



MAYFIELD



REMINDERS

Dinner money must be paid in advance. The cost is £2.60 per day or £13.00 per week. The office can bill payments termly if required. Don't forget to pay online using ParentPay. Ask the office for details of how to set up.

If your child is unable to come into school, please contact the school as soon as possible in the morning before 9am registration. Please keep us informed of continued absences.

In order to keep our records up to date, let us know if there are any changes to your address or telephone numbers for both you and any other contacts. Up to date information is vital should there be an emergency and we need to contact you.

Please can we remind visitors that Mayfield School is a NO PHONE ZONE

Remember to visit Mayfield's school website! Photos, events, trips and any latest information is regularly updated.

www.mayfieldtorbay.org

Spring 1
2025



MAYFIELD NEWS



Welcome

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our Spring 1 2025 Newsletter.

We are delighted to share the exceptional experiences our pupils have had during the first half of the Spring term. The pupils at College, Chestnut, and School have exhibited remarkable confidence, effort, and resilience, achieving phenomenal progress. The entire staff team takes immense pride in their accomplishments.

Kind regards

Stuart Heron

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 14th February
Last Day of Spring 1 Term

Monday 24th February
First Day of Spring 2 Term

Wednesday 26th February
Ten Tors Training Starts

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

Thursday 3rd April
Easter Cream Tea & Activities

Friday 4th April
Easter Lunch & Activities
Last Day of Spring 2 Term



iTown Role Play

Some of our Primary pupils enjoyed a fun morning at iTown Role Play in Newton Abbot. They really enjoyed exploring the different resources, venturing into the role play areas and playing the oversized games.

The pupils particularly enjoyed dressing up as different occupations with their peers and experimenting with characters.



ROCKSTEADY Music

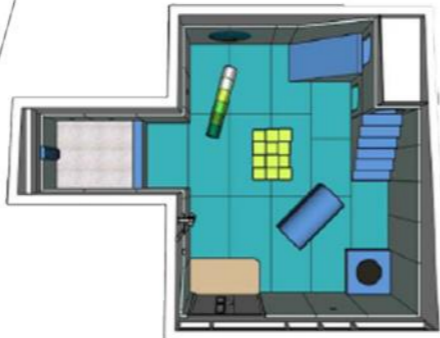
Rocksteady are a musical company that provide music sessions for children around the bay. They already come in to Mayfield regularly to do concerts but this was a chance for our pupils to get up close and be a band member.



They all really enjoyed the day and being able to play the guitar, keyboard, drums or just to sing. Pupils jammed all day in the room next to our Headteacher, Stuart, who said it sounded amazing and it was lovely to see so many buzzing children coming out of the session.

We look forward to Rocksteady's next visit!





Support our FUNDRAISING Campaign Soft Sensory Room

Our fundraising campaign to raise funds for a new Soft Sensory Room is well under way! We are very excited about the updated facility we hope to offer our pupils, which will be bursting with interactive technology, fun new climbing spaces and integrated with sound and sensory equipment. We have received so many generous donations already, but we still have a way to go before we reach our target.

gofundme

Scan to donate to Adam's fundraiser
"Save our Soft Sensory Room at Mayfield Special School!"



<https://gofund.me/5a927f84>

£16,153 raised
£31,601 target · 44 donations



As the saying goes, 'Every Little Helps!'

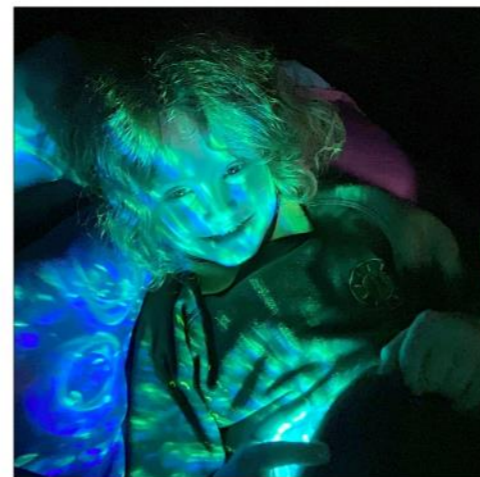
If you would like to donate towards making this fantastic new facility a reality, please scan the QR code or visit the link shown.

Don't forget to share with your friends and family!

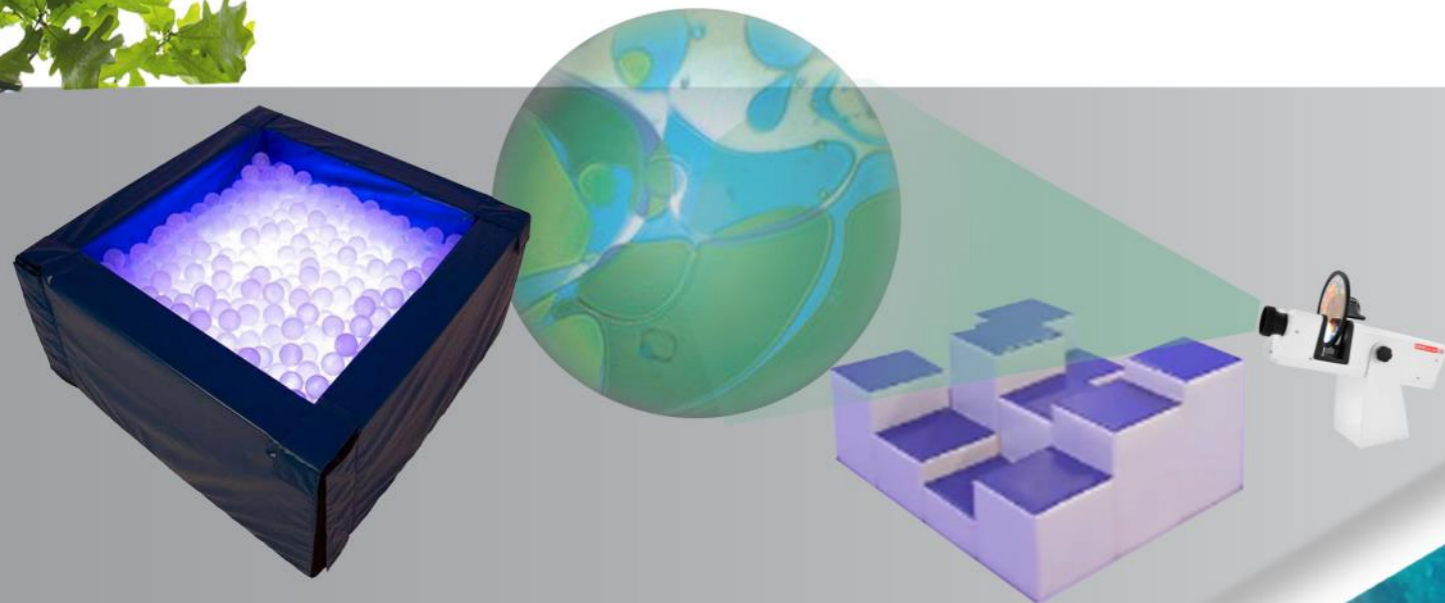
Sensory Learning

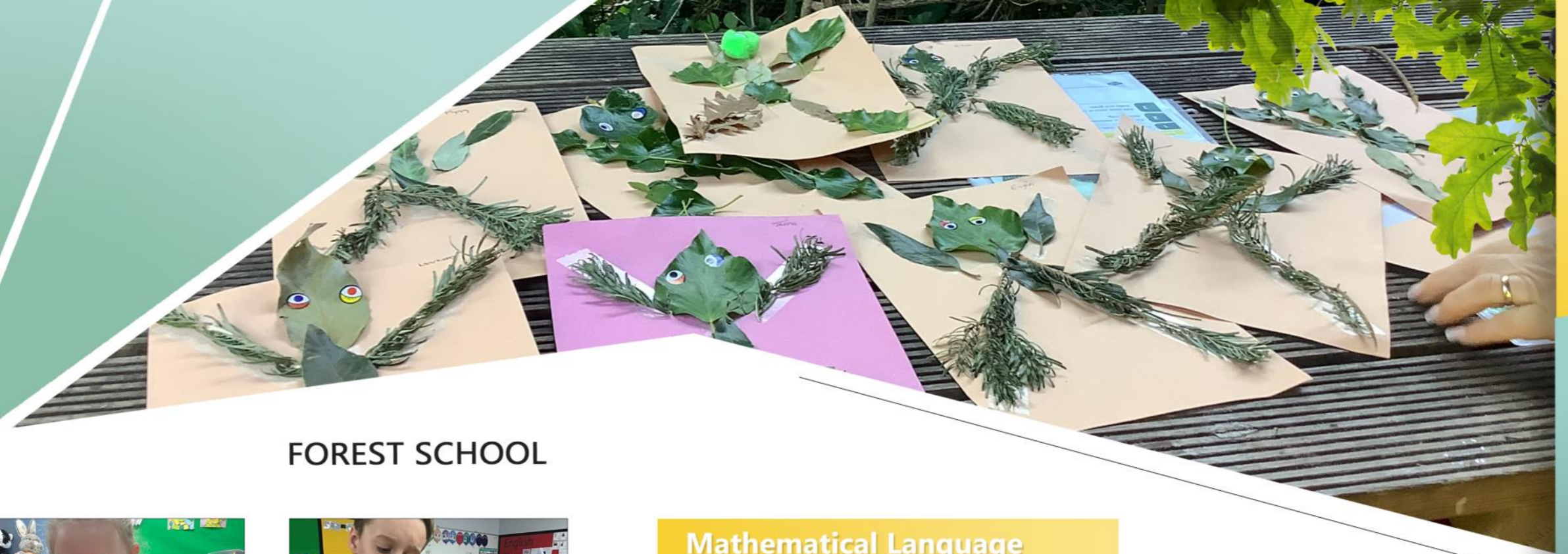
Pupils in our Sensory and PMLD classes have enjoyed another term engaging in a variety of activities, tailored to meet their sensory needs, whilst encouraging them to explore and develop.

Class 17 visited Stover Park, observing all of the birds on the lake, whilst walking through the autumn leaves and puddles. Pupils in Class 11 have enjoyed several swimming sessions in our Hydrotherapy Pool and Class 19 have explored art and patterns using paints and coloured grains.



SCHOOL NEWS





FOREST SCHOOL



The latest addition of our Stick Insects continue to be a favourite focus in Forest School sessions. Pupils have learnt how to hold them correctly and have enjoyed finding the perfect branches and leaves to refresh their habitat.

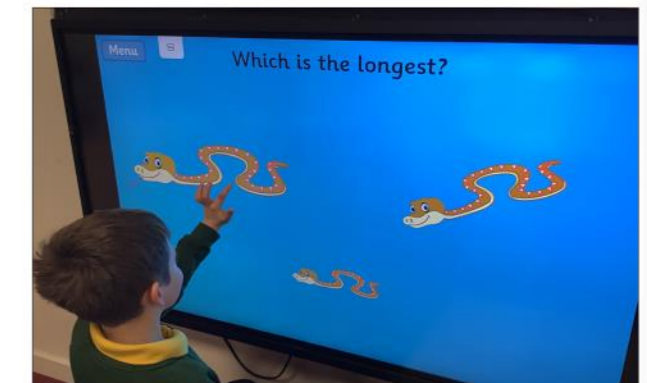
Classes have also been busy hunting a variety of leaves to create their own 'Leaf Man' pictures, finishing off by adding eyes to bring them to life!

Other activities included parachute games, making fairy doors and general maintenance of our Forest School area.

Mathematical Language

Class 5 have been working really hard in their Maths lessons exploring weights and measurements along with comparing volume. They have looked at the different language used to describe objects, such as heaviest, shortest, tallest, next to, above, more and less.

The pupils engaged in a number of different activities, from pouring water into different containers, to filling objects with sand and weighing them on the scales. They then tested their knowledge on a variety of programmes using the smart screens.





Welcome

As you can see from our newsletter, the students at Mayfield College have had a very positive start to 2025. I have had the pleasure of seeing students learning in such a creative way and although it may have been cold this month, our students have continued to access the community and their work placements with enthusiasm.

We are very excited about the news that we have received this month; In addition to our current site, the College has gained Parkfield from September, which will be an incredible provision for all of our college students moving forward. I will be offering a tour of Parkfield in the Summer term.

I wish you all a lovely half term break!

Rachel Hawthorne
Head of College

LIFE & LIVING: Skills for Life

The focus for this half term has been upon the community. Students have used local bus timetables to plan a journey. They researched local shops and attractions in Paignton, comparing different options.

Within Science, the group has explored the effects of recent weather and how it impacts our community and environment. They enjoyed a visit to Dartmoor in the snow, learning about the safety measures required in such an environment. They discussed the impact the snow had on the terrain, people and the local wildlife.

Similar to Mayfield School, students at the College also enjoyed a visit from local charity Rocksteady, who promote teamwork and expression through music.



LIFE & LIVING: Careers & Further Education

Students in this Life & Living Pathway have visited Buckfast Abbey, exploring the grounds and church. During the term, they have thought about acts of kindness and attended an assembly with the focus on Act of Kindness Day, where students contributed their thoughts and opinions.

As part of English, the group have visited Turning Heads to experience what they have to offer. They have also been to the Tea Leaf Cafe, where they all bought a drink and spoke to a College Alumni who has successfully secured employment.

The group also enjoyed a session with Rocksteady, exploring the different instruments they had to offer.



INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Careers & Further Education

Our Independent Learners have been working hard within all subject areas. Students are successfully achieving their personal goals and making consistent progress towards their qualifications.

Within English and Science, the group have focused on Earth and space, researching planets, creating magazine articles and animation story boards.

They have had the opportunity to visit Buckfast Abbey and also the BOWA Medical construction site in Kingskerswell to think about potential careers that the students may like in the future.



Duke of Edinburgh AWARD



COLLEGE NEWS

After two successful years of awarding 22 students with a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, we are excited to start awarding a further 14 students with a Bronze Award this year. Students are excited to take on this additional challenge and have shown great enthusiasm getting stuck into the elements needed to complete the award.

They have chosen a variety of activities that interest them, including attending Sound Communities, learning new dance routines, playing team sports and attending the Wonky Wood Workshop. We are thrilled for this years' students to gain such a great qualification and to see what new skills and experiences they gain!



TRANSITION: Skills for Life

Students in the Transition: Skills for Life Pathway have been learning about the evolution of humanity by visiting an informative exhibition at The Box in Plymouth.

This group are at their happiest when they are out in the community, learning functionally. It has been lovely to see those students who would normally find these visits hard to manage really enjoy themselves.

The emphasis for this pathway is to introduce new experiences, places and people so that we can really see the areas of need for this cohort moving forward.



TRANSITION: Careers & Further Education

This term, students have all been developing their independence skills in preparation for the future. Activities have included travel training, work experience, food preparation, social experiences and health and wellbeing.

Benjamin has been working for the last 6 months at Mayfield School. He has been keen to support the pupils within their learning and has had a positive impact on pupils within Class 13.

Dawn, the class teacher, commented that Benjamin is 'very patient and it is lovely to see this maturity in him'.





TOPIC:
SOLVING Mysteries

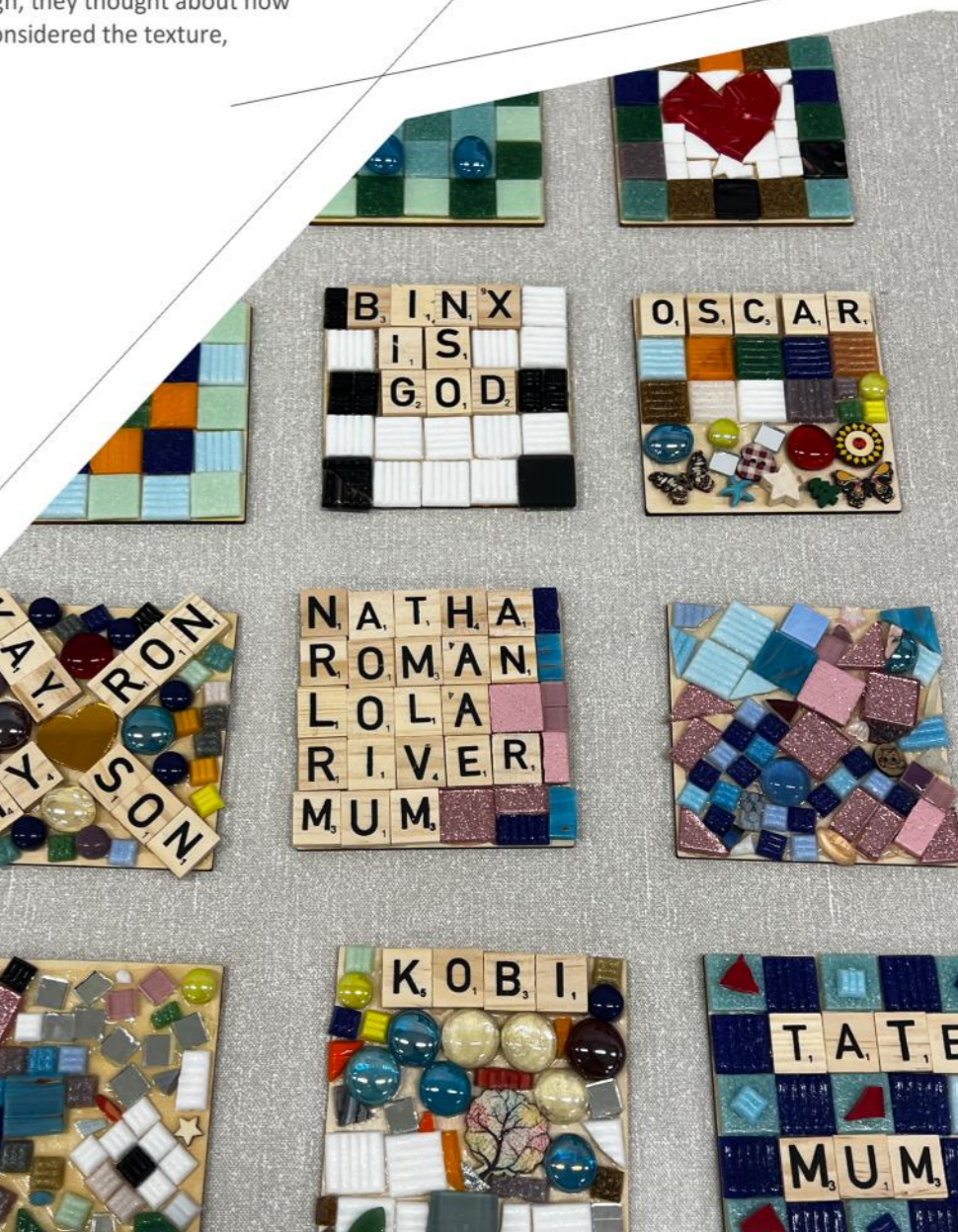
The topic for some of our classes this term has been Murder Mysteries. Pupils took part in a variety of activities, where they had to work as a team to work out what had happened.

Pupils did a fantastic job unravelling the mysteries, by asking the right questions and hunting for clues, demonstrating patience, methodical thinking and perseverance.

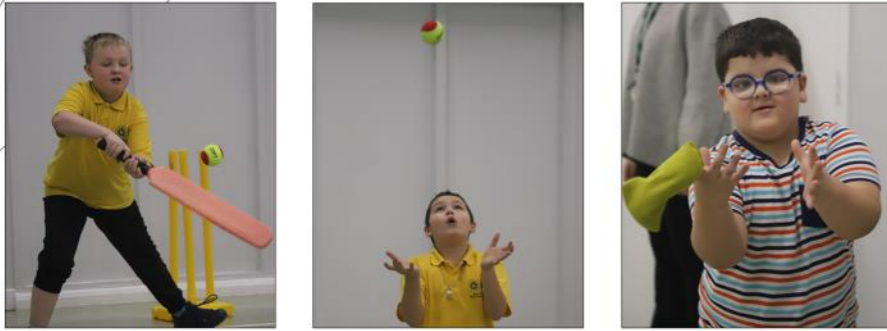


Roman Mosaics

Pupils in Key Stage 2 have created some amazing mosaics as part of their topic. After learning about Roman architecture and design, they thought about how they could create their own mini mosaics. They considered the texture, shape and colour of the tiles they used.



Cricket Stars



Pupils in Maple and Willow Classes have had the opportunity to access some cricket lessons. With guidance and support from a cricket coach, they quickly learnt the fundamental skills and rules of the game. The two classes merged together for an hour long cricket lesson once a week.

For some of the pupils this was their first experience of playing cricket. As the end of this half term draws to a close and after several dedicated lessons, their bat and ball skills have improved considerably and they have worked really well together in their teams with excellent communication.



SENSORY Play

After a busy half term taking part in a variety of learning experiences, several classes enjoyed some sensory bubble play. Armed with a range of bubble guns and wands, they had fun, both inside and out, trying to make the biggest bubble, racing each other to pop them, as well as experimenting with groups and patterns of bubbles!



CHESTNUT NEWS