



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.

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Spring 2
2025

MAYFIELD NEWS



Welcome

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our Spring 2 Newsletter, 2025. We are thrilled to share the amazing experiences our pupils have enjoyed during the second half of this term. Students at College, Chestnut and School have demonstrated remarkable confidence, effort and resilience, achieving phenomenal progress. Their dedication and hard work have been truly inspiring.

Throughout this term, our pupils have engaged in a variety of enriching activities, from academic challenges to creative projects and sports events. The sense of community and collaboration among the pupils and staff has been wonderful. The entire staff team takes immense pride in their accomplishments.

Kind regards,
Stuart Heron

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 4th April Last Day of Spring 2 Term	Tuesday 22nd April First Day of Summer 1 Term
Monday 5th May Bank Holiday	Friday 9th May Ten Tors Event
Friday 23rd May Secondary Production	Friday 23rd May Last Day of Summer 1 Term



Occombe Farm

The topic for Classes 14 and 15 this term has been 'From Farm to Fork' and Occombe Farm was the perfect place to focus their learning. After spending some time with the various animals, pupils headed out to the herb garden where they learnt how to identify different herbs by texture, smell and shape.

The pupils then headed to the kitchens at Occombe Farm where they made their own pizzas from scratch, using the herbs they had freshly picked to garnish and flavour their creations.



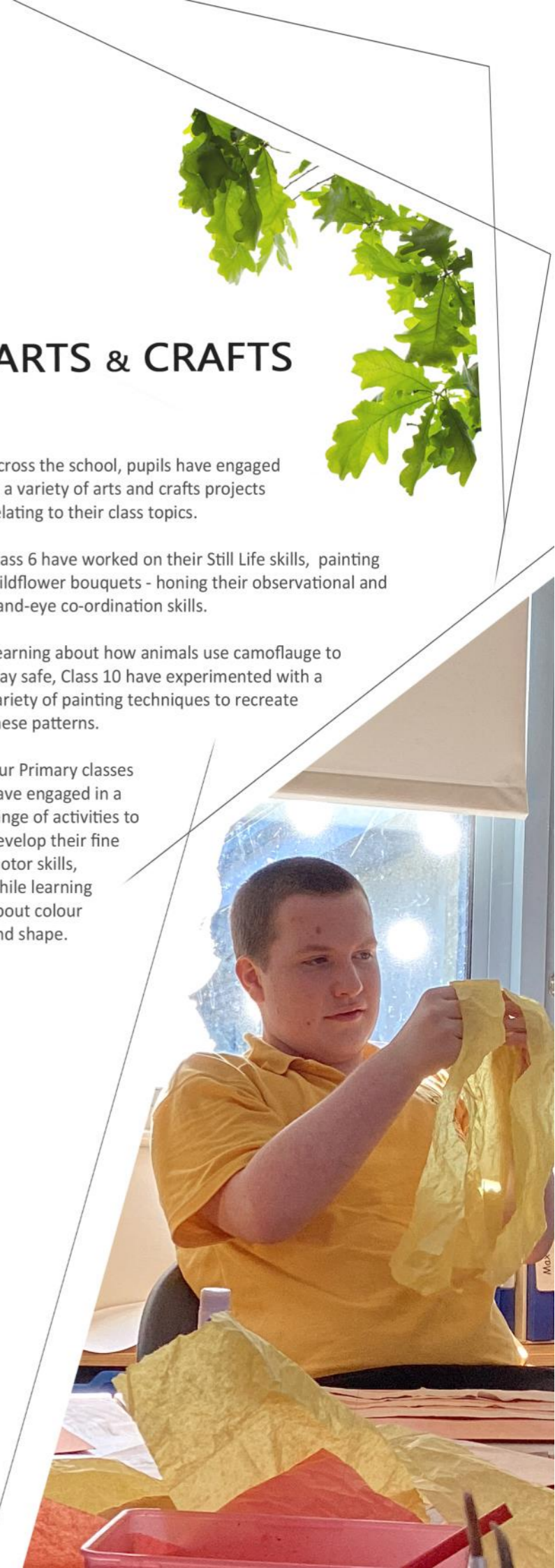
ARTS & CRAFTS

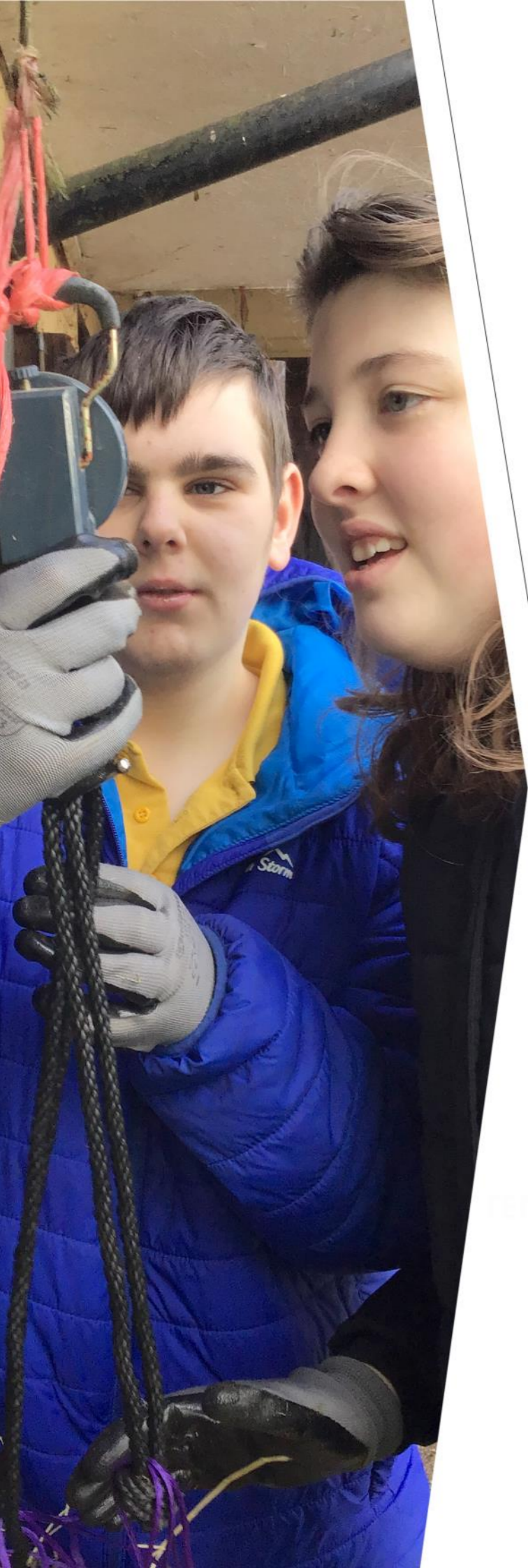
Across the school, pupils have engaged in a variety of arts and crafts projects relating to their class topics.

Class 6 have worked on their Still Life skills, painting wildflower bouquets - honing their observational and hand-eye co-ordination skills.

Learning about how animals use camouflage to stay safe, Class 10 have experimented with a variety of painting techniques to recreate these patterns.

Our Primary classes have engaged in a range of activities to develop their fine motor skills, while learning about colour and shape.





Dorbri Stables

We are very lucky to be able to offer our pupils this experience which is thoroughly enjoyed by all who visit Dorbri Stables.

This term, some of our Secondary pupils spent time with the horses, doing a fantastic job with the variety of yard chores. They learnt why some horses need their hay nets weighing and soaked in water to ensure they stay healthy. They also learnt the importance of keeping the fields clean, but their favourite part of these sessions is always giving the horses a fuss and a groom!



RESIDENTIAL Heatree

Classes 8 and 9 headed off to the residential trip to Heatree house for 3 fun days of activities.

After arriving and settling in, they headed straight off for their first day of activities including bushcraft, enjoying hot chocolate and marshmallows around the campfire and den building.

After breakfast the next morning the pupils tried their skills at archery followed by an afternoon on the low rope course. They all challenged themselves as they crawled through a maze and tunnels, crossed over wobbly net bridges and navigated the really challenging balance beams.

The final day was a walk then more fun bushcraft activities. They explored the sports hall in the evening and had a campfire under the stars on the final night. All the pupils managed really well staying two nights away from home!





Early Learning

Our EYFS classes have had a jam packed term this Spring!

They have engaged in lots of physical activities such as climbing, balancing and ball games in their PE sessions. These skills were then practiced in their dedicated outdoor area on the crates and stepping stones.

In the classroom, pupils have had fun with Easter themed crafts, number games, writing skills and cooking.

A highlight of this term was a visit from local PCSO's and their Police Van. Pupils really enjoyed exploring the vehicle and trying on the Police equipment. It was an amazing day where the subject of 'Safe Strangers' could be introduced in a fun way.



In Memoriam Tom Morris

Sharing here some lovely pictures of Tom who will forever be in our hearts and memories.

He will be greatly missed by everyone at Mayfield.





College Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

The students at the College have accessed a varied curriculum this half term. I am particularly proud of our young people within the Transition: Careers & Further Education pathway. This is the final year for the majority of this cohort of students and they are managing both their prospective next steps and work experience placements exceptionally well.

It is evident across all the pathways that the confidence and independence skills of all students has increased over the term.

I wish you a happy Easter.

Rachel Hawthorne
Head of College

Independent Learning

Careers & Further Education

During Finance Week, the Independent Learners: C & FE were given the task choosing an outfit from the local charity shops up to the value of £15. The students made the decision to buy an outfit for their tutor, Russell, who then modelled it beautifully in the end of week assembly.

The focus for the students has been to learn how to manage their money in a range of scenarios, including how to create healthy meals on a budget.



CELEBRATION of Student ACHIEVEMENTS



BETTY

Betty has been volunteering at Brixham Library each week as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award, and she has not only impressed us, but she has also impressed the staff at the library!

ALFIE

Alfie has passed his driving theory test and is now starting his practical driving lessons!

KATIE

Katie expressed a wish to work in a florists, so she visited Les Fleurs and asked if she could join their team. Katie now has a weekly placement, following her dream!

THEO

Theo has successfully set up an enterprise scheme within the college called 'Whiskful Thinking'. Theo plans, prepares and bakes a varied selection of cakes and biscuits, which he then sells to students and staff at the college during breaks.

This has shown Theo he has great skills both in the kitchen and as an entrepreneur!



Transition

Careers & Further Education

Similar to the Independent Learning group, students in the Transition: C & FE pathway were also tasked to find an outfit in the local charity shops. Spending no more than their budget of £15, this group decided to find an outfit for a teenager. They successfully completed the task and really enjoyed the whole process.



This term, the group have had a focus on their own next steps for the future. For some, this has been starting the transition to South Devon College, whilst for others, it has enabled them to see what next steps they make take in 2026.

The students particularly enjoyed visiting the Tea Leaf Cafe, which is run by Turning Heads, as they offer both work experience placements and apprenticeships for students who can access the world of work.



TRANSITION: Skills for Life

This half terms' focus has been the functional use of money in the community. Students accessed the local shops to create 3 party bags for 3 friends, whilst keeping to a budget of £10 total. The group successfully created 3 great bags and even had change left over!

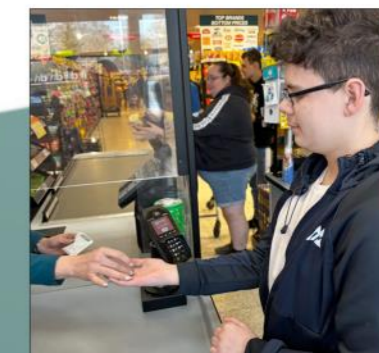
The students have been working alongside PATH (People Assisting Torbay's Homeless) to buy, make and deliver sandwiches for the homeless in Torbay every Thursday. This has been a great experience for them and will also support their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.



LIFE & LIVING: Careers & Further Education

Focusing on using money within the community, students accessed the cinema to watch a movie, with some buying refreshments to enjoy during the film.

As part of Finance Week, the Life & Living: C & FE groups' budget task was to put together 2 hygiene kits totalling £15 and to buy a gift for a friend for £2. Looking in both the local shops and online, students were able to maximise their budget, purchasing items for the best value.





MAPLE CLASS

Maple Class have been learning about all different forms of measurement in Maths, exploring weight, volume and temperature in a variety of experiments.

The pupils have also been learning about different painters in their Art sessions and trying to recreate their own versions in the same style. The artists they have been inspired by are Jackson Pollock and Robert Delauney.



Spring Festivals

Acorn class have been learning all about the festivals that happen during the Spring. The pupils discussed Lent and how people prepare for the upcoming Easter period. They then made pancakes and kindness jars.

The class also played Holi whilst learning about the Hindu festival of colour and discovered how Muslims celebrate Eid with party games and exciting foods.

The final activities of the term will teach the pupils all about Passover and Easter.



VARIED PE Sessions

As part of our PE provision from Soccer Select pupils from Palm and Oak classes got the opportunity to play Cayman Golf.

After a few practice shots, the pupils did a fantastic job lining up their ball at each flag.

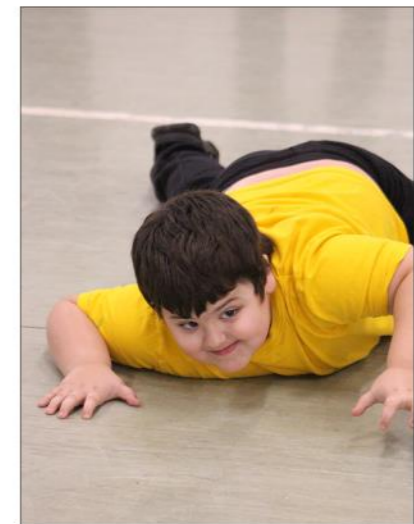




CHESTNUT NEWS

PADDLEBOAT THEATRE Company

A real highlight at Chestnut this half term was the visit from the Paddleboat Theatre Company. The team delivered some short improvised scenes to the pupils, before encouraging them to create their own. They worked on displaying emotions and how to create simple movements to convey feelings and actions. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Paignton Zoo

Willow class enjoyed a sunny trip to Paignton Zoo this half term. They discussed how some animals become more active in the Spring and how their habitats change with the seasons.

The pupils particularly enjoyed spending time at the Meerkat enclosure, observing how the Meerkats always have a 'Sentry' lookout, while the rest of the mob forage for insects and clean their burrows.

