

WELCOME!

As we reach the penultimate week of term, Paignton Academy is filled with festive spirit, creativity and outstanding student achievement.

Our Christmas Card Competition drew over 100 excellent entries — congratulations to Lottie, Jessica and Leonora for taking the top three places — their designs will feature on this year's official Academy Christmas card. Festivities continued at Waterleat Road last week, where students enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner prepared by our fantastic Catering Team and the Impact Food Group. It was Borough Road's turn this week with photos to follow in the final edition of our newsletter next Friday.

We're excited to launch our Golden Ticket Giveaway, adding extra sparkle to the season. Please remind students to keep their tickets safe for the final draw.

In sport, Paignton Academy continues to shine. We proudly hosted the South Devon Badminton Tournament, where the KS4 boys placed 2nd and KS3 boys 3rd, with brilliant efforts from our girls' teams too. Our Year 7 Rugby Squad also impressed at the South Devon Championships, finishing 3rd out of 14 teams after a series of determined performances.

Over the last three weeks, more than 600 primary pupils attended our Sports Hall Athletics Festivals. Thank you to our Sports Leaders for making these events such a success.

As always, I am incredibly proud of our students and grateful for the dedication of our staff and the support of our families.

Mr Williams

Christmas Card 2025 Competition

This year, our talented Art & Design students at Paignton Academy were invited to design the official school Christmas Card for 2025.

From Art Club sessions to hours of dedication at home, we received over 100 incredible entries across both sites! Every student earned house points for their efforts, and the judges had an extremely tough time choosing the winners because the standard was simply superb.

A huge well done to everyone who entered — your imagination and artistry made this competition truly special.

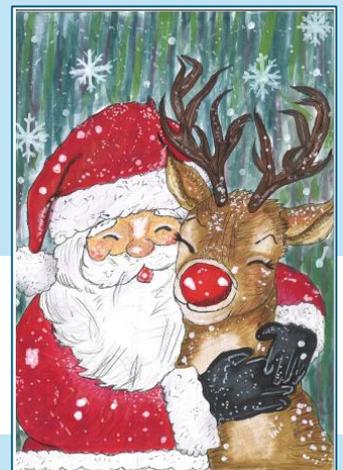
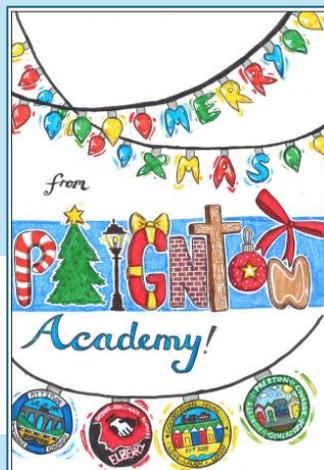
Our Fantastic Top 3 for 2025!

1st Place – Lottie (Year 7)

2nd Place – Jessica (Year 9)

3rd Place – Leonora (Year 8)

We can't wait to share the winning designs on this year's Academy Christmas card — a festive celebration of student creativity!



Christmas Dinner 2025 at Waterleat Road!

Last week, we celebrated in true festive style by enjoying our annual Christmas dinner provided by Impact Food Group!

It was wonderful to see so many students gathered in the canteen, savouring a delicious meal and embracing the holiday spirit.

A huge thank you to our amazing Catering Team and Impact Food Group for their hard work and dedication in making this event so special for everyone.

Photo Booth Fun!

A full gallery of the photo booth images has been uploaded to our website. Students can relive the memories and see their photos with friends!

Here is the link [Paignton Academy | Thinking Schools Academy Trust](#)



Golden Ticket Giveaway!

This Christmas, we're spreading extra cheer with our Golden Ticket Prizes! These prizes will be awarded during the Final House Assemblies.

Students who receive Golden Tickets will earn an entry into the raffle—so please remind your children to keep their tickets safe and bring them to the final draw of the term!

Let's make this festive season one to remember!

Believe & Achieve



Congratulations!
You've received a Golden Ticket

Paignton Academy Shines at South Devon Badminton Tournament!

What an incredible day of sporting spirit and teamwork! Paignton Academy proudly hosted the South Devon Badminton Tournament, welcoming talented teams from Ivybridge, Tavistock, Okehampton, Totnes, and Torquay.

Our Highlights:

KS4 Boys – Dominated the court and secured an amazing 2nd place overall!

KS3 Boys – Fought hard in a tough field, finishing 3rd overall!

Girls' Teams (KS3 & KS4) – Showed skill and resilience, winning games and making us proud!

Next Stop: County Finals on 13th February for our boys' teams!

Huge thanks to all visiting schools for making this event unforgettable.

Paignton Academy continues to champion sporting excellence and teamwork! Check out the shots below!



Over 600 Primary Pupils Take Part in Sports Hall Athletics Festivals at Paignton Academy!

Over the past three weeks, Paignton Academy has proudly welcomed more than 600 primary school children to a series of exciting Sports Hall Athletics Festivals.

The young athletes showcased their skills across up to eight different events, each designed to test speed, strength, and coordination while encouraging them to strive for their personal bests.

Events included:

- Sprints
- Long Jump
- Vortex Javelin
- Chest Push
- Speed Bounce
- Obstacle Relays
- 5 Step Challenge
- Target Throw
- For older pupils: High Jump



The festivals saw outstanding performances, with pupils relishing the challenge of improving their times, distances, and scores.

A huge thank you to Paignton Academy's Sports Leaders, who expertly ran and officiated every event. Their professionalism and enthusiasm ensured a smooth, supportive, and fun experience for all participants.

We are proud to have hosted such a successful series of events, highlighting the importance of sport in building confidence, teamwork, and a lifelong love of physical activity.

Well done to everyone involved!

Paignton Year 7 Rugby Squad Shine at South Devon Championships!

Paignton Academy's Year 7 rugby team delivered an outstanding performance at this year's South Devon Championships, finishing an impressive 3rd place out of 14 teams!

The boys kicked off with a confident 4–0 win over Spires, with tries from Freddie, Oscar, Benji & Stefan. Arty took Man of the Match for his all-round brilliance.

Next up, a tough Kingsbridge side – Paignton battled hard and won 3–2 thanks to Fin (x2) and Benji. Fin earned Man of the Match for his commanding display. Against Teignmouth, the squad showed incredible determination, coming back from 2 tries down to win with scores from Stefan, Lewis & Freddie. Alfred's hard running earned him Man of the Match.

By the fourth match vs Coombeshead, Paignton were unstoppable – a dominant 7–1 victory with tries from Lewis (x2), Oscar, Freddie, Stefan, Ronnie & Fin!

Their unbeaten run was only halted by eventual winners TGBS, but Paignton bounced back in the 3rd place playoff against Churston, winning 2–1 in a thrilling contest!

With 6 wins out of 7 matches, the squad showcased skill, teamwork, and determination. Mr Carpenter praised the entire team, highlighting the depth and talent that made this season unforgettable.

As the school rugby season ends, any interested boys should look at joining a local rugby club to continue their journey!



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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 19th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Monday 5th January	First day of Spring term