

Combe Pafford School BULLETIN



Headlines

Summer
Term 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

As we come to the close of another vibrant and successful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many highlights and express my heartfelt thanks for your continued support. At the end of this, my first year at Combe Pafford, this newsletter is just one of the joyous ways I can recollect and read about all the wonderful and amazing things our young people have experienced, the times they have enjoyed and the memories they have made.

This term has been particularly memorable, with pupils embracing every opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate together. One of the standout events was our **Sports Days**, which brought the whole school community together in a joyful display of teamwork, determination, and school spirit. It was wonderful to see pupils of all ages cheering each other on, trying their best, and showing our school values in such abundance. Thank you to everyone who came along to support—it truly made the days special.

Another highlight have been the **residential trips**, which offered our pupils unforgettable experiences beyond the classroom. Whether it was to London, Paris, Wales, Dartmoor, Grand Canaria or Berlin, the children had a wonderful time. They tried new food, new experiences and had wonderful adventures.

These opportunities are life changing and our residential programme is a part of the school fabric that will carry on for many years to come. These trips helped build confidence, independence, and lasting memories. The feedback from staff and pupils alike has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're proud of how well everyone represented our school.

We've also been busy with **transition activities**, helping our pupils prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. All our pupils have shown great maturity as they get ready to move on, whether that be into a new year or phase or onto college or employment opportunities. In school they have enjoyed meeting their new teachers and exploring their new classrooms. These moments of change are important, and we're committed to making them as smooth and supportive as possible. I am also very proud of how our existing Combe Pafford students have welcomed those joining our school community. Their compassion and welcome has really helped settle any nerves and anxieties and new friendships have already started to be forged.

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As always, I want to thank our dedicated staff for their tireless work and care, and to you—our families—for your partnership throughout the year. Together, we've created a nurturing and inspiring environment where every child can thrive. I am extremely lucky to work with such a dedicated team of people. Their commitment to our students ensures that everyone, regardless of any barrier, can experience wonderful moments, days weeks and for that I can't thank them enough.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.

Warm regards,

Sally Banfield
Headteacher



Lower School

YEARS 5, 6 AND 7



7C's Summer Adventures



Life skills leisure time trips: 7C have been exploring Leisure time over the Summer term. After talking about lots of ways we can spend our free time, we decided to take a few trips to parks and green spaces in our local area to get some practical experience. 7C visited Teignmouth playpark, Paignton Geoplay, and Decoy park. Highlights were the discovery of the floor trampoline at Teignmouth, the outdoor adventure equipment along the trails of Decoy, and the joy of having some time in the sun enjoying each other's company.



Sensory seaside plates: While we have been busy outside of the class, 7C have also kept busy in school. This term we have been focusing on poetry in English lessons. Using a model poem about the sea, pupils have been investigating rhyming, description, and varied sentences. To help with this, everyone has made their own sensory seaside plate. Decorating it to look like a beach scene, adding in different textures and materials, pupils had something to support their poem writing, and also a regulation tool for the classroom. They loved these! Huge well done 7C!

Lower School YEARS 5, 6 AND 7



7B River Trip

At the beginning of June 7B headed out on a field trip to spot and locate some of the features of river from source to mouth. Along the way we got familiar with how much the river system changed. It was great to see everyone using what they'd learnt in school too.



Year 7 Wales Residential



This year's Year 7 Wales residential group were epic and probably the best group I have ever led for a residential trip.

We were lucky to have the chance to try out archery, abseiling, high ropes, climbing, kayaking, team building, night line and mud run to name a few. They all worked hard to try the many activities that were on off throughout the week.

We spent time enjoying the outdoor space and lots of the young people that came away have continued to talk about what a great time they had and how much they would love to go back.

KS2 Residential



I was lucky to take the lead on the KS2 residential to Dartmoor and be part of many young people's first experiences of being away from home. It was great to see how they took on the challenges of being away from home. They got to experience a variety of activities from fire lighting, archery, rock scrambling and team building. I know that each and every one of them left there with something that they had enjoyed doing. I know as many of them move to Year 7 that this trip has helped prepare them for the Y7 Wales trip too.



Middle School YEARS 8 and 9

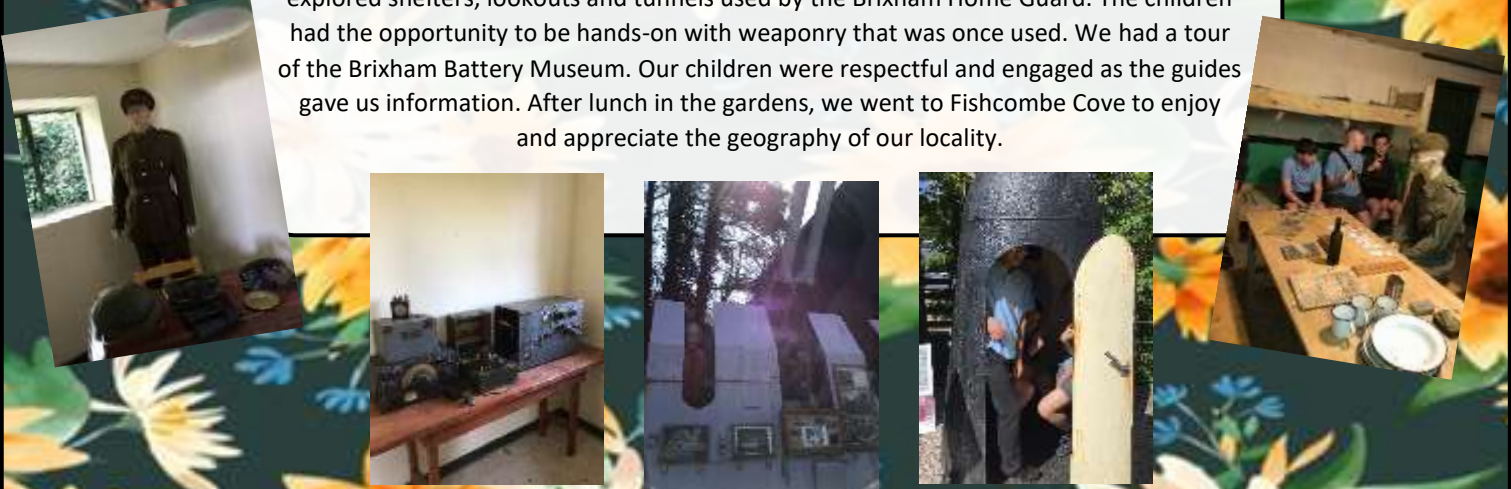


Year 8 & Year 9 - In-School Group

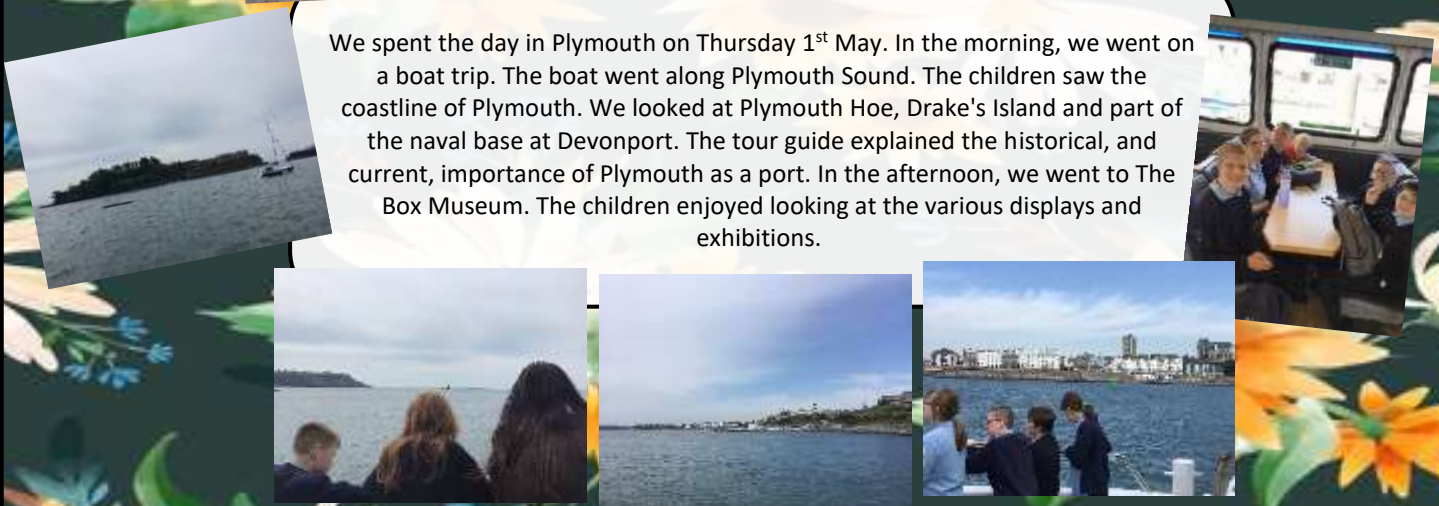
As part of our Humanities learning, the Year 8 and Year 9 in-school group recapped World War One learning as well as going out on visits for further enriching learning experiences.



On Wednesday 30th April, we went to Battery Gardens in Brixham. This area was once a World War Two Battery where people defended Torbay from sea and air attacks. We explored shelters, lookouts and tunnels used by the Brixham Home Guard. The children had the opportunity to be hands-on with weaponry that was once used. We had a tour of the Brixham Battery Museum. Our children were respectful and engaged as the guides gave us information. After lunch in the gardens, we went to Fishcombe Cove to enjoy and appreciate the geography of our locality.



We spent the day in Plymouth on Thursday 1st May. In the morning, we went on a boat trip. The boat went along Plymouth Sound. The children saw the coastline of Plymouth. We looked at Plymouth Hoe, Drake's Island and part of the naval base at Devonport. The tour guide explained the historical, and current, importance of Plymouth as a port. In the afternoon, we went to The Box Museum. The children enjoyed looking at the various displays and exhibitions.



Middle School YEARS 8 and 9

Year 8 & Year 9 - In-School Group



On Friday 2nd May, we went to Slapton Sands. The children saw the Exercise Tiger World War Two Tank Memorial. They had researched this in class on Monday - finding out that this training exercise went horrible wrong and led to hundreds of US soldiers losing their lives. We spend part of the afternoon playing games on the shingle beach.



Online Homework Successes



Following a parent and families survey last year, we made a commitment to move home learning online. By looking closely at Sumdog and MyMaths we have been amazed by our top 5 students. A special well done to Jacob, Emily, Kollbey-Reef, Victoria and Jake for going above and beyond with Maths homework all year.

Middle School

YEARS 8 and 9

Year 9 entry level science group trip to Hinkley point



In May, our Year 9 Entry Level Science students had an exciting trip to Hinkley Point C, the new nuclear power station being built on the Somerset coast. When it's finished, it will provide low-carbon energy for 6 million homes and is expected to run for at least 80 years. Students were amazed to learn that 14,000 people are working on the site and that the project will cost around £47.9 billion. They asked great questions and showed real interest throughout the visit. They were able to see the largest land based crane in world called Big Carl. The guide even praised them for being so respectful and engaged. It was a brilliant day that brought science to life and gave everyone something to think about for the future.



Bikeability Summer Cycling Sessions

This summer term has been a good one with the fine dry weather allowing many bikeability lessons to go ahead. Ten year 8 pupils have completed their level 2 in bikeability this term and nineteen year 8 and 9 pupils have completed level 1 since March 2025.

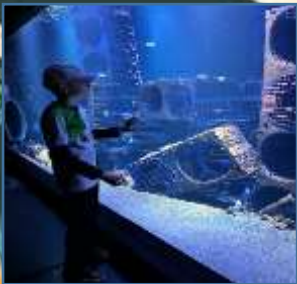
It has been great to see the level 1 skills of stopping quickly, avoiding obstacles, looking behind whilst riding in a straight line, using the gears on different gradients and giving hand signals develop well. Those pupils who went on to level 2 did very well in using and applying these skills on a variety of roads and junctions near to the school.

The pupils found the experience interesting and useful and it has helped their confidence, knowledge of road signs and 'rules' and skills at cycling. Shelby Dyer, a pupil from 8N said, "I learnt how to look over my right shoulder before starting, stopping and changing my road position."

It couldn't have gone ahead without the support of very helpful and supportive staff like Miss Harvey, Miss Williams, Miss Lester



Middle School RESIDENTIAL TRIP



Early on Tuesday 29th April, 45 Year 8 and 9 children left CPS for a French adventure!

We travelled by coach and Euro Tunnel and arrived at our accommodation after a very long journey at 6:30pm, just in time for dinner. Our meals were served in a traditional French restaurant within our hotel. We had three courses and were served by the staff which gave us lots of opportunity to use our manners and attempt some French!

Our hotel was small and our rooms were spread over two floors. The rooms were comfortable and we had a large field outside to play in. We were based in the countryside and saw lots of wildlife in the evenings, including bats and deer.

On Wednesday, we visited Nausicaa Sea Life Centre which features the largest tank in the whole of Europe. The aquarium was really impressive and interactive. We saw conger eels, jellyfish, penguins and most impressively, a majestic Manta Ray which glided through the water and amazed us with its beauty and grace.

Next, we travelled to a chocolate factory. The entire process of making chocolate from bean to bar, was shared with us. Our guide was very keen on teaching us lots of French terms and also sharing lots of delicious samples of chocolat blanc, au lait et noir. Many children spent money in the chocolate shop although lots of the 'gifts' didn't quite make it home uneaten!

Our final stop of the day was Agincourt Historical Centre. This museum taught us about the Hundred Years War and the battlefield tactics that led Henry V to victory. The story was told through a 360 degree cinema which was really engaging.

On Thursday, we travelled to La Coupole Le Centre. Throughout our trip, the weather was very warm and yet the tunnels we entered were a very cool 12 degrees! This site was used by Nazi Germany to hold V-2 rockets, intended to reach London. We noticed how well hidden the structure would have been from the sky and discussed how devastating the impact could have been had the allied forces not discovered its secrets.

Thursday afternoon was spent at Parc Bagatelle. Our pupils were very brave, exploring the park in small groups and enjoying a range of rides. All pupils really impressed the staff with their ability to follow our instructions (especially around applying sun cream and keeping cool), demonstrated excellent manners in queues and tried new things whether it be a daring ride, shopping in the gift shops, ordering their own ice creams or exploring the park with their friends. The highlight for many was 'The Big Orange One' rollercoaster!

We returned to school on Friday evening.

For many pupils, this trip was the first time they had ever travelled abroad. As well as experiencing the activities and interesting sites, we were able to share the process of leaving the country, the role of customs and boarder control.

Pupils gained experience in managing their money and using Euros, experienced interacting with others that speak another language and demonstrated independence skills whilst sharing a room, away from home. We were very proud of all pupils throughout the trip and the way they conducted themselves. We hope their passports get more use in future residential visits at Combe Pafford and beyond!

Mrs McVeigh



Upper School YEARS 10 and 11

Operation Imprezza Fundraiser



Thank you to all the pupils and staff that took part in the Operation Imprezza fundraiser.

They managed to raise over £40 in 20minutes!



Beach litter pick

As part of their BTEC Science course, our Year 11 students organised a beach cleaning trip to Goodrington Beach. The trip focused on exploring practical ways to protect the environment, including reducing plastic waste and understanding human impact on coastal ecosystems. Pupils took the lead in planning and carrying out the clean-up, showing great teamwork and commitment to sustainability.



Upper School RESIDENTIAL TRIP

On the 23rd June, 29 students set off to London. We had an action packed week, starting at Harry Potter Studios on the Monday afternoon. We explored the different film sets and marvelled at the dragon (with real flames) in Gringott's. We then travelled into London and settled into our accommodation.

On Tuesday morning, we had our first experience of the London Underground travelling to Westminster and then crossing the bridge to the South Bank. Where we visited the London Dungeons. This was a fun (but scary for Miss Kvesic) experience as we travelled back through time, meeting jesters, the Inquisition and Sweeney Todd's assistant who told us gruesome tales of London in times past. We escaped back into the sunshine and enjoyed lunch in Jubilee Gardens before heading to the London Eye. This was a great opportunity to see the sights of London and everyone took plenty of photos. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a riverboat cruise along the Thames and then we all headed to Leicester Square for dinner. After dinner, we enjoyed visiting M&M World and the Lego shop. We then returned back to our hostel where some of us listened to the opera in Holland Park before settling down for some well-earned sleep.

On Wednesday, it was time for Mr Wallace's infamous walking tour of the sights! We started at Buckingham Palace where we watched the Changing of the Guard before walking down the Mall to Trafalgar Square. We stopped in Covent Garden to enjoy our lunch and watched the street performers, one of whom roped in Mr Davey to his performance! In the afternoon, we went to 120 Fenchurch St, which has a beautiful rooftop garden with amazing views. After this we jumped on the tube to go to Stratford East for shopping and pizza. In the evening, we went to the O₂ to get the cable car across the Thames where we timed it perfectly to catch an amazing sunset before returning to our accommodation for some much needed sleep.

On Thursday, after breakfast we headed off through the park to get the tube to visit the Natural History Museum. We all (especially me) marvelled at the 360° Our Story with David Attenborough film experience and visited the different galleries to see what was on offer. We loved the Space exhibition and looking at all the diamonds and other gemstones. After the museum, we went back to the hostel to pack and get changed before our evening meal at Prezzo. All the children were amazing and the whole restaurant joined us to sing happy birthday to DJ who was celebrating that day. We then headed out for the finale of our week- a West End show. We went to see Back to the Future! and everyone was spellbound by the performance.

On Friday, we were up early for our return to school, exhausted but happy after a great week!



Upper School

IN SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL GROUPS

The remaining Year 10 and 11 pupils who did not attend the trips to London and Paris have had a fun-packed week of activities offsite each day. The week has gone as follows:



Monday

We all enjoyed a look around the zoo in the sunshine. So many of the animals were out to see. Highlights included seeing the cheetahs being fed, watching the red pandas and managing to see the new baby orangutan. We also enjoyed walking/running across the wobbly bridge and spending some time in the outdoor play areas. Having walked lots and climbed many hills, a rest and picnic lunch together was a welcome break in the middle of the day.

Tuesday

We began the day at a more leisurely place as bowling did not open until 11am. As the weather was nice we gathered the rounders equipment and went down to the grassy park beside bowling and played a game there before heading in. Bowling was great fun and staff and students enjoyed celebrating many strikes and spares together. We came back to school for lunch and then split into 2 rooms for a movie with popcorn and sweets in the afternoon.

Wednesday

Today brought about another chance for students to get competitive and show off their golfing skills. Students quickly got themselves into small groups with a member of staff (for the scoring) and set off at various points across the golf course. Whilst some of the golf balls went flying off course, others were successful at potting the ball fairly quickly and there were even some that got a hole in one! After golf we sat on Torre Abbey green for a picnic and a 'Staff v Students' rounders match – this was probably the most competitive element of the week! Once we were all tired out from rounders we got back in the minibus and went to Cockington for a walk and look around the craft shops.



Thursday: Yr 11

Year 11 split from the Year 10 group today and headed off to Exeter. Some serious shopping took place with some students being laden down with their new purchases. This was a great opportunity to show some independence and have the opportunity to browse and buy with staff on hand to support if needed. Time keeping was exceptional in Exeter and groups arrived back for every meeting time that was set. After shopping we walked to Exeter RAMM for a quick look around the museum, then made our way to the Cathedral green for a picnic lunch. Before we left Exeter there was just enough time to go down to a bowling arcade at the quay for some games of pool and air hockey.

Upper School

IN SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL GROUPS

Friday: Yr 11

Year 11 were excited about the final day of the week – Woodlands! Luckily the sun was still shining (mostly) and so they took full advantage of the water slides and toboggan run being open. Even those that were reluctant to go on at first had a go and loved it! Students challenged staff to a ‘Shoot out’ in the Blast Zone which was great fun. After lunch we all enjoyed running around the indoor play area playing tag and hide and seek.

Thursday and Friday: Yr 10

Thursday and Friday, Year 10 students found themselves in the middle of an unexpected mystery—one that turned their day into a thrilling crime scene investigation.

The drama began when pupils stumbled upon a mock crime scene set up, their mission: to solve the case by gathering evidence, analysing clues, and determining which of four suspects was responsible for the “crime.”

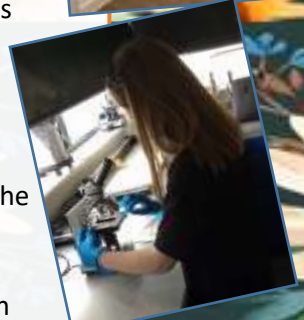
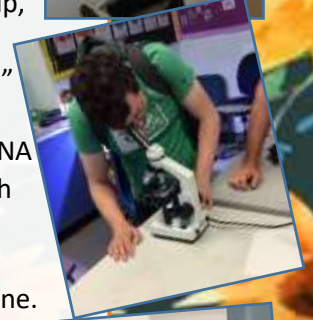
They examined hair and fibre samples under microscopes, compared DNA and fingerprint evidence, and used chromatography to determine which suspect’s pen had written a suspicious cheque.

One of the more mysterious clues was a white powder found at the scene. Students tested it using chemical analysis to determine its identity. They also investigated bullet trajectories using Nerf guns—an exciting hands-on way to understand the physics behind real-world ballistics.

Perhaps most gripping of all was the blood spatter analysis. Students examined different blood patterns to figure out how the incident unfolded, using both logic and science to piece together the sequence of events. Throughout the investigation, students received regular updates from a “police liaison,” simulating real-life forensic procedures and keeping the case evolving.

The murder mystery day proved a hit with everyone involved, sparking interest in science, law enforcement, and criminology. Year 10 rose to the challenge with skill and enthusiasm.

The week has been fantastic, and all students should be commended on their impeccable behaviour and time keeping. Lots of fun and laughter was had by all.



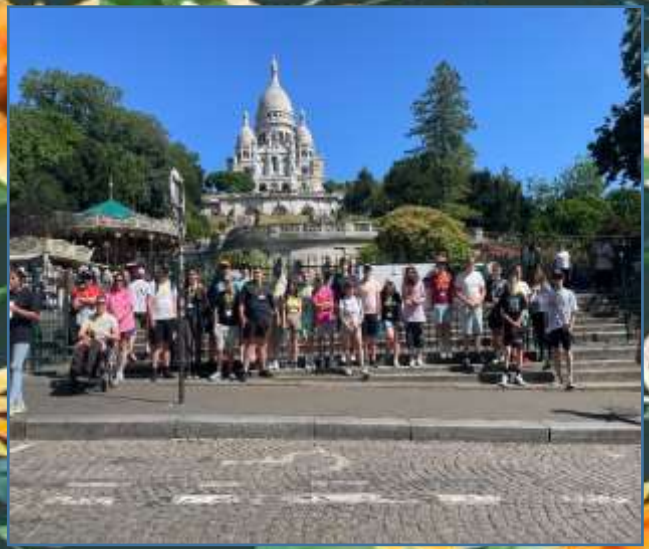
Upper School

Paris RESIDENTIAL



Fun was had by all in Paris, where students participated in the following activities:

- A visit to the Sacre Coeur
- Shopping on Champs Elysees
- Sighting of the Arc De Triomphe
- Viewing of the Eiffel Tower with pictures
- A visit to the Louvre, Notre Dame and plenty of souvenir shopping.
- A trip to Island Recreation - a man-made beach with water and relaxation facilities.



Sixth Form YEARS 12, 13 and 14

Animal Care news



This term has seen some warm days which means the animals have been out enjoying the sunshine! Students have been working on exercising and allowing the animals to exhibit natural behaviour. Come and say hello if you see them out.

This half term we have said goodbye to our year 11 students and some of our sixth form students who have worked well through the years with our animals. Good luck, you will be missed!



Congratulations to Bley for gaining paid work through his work experience at the Dock in Torquay. They have been so impressed with Bley since starting in September that they've offered Bley paid work at the weekends and holidays.



A1 – Workskills



A1 enjoyed their trip to the museum. Where they were able to delve into the history of Torbay.



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Summer Term Newsletter Sixth Form

Fitness Fundraiser: Winners Gym

Matt organised a Fitness Fundraiser from us at Winners Gym. On Tuesday 9th June, 18 of us Sixth Form students went to **Winners Gym in Newton Abbot** to take part in a **Dryathlon** event to raise money for new fitness equipment for our school. **We raised £365**

The event was held by Dean Turner, the manager of Winners, and we had PT support from Ethan Grant. Ethan used to be a student at Mayfield School and now works for Winners Gym!

The **sport equipment** was used:

Rowing machine – I rowed nonstop for 5 minutes!

Treadmill - I ran fast like a marathon for 1mile.

Bike machine – the seat was too high but I managed to do some cycling with the help of Ethan Grant.

I saw some gym clients using a **weighted sledge** to do sled pulls across the gym. I asked Dean if we could take part and he agreed to show us and give us a go at using the equipment!



GWR Placement

Another great term for 6th form students who were on placement with GWR, going to several railway stations .litter picking and general tidying platforms and areas around the station.

Well done team.



Sixth Form YEARS 12, 13 and 14



The A1 Life Skills class has had a very exciting few weeks!

We went on a visit to Newton Abbot to learn about different charities. The class asked volunteers why they give their time to help others. We were surprised that every single volunteer said the same thing — they enjoy meeting new people! After all their great questions, the class had a quick treat: a fun visit to look inside Toys “R” Us and Austin’s Toy Store.

As part of our Leisure Unit, we also visited Cockington Country Park. A1 had a lovely morning exploring nature. The students were fascinated by the glass blowing in the park. We ended the visit with yummy ice cream! Another day, we walked to St Marychurch to shop for pasta bake ingredients. The students walked there and back sensibly and shopped with great independence. They showed real maturity, and we were all very proud. Back at school, they cooked a beautiful pasta bake — it tasted amazing!

The class has also been busy in the kitchen making tasty vegetable stir fry. Everyone enjoyed it, and it went down well.

Well done, A1 — what a brilliant job!



Sixth Form

YEARS 12, 13 and 14



It's that time of year where we say goodbye to some of our students who are moving on to bigger and better things , it's been a pleasure supporting the following students and watching them grow into independent young adults .

Lexi Wilson who made a big impact at Chief Rentals

Matt Welsh who has secured a part time job at Me and Mrs Jones Cafe

Jake Braddish who has grown in his independence and confidence within his sheltered placements and The Yellow Frog Cafe

Riley Parsons who has secured a job for the summer and potentially a second job... Well done Riley!

Tom Cozens who has become part of the team at The Rare Breeds Farm

I would like to wish them all well as they transition to South Devon College and I have enjoyed supporting them over the years as their job coach!

Wishing them all the luck in the future and hope you all have a fabulous summer break ... Please come back and visit us!



Sixth Form

YEARS 12, 13 and 14

Work Experience Supporting in Local Primary Schools

Summer Wilson and Lucy Davies have both been developing their knowledge and skills in the nursery and reception classes at local primary schools. They have both received good feedback from the teachers that they have been supporting, and have developed very good relationships with both the staff and the children they have been supporting.

At St. Margaret Clitherow Primary Summer has spent some of her time helping a boy with special needs develop his social skills. She has enjoyed making teaching materials at home to support his learning in the classroom. She has also supported the children in other areas of the curriculum like in maths and reading. Her teacher said of her, "Summer works hard and is patient with the children. She is caring and calm, enjoys working with children with special needs and plans lovely activities."

At Homelands Primary Lucy has supported maths, reading, writing as well as supporting the children in their free play time. Lucy's class teacher said of her, "Lucy is a great help to us in Foundation Stage; always asking if anything needs doing."



Summer Wilson with one of the worksheets she has made.

Teambuilding



The sixth form all enjoyed a fantastic day at Devon Activity Centre. They spent the day taking part in football golf, an assault course and laser tag, working in teams to get to know each other ready for September!

Sixth Form

BERLIN



Day One

Berlin Residential Trip



The Sixth Form group in Berlin have had a super first day of sightseeing, starting with Checkpoint Charlie and ending with an hour long trip on the River Spree. On top of that we have visited the Brandenburg Gate and the thought provoking Holocaust memorial. We can't wait for Day 2!



Day Three

Berlin Residential Trip



Day 3 saw the group get an inter-city train from Alexanderplatz to the largest water park in Europe, 45 miles south of Berlin. This was requested by students and did not disappoint! Students had a great time inside the giant dome swimming and going on the huge range of water slides, the outdoor Amazonia space. Today was a highlight of the trip so far and was enjoyed by all 😊



Day Two

Berlin Residential Trip



We had a fabulous second day, the group splitting in the morning, one half going to Berlin Zoo, the other half to the Legoland Discovery Centre. The groups met after lunch at the Victory Memorial before heading for some retail therapy at the Mall of Berlin. After supper, the group headed to the Reichstag dome to do the gentle climb to the top giving fine views of the city. Another fabulous day in Berlin!



Day Four

Berlin Residential Trip



On our last day the group visited the Deutschland Museum which showcased key aspects of German history including the Middle Ages, the rise of Nazism and the role of famous Germans. A long hour of the Unterwitten (underground passages) was followed by a visit to the Eastside gallery, a large section of the Berlin Wall that has been decorated by a variety of artists exhibiting a range of styles. After that it was off to Hauptbahnhof to catch the express train to the airport and begin the journey home.

Sixth Form

GRAN CANARIA



Gran Canaria Day One

The students have had a fantastic first day surfing on Las Canteras beach, followed by a walk around Triana and a visit to the Museum. In the afternoon, we relaxed around the pool and finished the day with a lovely BBQ!



Gran Canaria Day Three - Masterchef



Today we cooked the traditional Gran Canarian food that we tried at the restaurant in Arucas. The students all took part and created some delicious dishes, including papas arrugadas (salty potatoes) with mojo picon rojo (a special pepper and garlic sauce) and polvito uruguayo (a meringue, cream and caramel dessert). We enjoyed a lovely lunch around the pool and then took a dip to cool down!

Later in the day, we went to a shopping mall and had a game of bowling which Savannah absolutely smashed with a score of 124 - incredible! Then we did a bit of shopping and the students purchased some items to bring home, followed by a McDonald's ☺



Gran Canaria Day Two

We started the day with our work experience at the banana plantation and the students all worked extremely hard! After that, we were rewarded with a tour of the plantation and were able to taste the delicious bananas and a variety of sauces and jams.

In the afternoon, we headed to Arucas where we went for a traditional Gran Canarian tapas meal and all the students tried all the food which was amazing!



Gran Canaria Day Three - Sunset



In the evening, we drove to the highest point on the island to watch the sunset and it was incredible! We could even see Tenerife from the viewing point!



Sixth Form GRAN CANARIA

Gran Canaria Day Four



Today we went to Mogan (also known as Little Venice) where we looked around the market and all the shops and purchased gifts to take home for our families. After that, we drove to the beach and went on the new inflatable assault course in the sea which was brilliant! Then we relaxed on the beach and had an ice cream before returning to the villa for pizza!



Gran Canaria Day Five – Food market



Today we went to Triana to visit the amazing food markets. We purchased a variety of unusual fruits to try back at the villa and the students all enjoyed tasting them.



Gran Canaria Day Five – Holiday World



Later in the day, we drove to the South of the island to visit Holiday World. The students loved going on all the rides and then they all chose their favourite meal from the food hall and practised ordering using the Spanish they had learnt over the week.

Gran Canaria

Day Six- Aqualand and Goodbye Meal



On the last day, we went to Aqualand and had the best time going on all the slides! In the evening, we went to a local restaurant for a goodbye meal and the students shared their favourite experience of the week.

It has been so lovely to watch the students grow in confidence and take more responsibility for their day-to-day care, including showering, sorting their washing, helping with food preparation and keeping the villa clean and tidy.

A wonderful week, enjoyed by all! 😊



Sixth FORM

**SIXTH FORM STUDENTS DRIVE COMMUNITY CHANGE
WITH AMBITIOUS PROJECT**
Ideas Presented to Torbay Council and Local Businesses at
Town Hall Event



Our sixth form students were lucky enough to take part in a community project over the last half term, where they were able to create a range of proposals aimed at revitalising the local area. The initiative culminated in a formal presentation at Torquay Town Hall in the last week of term, where students shared their ideas with members of Torbay Council, local business owners, and community stakeholders.

Grouped into five key categories, the students' ideas focused on improving quality of life, boosting the local economy, and providing meaningful opportunities for residents of all ages.

1. Local Economy and Small Business Support

Students proposed a number of creative strategies to breathe new life into Torquay's high street. These included pop-up shops for young entrepreneurs, reduced business rates for small and independent traders, and a campaign for **free parking in key shopping zones** to encourage footfall. The goal is to support both new and existing businesses while making local shopping more attractive for residents and visitors alike.

2. Transport, Access and Recreation

To promote healthier lifestyles and greener travel, the group presented a new cycle path scheme designed to better connect local schools, parks, and residential areas. A standout proposal was the creation of a combined skate and cycle park—a safe, vibrant space where young people can gather and stay active.

3. Arts, Culture and Events

Eager to inject energy back into Torbay's cultural life, the students called for the return of live music events in Torquay, alongside more family-friendly festivals and performances in public spaces. Their vision includes partnerships with local musicians, food vendors, and artists to celebrate the area's creative talent.

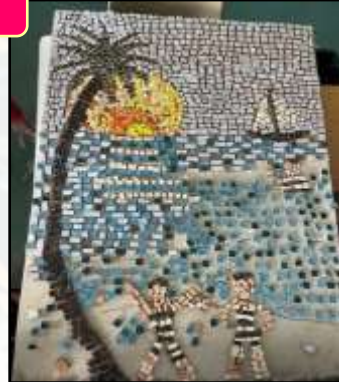


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- Quote from Steve Darling MP

Sixth FORM

Torbay Town Hall Visit



4. Youth Engagement and Social Spaces

Recognising the lack of accessible spaces for young people, students suggested expanded youth club offerings throughout the week, tailored to different age groups and interests. These spaces would serve as safe, supportive environments for teenagers to connect, learn new skills, and access mental health support if needed.

5. Community Art and Craft

In a show of artistic flair, the sixth form and a collection of pupils across the school also created two large-scale mosaics celebrating Torbay's coastal heritage. These will soon be proudly displayed in public spaces around Torquay. In addition, they designed a collection of handmade crafts, which will be sold in a local community shop to raise funds for future youth-led projects.

The Town Hall event was met with widespread praise. Local MP, Steve Darling, commented that "Listening to and acting on young people's views is an essential part of reimagining Torquay town centre. The student from Combe Pafford had some really useful insights into the challenges our town centre faces, and we now need to follow up on these innovative ideas"

Roxanne Burness-Moakes, Head of Sixth Form, also added "It's incredibly rewarding to see our students not just learning about civic responsibility, but living it. Their creativity, teamwork, and commitment to the community have been outstanding."

With talks now underway to trial several of the initiatives, the students have proven they're not just the future of Torbay — they're helping shape its present.



Combe Pafford would also like to thank Jewson Builders Merchant, Torquay for their ongoing support and kind donations of materials for the project.

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Sports NEWS

Neon Run

✿ A Brilliant Day at the Neon Run! ✿

We're thrilled to share what a fantastic day we had at the Neon Run. Our students were absolutely exceptional and represented Combe Pafford School with pride and enthusiasm.

From the moment we arrived, the energy was high — and so was the pace! One of our students, Lacie, certainly kept us on our toes as she powered through the 5k route with determination and a big smile.

Our Year 10 mentors did a brilliant job supporting the Year 7 pupils, showing real maturity, encouragement, and care throughout the day. It was especially heartwarming to see some pupils who sometimes struggle with sport and trips of this kind, fully engaged and clearly enjoying themselves.

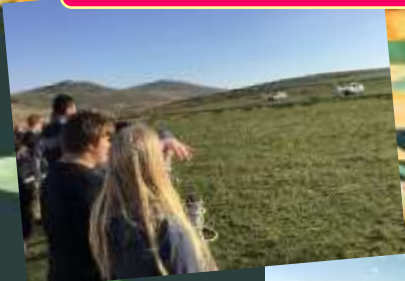
A huge well done to the pupils who originally signed up for the 2k run but decided to push themselves further and completed the full 5k — an incredible achievement!

Of course, a massive shout-out goes to our fantastic Teaching Assistants, who truly brought the fun — running, walking, dancing, and cheering their way through the event. And yes, they were absolutely covered in neon paint by the end! They made a real difference to the day and will be receiving certificates for their effort and energy.

Miss Kvesic



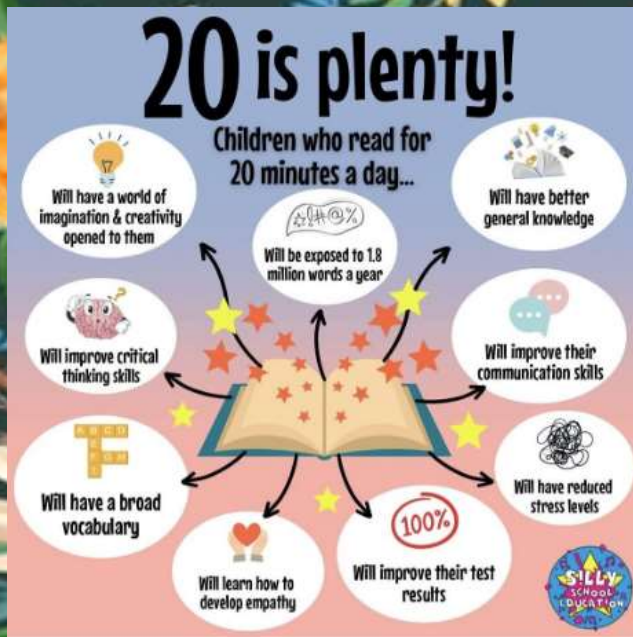
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Library NEWS



The benefits of sharing some sort of reading for just 20 minutes a day are invaluable to the young people we look after. Did you know...



There are so many ways for families to get reading together this summer. Here are some ideas and they are all **FREE!**

Have a go at the Combe Pafford Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt Challenge. Have a go at the Combe Pafford Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt Challenge (a copy will be sent home or you can print one here [CP Summer reading challenge](#)) In September when you return to school, you will be awarded a class charts point for each challenge you tick off and any students who complete all the challenges will be entered into a prize draw. I look forward to announcing the winner in September – good luck! In September when you return to school, you will be awarded a class charts point for each challenge you tick off and any students who complete all the challenges will be entered into a prize draw. I look forward to announcing the winner in September – good luck!

COMBE PAFFORD
Summer Reading Challenge

Write the date and title of what you read in the appropriate box, and bring the sheet back to school in September to collect your class charts points. Anyone who completes every challenge will be put into a draw to win a prize.
Good luck and happy reading!

<i>A news article</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A shopping list</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>An audiobook</i> Date: _____ Title: _____
<i>A comic</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>Song lyrics</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A fiction book</i> Date: _____ Title: _____
<i>Instructions</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A non-fiction book</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>An email</i> Date: _____ Title: _____
<i>A magazine article</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A joke book</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A menu</i> Date: _____ Title: _____
<i>Play a word game</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A recipe</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A library book</i> Date: _____ Title: _____
<i>A text message</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>Food packaging</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A poem</i> Date: _____ Title: _____
<i>An eBook</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A board/card game</i> Date: _____ Title: _____	<i>A brochure/leaflet</i> Date: _____ Title: _____

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These events are taking place at Torquay Library. Follow this link to find your local library and events that are being held there - [Libraries Unlimited](#)

If you can't get to your local library or prefer to listen to audiobooks, download the free BorrowBox app. You just need to be a member of your local library to register. Follow this link for more information about BorrowBox:
<https://www.borrowbox.com/>



SUMMER EVENTS AT TORQUAY LIBRARY

SUMMER BOOK QUEST

- Summer Book Quest Launch**
Sat 12th July 10:30-15:00
Make pinwheels & sand castles!
- Fun Science With Edd**
Wed 30th July 10:30-11:30
Make a deep sea diver to explore water pressure £2.50*
- Friendship Bracelet Making Workshop**
Wed 13th Aug 10:30-11:30
Make beaded and thread bracelets £2.00*
- Crazy Golf**
Throughout July and August
50p a go
- Finisher's Day**
Wed 27th August 10:30-15:00
Water Play & Junk Modelling
- Queer Zine-Making Workshop**
Tues 29th July 11:00-13:00
Celebrate your identity through the art of zine-making £2.00*
- Sculpture Workshop for Children & Adults**
Wed 6th Aug 10:30-11:30
Create sculptures out of recycled materials £2.50*

*Pre Booking Required

Book via 01803 714452
torquay.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk
*Book is a charge, payment must be made to receive it please

Summer reading challenge

Fancy winning some great prizes while going on a fabulous reading adventure?

All you have to do is be aged 4-14 and read 5 books this summer.

Click on the QR code, fill in the easy online form, and you will be in the prize draw!

Ask the adults in your life to follow us on social media for more information on prizes and upcoming events.

TORQUAY READS

Local charity, Torquay Reads, are running a reading challenge with prizes. Scan the QR code to take part.

Have a fantastic summer of reading!

Mrs Bindon - Library Manager

Vocational SKILLS

Vocational Skills

Vocational Skills Summer Newsletter

Celebrating a Season of Skills, Creativity, and Discovery!

As we approach the end of another summer term we are excited to share the amazing progress our pupils have made in vocational skills this term. Across all year groups, students have been busy learning practical skills, expanding their vocabulary, and exploring the world of work. From understanding tools and techniques to discussing future careers, wages, taxes, and bills, it's been a hands-on and thought-provoking term!

Year 6 – Tiny Tools, Big Ideas!

Our Year 6 pupils have taken early steps into the world of practical skills. They've learned how to **measure, mark, and cut wood**, and even had their first go at using a **pillar drill**—all under careful supervision. Their hard work paid off with the creation of their very own **unique robot figures**. Each one showing off the creativity and growing confidence of all pupils.

Year 7 – Building for Nature

Year 7 students have been honing their **carpentry skills** by crafting beautiful **wooden birdhouses**. They have planned their own work and practiced measuring and cutting with precision. To make their designs bird-friendly, they also researched **British bird species** to ensure the openings were just right. A super mix of skills from science, design, and trade skills.

Year 8 – Reuse, Recycle, Reimagine!

Year 8 pupils have impressed us with their **pinball machines**, made from **recycled timber**. They learned how to repurpose old wood, explored **environmental sustainability**, and practiced techniques like **cutting and bending plastic**. They also looked into **electrical circuits**, building their own **buzz wire games** while discussing **renewable vs. fossil energy sources**. Again, a super mix of skills from science, design, and trade skills.

Year 9 – A Taste of the Future

Year 9 students have been rotating through our **vocational subject options**, getting a taste of what's to come in Year 10. This bespoke timetable gives every pupil the chance to explore different pathways—from construction to design—helping them make informed choices about their future studies. It's all about discovering passions and building confidence!

We're so proud of everyone for their enthusiasm, effort, and achievements this term. Whether it's painting, sketching, measuring, or making, they have all had fun and taken part in their that learning.

Wishing you all a **wonderful summer break!**

Stay curious, stay creative.

Thank you. Mr Spooner, Mrs Macintyre

Leavers PRESENTATION

Tuesday 22nd July saw the official celebration event for the Combe Pafford Leavers 2025. The night got underway in spectacular fashion with the arrival of pupils in awesome style. We were treated to tuxedo suits, dresses that only a Disney film could dream of and pupils being dropped in Lamborghinis and Ferraris!!!

As always for one of these events, emotions ran very high. Tutors delivered so lovely speeches reflecting on their time with pupils over the last year. Subject teachers then delivered a host of awards to our pupils. This year in addition to Pupil of the Year we had awards for Compassion, Resilience and Respect. The winners can be seen below:



Pupil of the Year: Oli Taylor

Compassion: Jess Davies

Resilience: Alex Brice and Dan Boosey

Respect: Alex Squires



I want to extend a huge thank you to all parents that attended the event. It was a really well-attended event and this is always a huge factor in making the night successful. I'd also like to thank all the teachers and support staff that have contributed to the journeys of our pupils during their time at Combe Pafford School.

I want to wish that our Year 11s have a fantastic summer and wish them all the very best for their next steps!

Thank you!

Luke James
Head of Upper School



Leavers PRESENTATION



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ATTENDANCE *Matters*

Our current attendance average for this year is **90.73**

National attendance average for other schools like ours is **87.8%**

When pupils miss school, they miss valuable learning time, social interactions and opportunities for personal development. **Good attendance is important for our children's futures.**

At Combe Pafford school we want everyone to be in school all of the time preparing for their future. Please look at how important it is to be here

If my child's attendance over 1 year was:	This would be equal to these many days off:	This is about these many weeks absent over 1 year:	This means that my child will miss these many lessons:	If this absence carried on over 5 years, my child would miss approximately this much school:
97%	5	1 week	30	5 weeks
95%	9	2 weeks	60	Quarter of a year
90%	19	4 weeks	120	Half a year
80%	38	8 weeks	240	One year
70%	57	11.5 weeks	345	1 and quarter years
60%	80	16 weeks	480	2 years

Important. If your child does have to miss some school, it is so important that you let us know before 08:45. We need to make sure that your child is safe and where they are supposed to be. Please consider the worst-case scenario of either you or school not knowing where a child is.

Some information for everyone

Attendance and the Law

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education... It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

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Fundraising

A recent visit by members of Rotary Newton Abbot has sparked a wave of generosity and collaboration, culminating in several meaningful contributions to the school and the wider community.

Amanda James and Sandra Murphy from Torbay & District Funeral Services in St Marychurch were impressed by the facilities at the school had, returned to work and arranged for the purchase of a much needed second defibrillator for the School. Although we hope we never have to use it, this vital addition will enhance emergency readiness and ensure greater safety for students, visitors and staff alike.



Mrs Thompson's Business & Enterprise Day

As part of the celebrations to mark the retirement of Mr Thompson, we launched a Business & Enterprise themed day for pupils to be involved in.

Each class had 10 minutes to pitch an idea to Mr Thompson (and a panel of special guests that have worked with Mr Thompson over the years) about how they would spend £200 to improve the school or create an income stream for the school. This would form a final part of the lasting legacy of Mr Thompson.

Pupils shared their ideas and answered questions from the panel. The creativity of ideas and high level of communication and engagement really impressed the panel.

The winning idea will be announced in our final assembly today. We look forward to sharing this with you in the next newsletter.



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Activities



Summer



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**AUTUMN TERM
MENU 2025**

COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU

w/b 1st, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec

SCHOOL DINNERS
£2.30

FOOD ALLERGENS & INTOLERANCES

IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF.

LOCAL BUTCHER
LOCAL VEGETABLES
FREE RANGE EGGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEAT BAKE Local butchers sausages served in a hot dog roll with onions and homemade wedges.	CHINESE CHICKEN CURRY Local butchers chicken breast diced in a Chinese curry sauce served with rice.	MEAT SANDWICH Local butchers' hamman served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	CHEESE PIZZA Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce and cheese.	BATTERED COD Oven baked cod served with chunky chips, peas or beans and curry sauce.
SHRIMP BAKED EGGS Baked eggs and salmon covered in a white sauce and baked in the oven served with homemade wedges.	PIZZA BAKE Homemade baked balls served with fresh salad, toasted pizza bread and bananas.	VEGGIE ROAST Stuffed, vegetables and beans wrapped in crispy puff pastry served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	OVEN NUGGETS Oven mince in a tomato based sauce served with pasta and garlic bread.	SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN Homemade pastry filled with eggs, caramelised onions and cheese baked in the oven.
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STEAMED SPONGE AND CUSTARD	FRUIT FLAPJACK	FRUIT CRUMBLE AND CUSTARD	HOMEMADE COOKIES	FRUIT, JELLY AND ICE CREAM



**NEW
PRICE
£2.30**

COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU

w/b 15th Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd, 24th Nov, 15th Dec

SCHOOL DINNERS
£2.30

FOOD ALLERGENS & INTOLERANCES

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LOCAL BUTCHER
LOCAL VEGETABLES
FREE RANGE EGGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SUPPERNANO FISH CHICKEN Local butchers chicken coated in seasoning served with homemade crispy wedges.	MEAT LASAGNE Local butchers mince bolognese layered with white sauce and lasagne sheets baked in the oven.	SANDWICHES AND YORKSHIRE PUDDING Local butchers' sausages and Yorkshire pudding with mashed potato and gravy.	HAM AND CHEESE PIZZA Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce, ham and cheese.	FISH FINGERS Oven baked battered cod fish fingers served with chunky chips and curry sauce.
MAC AND CHEESE Macaroni covered in a white sauce topped with breadcrumbs and cheese served with garlic bread.	LENTIL SWEET POTATO CURRY Lentil, sweet potato and vegetable curry served with rice.	VEGGIE NOODLES Stuffed, vegetables and beans wrapped in crispy puff pastry served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	VEGETABLE BURGER Crispy vegetable burger served in a bun with salad and wedges.	CRISPY OMELETTE Fluffy free range egg omelette served with chunky chips.
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HOMEMADE BROWNIES	SHORTBREAD BISCUIT & FRUIT	APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	JAM SPONGE AND CUSTARD	FRUIT, JELLY AND ICE CREAM

COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU

w/b 8th, 29th Sept, 20th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec

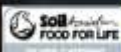
SCHOOL DINNERS
£2.30

FOOD ALLERGENS & INTOLERANCES

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LOCAL BUTCHER
LOCAL VEGETABLES
FREE RANGE EGGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEEF CHICKEN Local butchers chicken breast baked in the oven with BBQ sauce and cheese served homemade crispy wedges.	COTTAGE PIE Local butchers beef mince cooked with vegetables and gravy topped with mashed potatoes and baked in the oven.	BACON PORK Local butchers loin of pork served with gravy and mashed potatoes.	CHEESE PIZZA Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce and cheese.	BATTERED COD Oven baked cod served with chunky chips, peas or beans.
PASTA PASTA A rich pasta pasta served with pork mince.	CHEESE AND CHIVE STUFFED SKINS Crispy filled cheese and chive stuffed jacket potato skins served with salad and celestia w.	VEGGIE ROAST Stuffed, vegetables and beans wrapped in crispy puff pastry served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	SALMON SALAD Smoked salmon served on a bed of salad and celestia w.	OVEN NUGGETS Oven nuggets baked in the oven served with chunky chips.
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MARBLE SPONGE	CHOCOLATE CRACKNELL	FRUIT CRUMBLE AND CUSTARD	ANGEL DELIGHT	FRUIT, JELLY AND ICE CREAM



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Arbor

Following valuable feedback from many of you, we are making changes to simplify communication and payments by reducing the number of apps you need to use.

From 1st September, School Money will no longer be in use. Instead, all school payments, including those for dinners, clubs, trips, and residential, will be managed exclusively through the Arbor App.

This new App links to our school MIS system and includes in-app messaging, attendance information, lesson timetables, consents and pupil information.

In time, we hope to further develop the App to include progress and behaviour updates.

To ensure you don't miss important updates or payment deadlines, all parents must download the Arbor App before the start of the new school year.

We believe this change will make things easier and more convenient for everyone. Thank you for your continued support!

➡ Download the Arbor App today and stay connected with everything happening at school.

If you need any help setting up the app, please contact the school office.

QR Code for Apple users:

QR Code for Android users:



We are changing the way that we communicate with you

Apply via the QR code for Music Tuition

Would you like your child to have music tuition?

If so, please complete the following Google Form 😊



Goodbye

MR THOMPSON



This term sees the retirement of Mr Thompson.

Mr Thompson started at Combe Pafford School in January 1988 as a PE Teacher. That means he has worked the school for 37 Years and two terms!

When Mr Thompson joined the school, it looked like this:

During his time at Combe Pafford School, Mr Thompson has had a number of roles, including:

- P.E. Teacher
- Class teacher and form tutor
- Head of Key Stage 4 (Upper School)
- Assistant Headteacher
- Head of Vocational Education
- Head of Sixth Form
- And most recently, Employer Engagement Coordinator

Beyond these roles, Mr Thompson has achieved many things:



He has supported Ten Tors for 35 years, sharing his loves of walking and Dartmoor with hundreds of pupils and supporting them to create life long memories.

He has organised and attended 35 residential visits to numerous countries but notably, four visits to China in which his role ensured a ten year relationship.

Mr Thompson also introduced Outward Bound Scholarships and has supported 24 students in recent years, across numerous locations within the UK. This opportunity has not only enhanced pupil self-esteem and confidence but has provided the experience necessary to demonstrate the capabilities needed for employment such as entry to the armed forces with great success.

During his time at Combe Pafford, Mr Thompson was central to the development of our vocational facilities and courses. He has supported the development of all of our vocational buildings. Our school now looks like this:

All of the development of work-related learning that Mr Thompson has been involved in has led to so many students leaving CPS really well prepared for appropriate employment. And of all of the things that he has been involved with, that is his legacy.

Mr Thompson has set a wonderful example to so many of the staff and pupils at Combe Pafford. We hope to follow his lead and continue the good work he began. Our staff are committed to building on this strong foundation, ensuring that the vocational provision continues to grow and evolve, giving future students the same high-quality opportunities and preparation for the world of work