach their full potential in a supportive environment.

We are also pleased to announce that sensory circuit equipment will now be available across every site, ensuring all pupils can benefit from activities that support regulation, focus, well being, and a readiness to learn.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this addition possible. We look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our school community.



Beach clean - community action

Students took part in a beach workshop with the 'Croyde rangers'. We learned about how plastics degrade and how microplastics are formed. They really do a lot of damage they can do to our environment.

We were able to help to clean the beach, clearing litter and sieving the sand. Students also grew vegetables, and created recycled ocean art.



Exam Results

Throughout May and June, sixteen Year 11 and sixth-form students showed incredible maturity and resilience sitting their GCSEs and BTEC exams.

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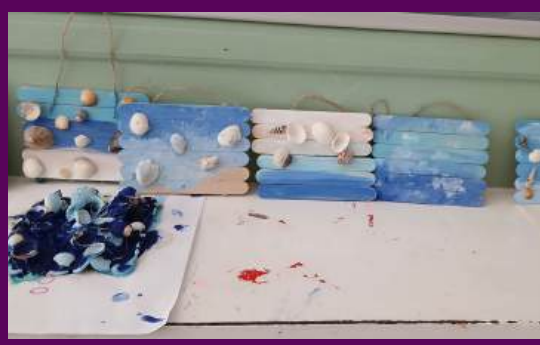
We are also celebrating fantastic Functional Skills success this year with students earning certificates across Entry Levels 1-3 and Level 1 in Maths (25 certificates), English (12 certificates), and Digital Skills (1 certificate).



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Events and activities this term



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