



REMINDERS

Dinner money must be paid in advance. As of September 2026 the cost is £2.75 per day or £13.75 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.

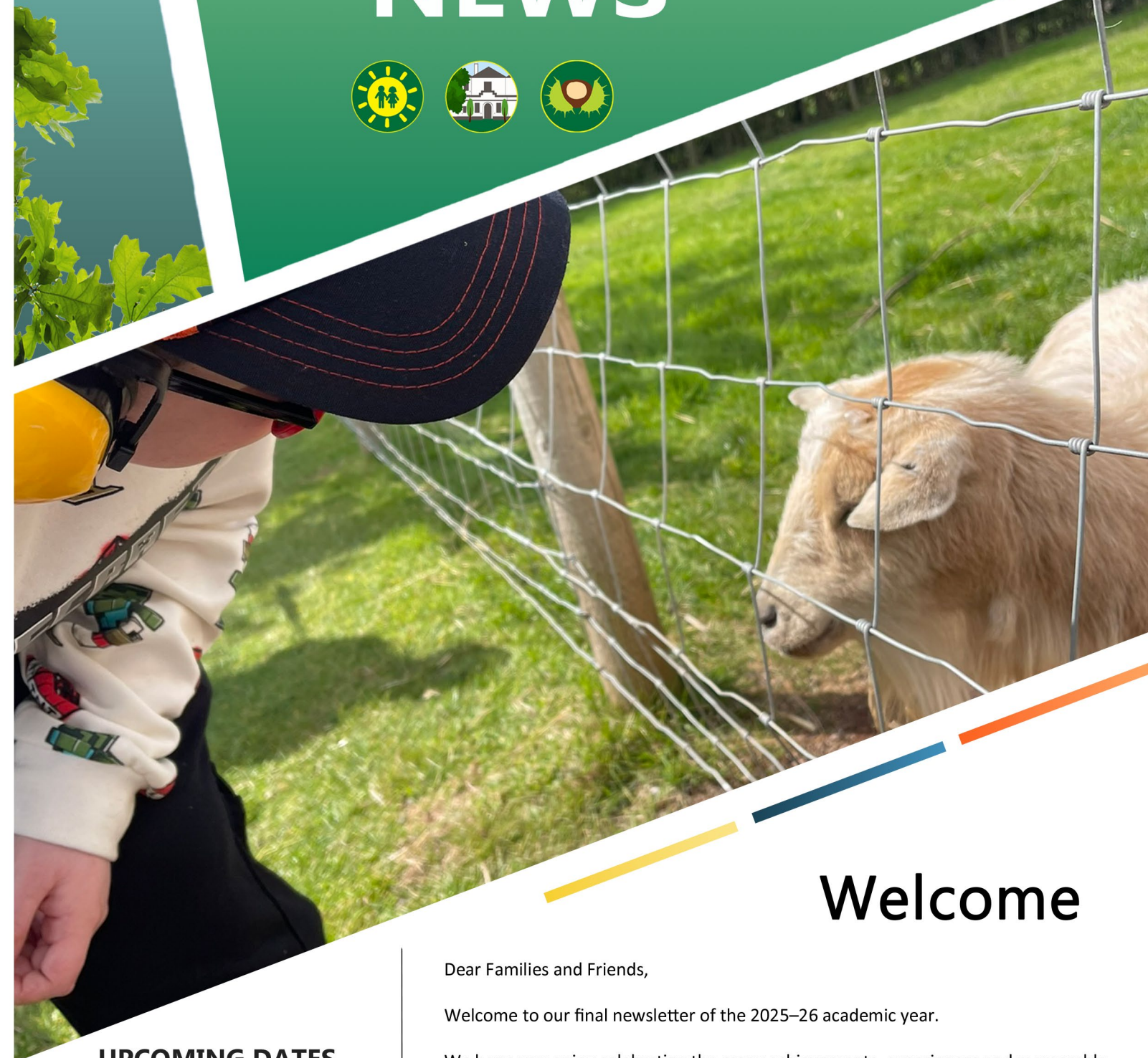
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MAYFIELD NEWS

Summer 2
2026



Welcome

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the 2025–26 academic year.

We hope you enjoy celebrating the many achievements, experiences and memorable moments that have made this summer term so special. Across School, College and Chestnut, our pupils have continued to inspire us with their resilience, determination, kindness and growing confidence. They have embraced new opportunities, overcome challenges and made wonderful progress in so many different ways.

We could not be prouder of all they have achieved, and we are incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff team, whose care, commitment and belief in every child and young person help make these successes possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. On behalf of everyone at Mayfield, I wish all of our pupils, families and friends a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break.

Kind regards,
Stuart Heron

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 17th July
Last Day of Summer 2 Term

Thursday 3rd September
Training day - Staff Only

Friday 4th September
Training Day - Staff Only

Monday 7th September
First Day of Autumn 1 Term

Friday 23rd October
Last Day of Autumn 1 Term



KIDS DAY OUT

True Colours of the World

Just before the Half-Term break, some of our Secondary pupils showcased their production - the culmination of lots of hard work and practice - at the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Torquay. Entitled 'True Colours', they took the audience on a colourful journey to replenish a world that had descended into darkness. Each colour restored was linked to an emotion, with pupils performing songs and dances to portray each feeling. They did a truly amazing job and we are very proud of them all!



Some of our PMLD pupils enjoyed their yearly tradition of heading to Dartmouth on the Round Robin. Boarding the steam train at Paignton station, they enjoyed seeing the beaches and fields whizz past them through the windows. As they boarded the ferry on the River Dart, the fog was just starting to lift and they were able to better enjoy the view from the water.

They stopped for lunch and a fun face painting session, before heading back home with their colourful balloons. They all really enjoyed their day!





Summer 2 RESIDENTIAL Trips

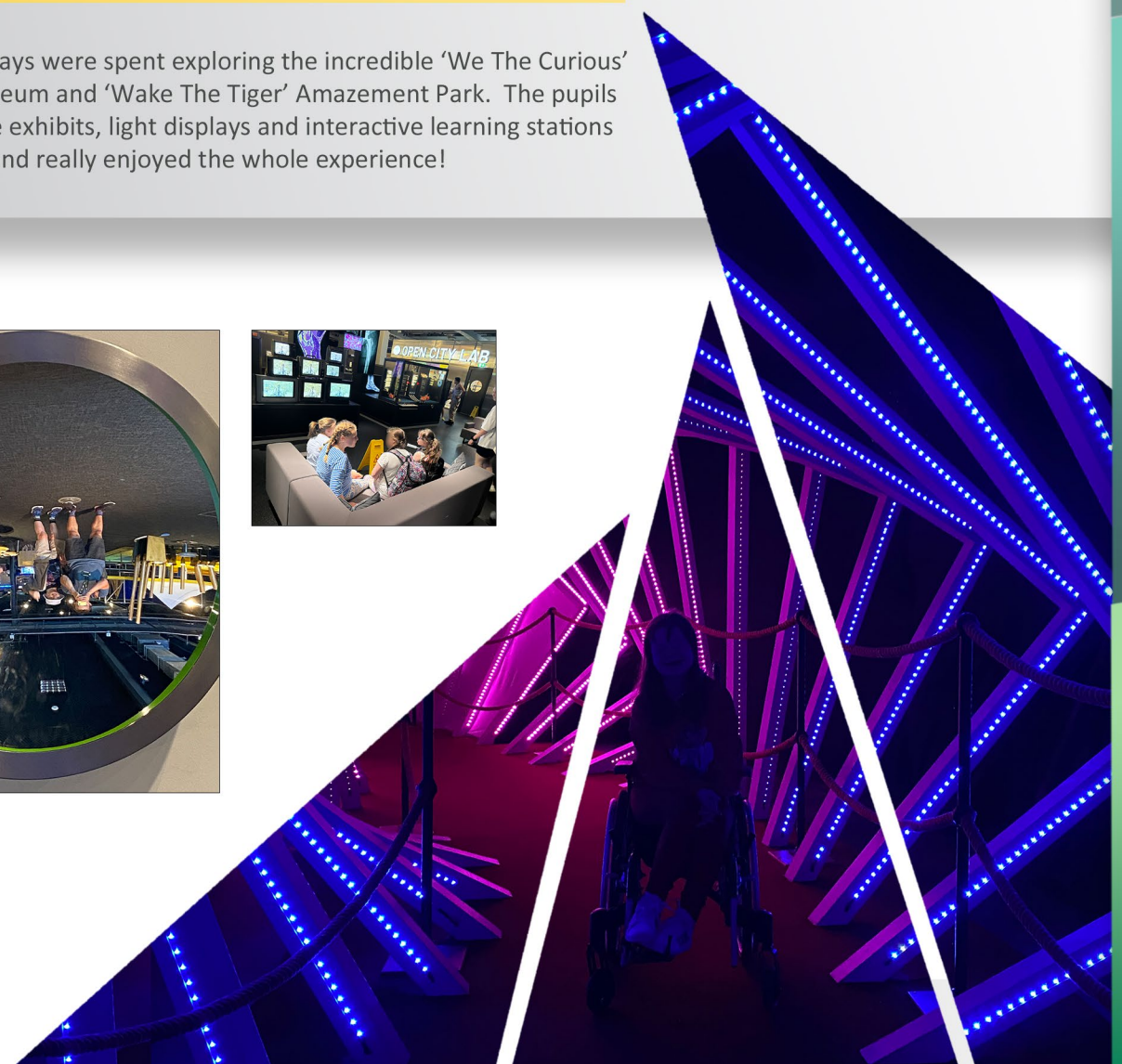
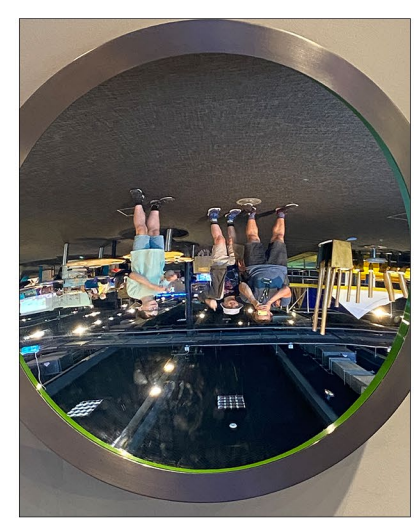
Classes 16 and 18 had an amazing 3 day trip to Bristol. They started off at Longleat where they ventured through the Safari Park to see the animals (very!) close up, before heading off into the main grounds to enjoy the play parks, boat safari and train ride.



A small group of pupils in our Upper Primary department (classes 8,9,10 and 12) went on a short residential to Decoy Park. They enjoyed a walk around the lake, a picnic lunch and time in the play park and aqua splash area. The group stayed overnight at the Scout Hut where they made their own pitta bread pizzas for dinner using the outdoor oven, before an fun evening of grass sledging and toasting marshmallows around the camp fire.

The next day they headed off to Goodrington Beach for an ice cream in the sun, followed by a drizzly walk along the promenade - despite the abrupt change in weather the pupils had a really great time!

The next 2 days were spent exploring the incredible 'We The Curious' Science Museum and 'Wake The Tiger' Amusement Park. The pupils found all the exhibits, light displays and interactive learning stations fascinating and really enjoyed the whole experience!



GARDEN PARTY & SPORTS DAY



School SLEEPOVER

Some of our Lower Primary pupils had a fantastic evening staying late at school, with others staying the whole night for a school sleepover!

They enjoyed playing in the new soft sensory room with friends and a late evening swim in our pool where the sensory lighting had even more effect!

The pupils then snuggled up in the sleeping bags with their favourite teddys for story time and a well-deserved sleep!



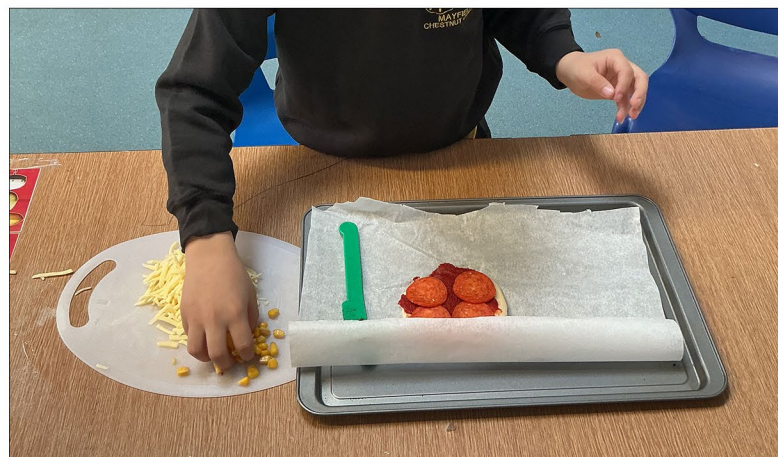
Class 5 have had a creative time, exploring stories and linking them to fun activities and core subjects.

They have used watercolours on sea shells, made bubble paintings and sculpted kinetic sand.

During Maths sessions, they have continued their work on identifying objects that are the same, different, even and odd using coloured blocks,

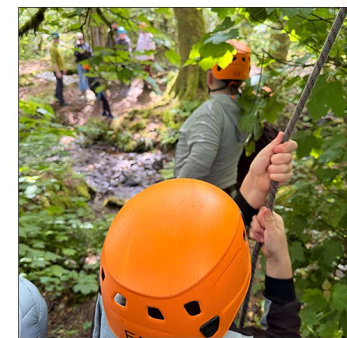
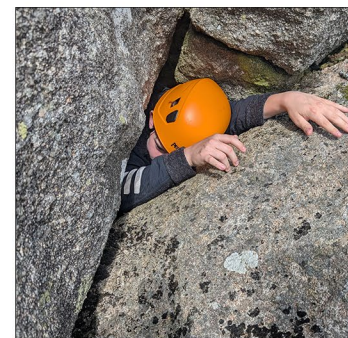
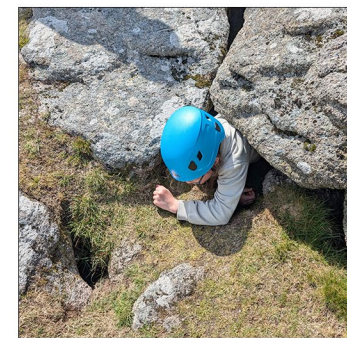
BOOK FOCUS: 'There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea'





Holly Class

Pupils in Holly Class have been exploring colours, sequences and shapes in Maths sessions, and have combined some of this learning outside with the water trays to combat the hot, sunny days. In their cooking sessions, the group have also enjoyed making their own pizzas from scratch.



DARTMOOR Residential

Chestnut pupils had an exhilarating residential trip at the end of the Summer 1 term. They spent 2 nights on Dartmoor, with their days jam packed full of exciting activities, from river scrambling, raft building and rock climbing to more gentle moorland walks and team building exercises back at the house.

The pupils worked really well as a team and encouraged each other through the more difficult tasks!





Summer 2 GALLERY

There have been so many fun and engaging learning activities at Chestnut this Summer!

Making the most of this amazing weather, classes have utilised the outdoor spaces, from playing cricket, bike riding and football matches, to painting, drawing, playing music and hunting for wildlife in the pond area.

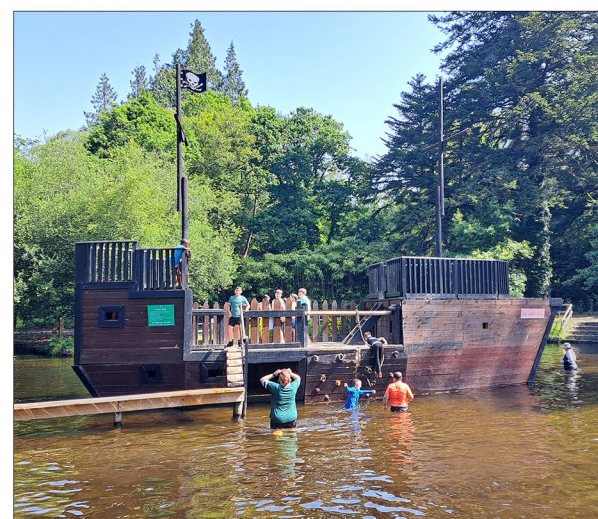
Inside, pupils have continued with core lessons, enjoying books and cooking.



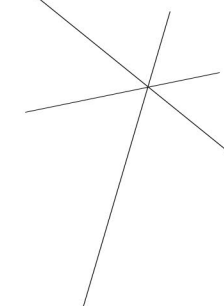
Rivert Dart Country Park

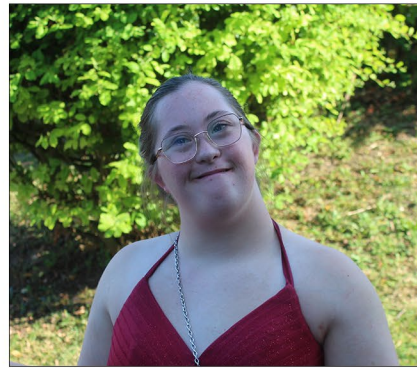
As a treat for the end of the academic year, pupils and staff ventured out to the River Dart Country Park for a day of fun in the Sun!

They scaled the many obstacle courses and enjoyed the slides and zip wires before heading off to the lake to do it all again in the water! It was a great way to celebrate a year of hard work.



CHESTNUT NEWS





What an AMAZING YEAR it has been!

A huge thank you to all of the incredible students at Mayfield College for making every single day so special. You are the reason we do what we do, and it is your achievements, determination, humour and kindness that make Mayfield College such a wonderful place to be.

This year has not been without its challenges. The students have had to navigate learning across two buildings, spending time away from some of their friends and adapting to changes in transport arrangements. Despite this, they have approached every challenge with maturity and resilience.

At this time of year, we as a staff team always have mixed emotions. We are excited to see what the future holds for our students who are moving on, but we are also sad to say goodbye. This year, 23 students are leaving us, and while we will miss every one of them, we know they are ready to spread their wings and fly! We are also saying farewell to Ben Croft, a Teaching Assistant in Life & Living - Skills for Life and we wish him every success and happiness in his next chapter.

To all our students, thank you for coming in each day, for trying your best, embracing opportunities and for never giving up. Thank you for supporting one another, celebrating each other's successes and being there when someone needed a friend. The care you show for one another makes Mayfield more than just a college - you make it a community.

We are incredibly proud of every single one of you and all that you have achieved this year.

Have a wonderful Summer, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming many of you back in September.

Rachel Hawthorne
Head of College





Intervention

Our Intervention students have been learning how to use the Stagecoach App to plan their bus journeys.

Anne from South Devon College came and joined in one of our Functional Skills Maths sessions at Paignton Library this week, where the group showed their skills and asked important questions about September.

Transition

The 12 students in Transition Pathways have had an incredible Activity Week, amazing us with their kindness, empathy, manners and bravery! There was so much laughter and happiness! As they planned the week themselves, the success of it belongs to them.

Life & Living: Skills for Life

The Life & Living class have been working together to raise money for their end-of-year meal out by washing cars and selling ice creams. These activities built on teamwork, communication and responsibility, with everyone playing an important role.

They have also enjoyed regular trips to the seaside, promoting well-being, physical activity and sense of community. It has been wonderful seeing the pupils support one another and take pride in their achievements.

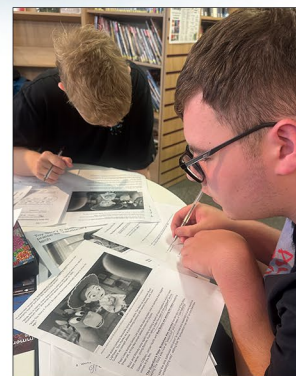
Life & Living: Careers & Further Education

The students have been completing the Eco Warriors PowerPoint for Science. They looked at what has a negative impact against our eco-system and what they can do to help. They planted a bee garden, litter picked, made bird feeders, went on insect hunts and learnt all about the environment.

Preparation for Life

It has been a fantastic final term, with students making the most of the sunshine and creating memories that will last a lifetime. They have enjoyed trips to the beach, where they swam in the sea, as well as visits into town to practise their independence skills. One of the highlights of the term was attending the College Prom, which they all agreed was the best night ever!

Students have reflected on all the amazing work they have completed throughout the year, celebrating their achievements and the friendships they have made as a class.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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PLAY & RECREATION Facilities

at Mayfield School, Torquay

SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Open to the public on the following dates:

July 2026							August 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10.00am - 3.30pm
(weather permitting)
£1 per child and stay all day, refreshments available for 50p

Facilities include:

- Mugga / Sports pitch
- Picnic area
- Shaded seating
- Sand pit
- Toilets
- Full disabled access
- Fully enclosed, secure grounds
- Play park
- Assault course
- Football pitch

There will be staff on site, but parents remain responsible for their own children

Fundraising Opportunities

Torbay Showground
5 July at 21:05

The comments have been counted and we have now got our 4 shortlisted comments for July's Parking Revenue Donation.

Unfortunately, there were some we cannot consider. Our rules are clear in that the comments have to be organisations that are registered charities, and based in Torbay. For that reason, some have been excluded. See less

Which charity would you like July's parking revenue donation to go to?

- ☐ The Thrive Project 35% >
- ☐ The Nature Nook 20% >
- ☒ Friends of Mayfield school 22% >
- ☐ Play Torbay 23% >

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Torbay Showground have a poll open for which local charity will receive their Parking Revenue Donation for July.

Make sure to head over to their social pages to vote for Friends of Mayfield! Last month's donation was over £500, so if we win for July that money can be put towards our future school projects, as we continue to improve and build on our amazing facilities and technology!