

Combe Pafford School

BULLETIN



Spring Term
2025

Headlines

Dear Parents, Families and Students,

As we approach the end of the term and prepare for the Easter break, I hope this newsletter shows you all the wonderful achievements of our students and shares some key highlights from the school. This has been another busy and productive term, filled with hard work, creativity, and community spirit. I am never failed to be amazed by how many events the newsletter contains, and it is a wonderful way to look back on the last 12 weeks and all the opportunities, both in and out of school, that our young people have taken part in.

As you read through the pages you will see the students' demonstrating our school values of compassion, resilience and respect and I am proud of them every day as they try hard in lessons and interact with each other and in our community.

In my assembly this week, I thanked the students for all their hard work in achieving over 42,000 green points! This is an incredible total and is another way we celebrate the successes with the students. I am also delighted that our 'classes of the term' have enjoyed their prize for this award.

You will see some wonderful highlights from the term in this newsletter and I'm sure you will be as amazed as I am at how much we have crammed into just 12 weeks of the spring term. I am still experiencing some 'firsts' at Combe Pafford highlights (remove this word) and can't hide my delight at seeing children take part in some of the events such as; World Book Day with its incredible fancy dress, Children in Need Day and Comic Relief Day with its very funny assemblies, Arts and Science week with the exciting learning opportunities and the many trips and visits the children have been able to take part in.

It was wonderful to visit St Marychurch this week for our Easter service delivered by our middle school students. Their depiction of Holy Week was very special and the resilience they showed in performing was super.

Our school is blessed with an incredible staff team who enable our students to experience all these wonderful events and opportunities. My huge thanks to all of them for everything they plan, deliver and offer to the students.

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Hughes from 8H who is moving to a school closer to her new home. We thank Miss Hughes for everything she has done during her time at Combe Pafford both as a class teacher and our music lead. On behalf of the myself and all the staff at Combe Pafford, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful Easter break. I hope you can enjoy some wonderful family time together and that the weather is very kind, and we all see a lot of sunshine.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 23rd of April** for a summer term packed with residential experiences and even more wonderful learning experiences.

Best wishes

Sally Banfield
Headteacher



Lower School

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YEARS 4, 5, 6 AND 7



Trip to the Torquay Library to hear from an Author. 6P

6P visited Torquay Library on World Book Day to hear from an Author and meet her two pug dogs that were characters in her stories!



Trip to Dartmoor 6P and 6R



Class 6R and class 6P had a wonderful time exploring Dartmoor as part of their humanities project about comparing features of local places. They did some fantastic drawing of the scenery and noticed how they could see for miles around.



7B's Ancient Mayan Mask

7B have been learning about the Ancient Mayans and exploring their beliefs. We've learnt about what a few of the different gods and goddess represented to the Ancient Mayans and how important they were to the civilisation.

Courageous Ancient Mayan warriors put on masks as a way to intimidate their enemies. They believed that the gods, goddesses and spirits represented in their masks would give them spiritual power and protect them from danger.

So 7B got creative and designed and made their own masks using what they'd learnt about the gods and goddesses. Check out their finished masks.



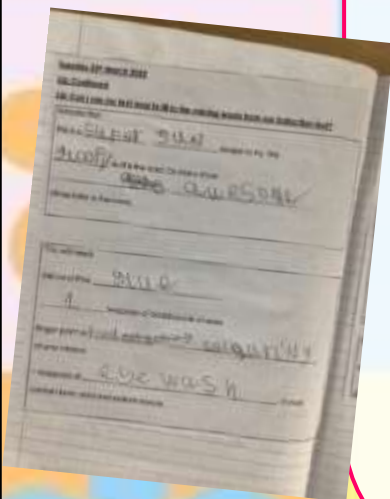
Lower School YEARS 4, 5, 6 AND 7



7C



English in 7C has taken on a bit of a slime-y element! This half term we have focused on an instruction text, thinking about the importance of instructions and what can go wrong if bits of information are missed out. To show this, we started the unit with the class writing instructions for Miss Christie to make a sandwich, and then those sandwiches were made exactly as the pupils said! Everyone found it really interesting to see how, actually, instructions need to be explicit. Our English text has been *The Slime Book*, and as a class we followed a "stretchy" slime recipe. After making the slime ourselves, we've looked at commands, imperative verbs, expanded noun phrases, and sequencing of instructions. We've moved on now to our practise writing, where we are making fluffy slime. Instead of following written instructions, pupils will be given pictures showing the steps. They will use their knowledge from the book to follow the recipe as best as they can, and will add in some sentences once it's finished. Finally, pupils will make their own slime recipe from start to finish. Although it's been messy, you can tell from engagement and smiles in the pictures



Lower School YEARS 4, 5, 6 AND 7



7B Lifeskills Trip

On a sunny day in the Spring 2 term 7B had an afternoon outing to the Torquay seafront. The focus of Lifeskills lessons has been personal safety, and we have explored ways to be safe at school, in our homes, and in the wider community. One huge piece of learning for us has been road safety, and after talking about scenarios in school, we went to the Torquay Seafront to see what road safety feels like in real life. After a picnic lunch on Torre Abbey Sands, we walked along the pavements, crossed the road using a green man, a pedestrian bridge, and an unstructured crossing. A pupil in 7B also taught us that for those who find it hard to see the green man, there is a feature on green man crossings that allow people to feel when it's safe to cross by a piece spinning at the back of the buttons that are pressed. Everyone enjoyed the sunshine and their learning at the same time!



Year 7 Beat the Blues



A select group of Year 7 students participated in a range of physical & team building tasks at St. Cuthbert Mayne School led by Charlie from a company called the Wolfpaq (<https://www.wolfpaq.co/>), with other Year 7's from the school.

As a group we learnt that exercise can be fun, and how exercise can be beneficial for helping mental health, establishing social skills, interaction and interdependence, as well as improving our physical health too.

All of those that took part had a great time and were able to share something that they enjoyed about the day. A great day had by all.

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Middle School

YEARS 8 AND 9



8A Bikeability Level One



This half-term, over the last four weeks, 8A have been working on Bikeability Level 1 with Mr Burwood on the school astro. The children have learnt how to control their bicycle – or tricycle. This has included setting off, slowing down, braking and stopping. Furthermore, the children have been practicing how to pedal without wobbly feet or being out of control. In addition, they have learnt how to be aware of their surroundings by looking over their shoulder and signalling with their arms. Pupils have had to look out for each other – as other cyclists - as well as cycling around courses on the astro. The class have enjoyed their Bikeability sessions and the children have hugely benefited from this experience.

8D World War 1



In Year 8 we have been learning about World War 1. To help consolidate the learning and make the lessons more memorable we have been making some practical props. Here are our paper gas masks. We have also made model bi-planes and propaganda posters. We will take this knowledge with us on our residential to France in a few weeks!

Middle School YEARS 8 AND 9



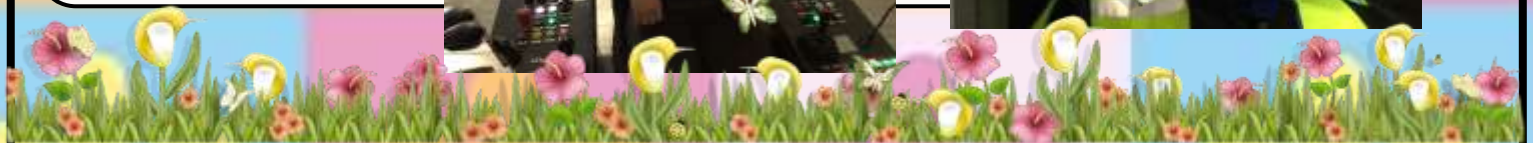
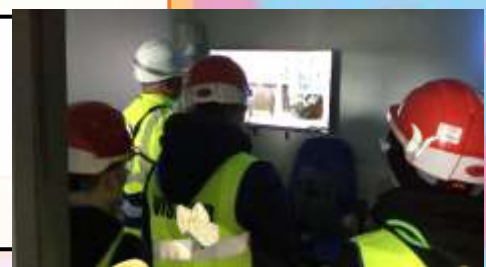
Waste Facility Year 8 Trip



On Monday 13th January, Year 8 visited MVV Devonport Energy from Waste Facility. This linked to our Science learning on Earth's Materials. Furthermore, we will revisit and recall our learning during our summer Geography topic on Environment and Sustainability.



The children were given information about the site and what MVV do. We were reminded about 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'. Jade, from MVV, then told us about 'Recover'. The facility takes household waste, incinerates it and turns the energy from this process into electricity. Jade gave us a tour of the facility so that we could see each step of the process in action. Kat, from SWISCo, was there to tell us about the recycling process in Torbay. Pupils left with information posters and stickers for their recycling bins at home.



Middle School YEARS 8 AND 9

8H Thrive Sessions



We've been working on resilience and teamwork. We've been pushing ourselves in really tricky challenges like separating coloured rice, cup stacking with string and building bridges and towers.

Year 8 World Book Day Trip

To celebrate World Book Day, students from 8N and 8H took part in an exciting trip to Trago Mills. During the visit, we participated in a fun and interactive workshop where we acted out our own stories, using key words and props to guide us. Everyone got involved, and we created some truly amazing and often hilarious stories! Our favourite prop was probably the horse's head! We then got to choose our own World Book Day books which were all ready and waiting for us.

After the workshop, we enjoyed lunch, with peacocks wandering around us as we ate. Before heading back to school, we had a quick look around some of the other attractions Trago Mills has to offer, making it a fantastic and memorable day for all. We look forward to using some of the skills learnt in our writing!

Upper School

YEARS 10 AND 11

Key Stage 4 Lifeskills

Year 11 Lifeskills students have been practicing travel training as part of our "Safety Outside the Home" unit. We were fortunate to be hosted by Great Western Railway (GWR) as part of their 'Try a Train' scheme.

At Torquay station, two GWR staff members greeted us and explained train station safety. We then had the opportunity to buy our own tickets at the ticket office, generously paid for by GWR. We also learned how to read stopping pattern sheets and information boards to track our train journey to Plymouth.

After practicing road safety in the city and having lunch, we returned to Plymouth station where we learned about unmanned ticket offices, buying tickets online, and using ticket machines. We also practiced using help and emergency buttons, which rail users can use to request assistance or report an emergency. The pupils applied their new knowledge to ensure we got onto the correct platform for our journey home.

Mrs Charlotte Macintyre



Year 11 Care Trip

This term the Year 11 Childcare group were looking at local organisations that provide play and leisure activities for children of all ages. We explored this topic by visiting The Aztec which has a fantastic soft play area for younger children, as well as bowling, table tennis, arcade games, pool and archery for older children. While we were there we enjoyed a short game of bowls and drink and had a great time.



Upper School YEARS 10 AND 11

Dan: The 4 Grand Man!

2024 has seen one of our pupils step foot into completely uncharted territory for Combe Pafford School; reaching heights not yet seen and generating unimaginable pride to be felt across the whole community.

This year, Dan Boosey, 11C, set himself a target to raise £1000 for The Bristol Royal Hospital for Children and Link Torbay by completing the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge. This is an annual event which, for most, involves a one night camp (often with very little sleep), followed by a 5am wake up and long distance walk across the tors of Dartmoor in what can be quite challenging conditions. Add to this the fact that Dan has a condition called Cerebral Palsy – a condition that affects movement and co-ordination; you can imagine how much of a challenge this 7.8 mile walk on difficult terrain might have been for him.

But no - not for Dan! I am pleased to say that I had the pleasure of supporting Dan (in addition to Dad and Tom – his personal trainer) from start to finish. I looked on as Dan took on his challenge, taking everything in his stride – literally! The day was full of ups and down (again – quite literally) but despite the heat and the very awkward terrain for his walker, never did I hear Dan complain or ask how long was left.



By the time of the home straight, there were blisters and sunburn galore; but I know that it was all made worthwhile as Dan was clapped and cheered in to finish line – a cheer so loud it was quite overwhelming. All I can say is thank you to Dan and his family for allowing me to be a part of the day with them.

Upper School YEARS 10 AND 11

Fast forward over 6 months and Dan kept managing to find ways to add to his pot. The £1000 target came and went quite quickly. 'Why not keep going?' was Dan's attitude; especially when you have the support of Michael Macintyre in your corner! This term, Dan went to watch Michael Macintyre live in concert where he had the pleasure of meeting the comedian. Mr Macintyre was so thrilled at Dan's fundraising efforts that he donated another £1000 to the cause.

Dan: The 4 Grand Man!



Finally, if all that wasn't enough, Dan capped off his quite extraordinary year with a live performance on this year's BBC Children in Need. I know how many of the Combe Pafford community tuned it to watch and how proud each one of us was; so I can only imagine how proud his family were. All in all, Dan smashed his fundraising target of £1000 and managed to raise a WHOPPING £4001! We are all so proud of you and your family. Very well done!



I've raised £4,001 to Support the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, and Link



Sixth Form

YEARS 12, 13, 14

Sixth Form Social: Bowling!

The students all enjoyed a game of bowling and we were very impressed with their skills!!



Exciting Trip to St. Mary's Church & Local Shops

This week, the A1 class took a fascinating trip to St. Mary's Church to explore the different shops in the area. The visit was part of their preparation for next week's activity—shopping with their own money!

Students were amazed at how many different types of shops there were and the variety of products available. From bike stores to bakeries, clothing shops to gift stores, they discovered just how much the local community has to offer.

Armed with clipboards and curiosity, pupils took notes on what each shop sold and discussed which store they might like to visit next week to make their purchases.

The trip helped them understand the importance of budgeting and making informed shopping decisions.



Sixth Form

YEARS 12, 13, 14

In March, 2 sixth form students and I had the privilege of representing the school on a trip to Auschwitz, Poland, organised by the Holocaust Education Trust. The week before the trip, we attended a seminar where Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich MBA gave a powerful speech, and we learned about the rise of the Nazis and World War 2.

Our journey began early, leaving at 4:00 AM to catch a flight with around 300 students from schools across Devon, traveling from Exeter to Krakow. Once we arrived, we were escorted by coach to Auschwitz 1, where we took a guided tour of the exhibition and entered a gas chamber. This experience gave us insight into the horrors of World War 2 and the atrocities committed by the Nazis. The students were incredibly respectful and moved by the displays, particularly the human hair and shoes belonging to victims.

Next, we visited Auschwitz-Birkenau, where we walked along the famous train tracks seen in *Schindler's List*, at the site of the extermination camp where over 1.1 million people lost their lives. Here, we also participated in a memorial service led by a Rabbi, and the Holocaust Education Trust. We then flew back to Exeter, arriving home around midnight.

It was an informative yet harrowing day, one that will stay with us forever.

Mrs Charlotte Macintyre

Sixth Form Auschwitz Trip



Sixth Form

YEARS 12, 13, 14

Adventure beckons for Sixth Form students



Two Sixth Form students have landed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity this summer to attend 14-day Summit residential outdoor adventure courses at Outward Bound centres in the UK.

Both Harley Clements (Year 12 Motor Vehicle student) and Rebecca Gelaide (Year 12 Retail student) recently discovered they were successful in obtaining a bursary for the full cost of the courses following an interview at Exeter City Football Club with a 4-person panel from the St Francis Chichester Trust. The SFCT invites applications each year from students attending full-time education.

Harley (top) has opted to go to the Ulswater Outward Bound centre in the Lake District in late July, whilst Rebecca (bottom) has opted for Aberdovey Outward Bound Centre in North Wales in August. Both students will be travelling to their respective destinations independently by train, Harley to Keswick in Cumbria and Rebecca to Birmingham International, where they will be picked up for the last leg of their journey.

Both students are looking forward to the challenge immensely and can expect a full and varied programme including a 3-day camping expedition in the mountains, plus a variety of water activities and teambuilding challenges. Last year Year 11 student Oliver Boyne attended the Aberdovey Summit course and had a fabulous time.

Charley's Driving and Tyre Success!



A special shout out for Charley who has passed his driving test. Charley's No 1 passion is banger racing so this is a great achievement for him. A big thank you as well to Nick at TTS in Tobnes for supporting Charley and the school with his work placement for almost 3 years!! Throughout this, Charley has secured paid work for 2-3 days a week.

A1 Life Skills Shopping Trip!



The A1 Life Skills group had an exciting day out as they ventured on a shopping trip to Matalan! The students took on the challenge of shopping for a full outfit completely independently—including underwear and shoes.

This trip was a fantastic opportunity for the group to practice important life skills, such as budgeting, making choices, and navigating a store. The students loved the shopping experience, carefully selecting their items.

It was a proud moment for everyone as they successfully completed their shopping trip, gaining valuable independence along the way. Well done to all involved!

Josh's Greenway Success



Josh has been enjoying his gardening work with the other gardeners at the Greenway Estate, home of the famous author Agatha Christie near Kingswear. He has been helping with many jobs including weeding cobbled areas, cutting back small shrubs and helping gardeners clear a large area of invasive trees to allow a better view of the River Dart. The gardeners value Josh's work and enjoy working with him.

Hairdressing



Savannah has mastered the art of blow-drying hair.

We have had some ladies in as models from Phoenix Rising, which is a charity for women that have been through some form of abuse. The students have been working hard to pamper them and brighten their day.

Sixth Form

YEARS 12, 13, 14

Hospitality and Catering



Matt has been given the opportunity to work in the kitchen at Me & Mrs Jones and has really stepped up. The feedback we receive each week from the chef and Chloe is amazing.

Matt can now work on dishes independently as well as learning new skills on every shift. He has taken over the job of making the Rock Buns for the cafe which have been a huge hit with the customers. They were also very popular in the Yellow Frog. Well done Matt.

A1 Life Skills Group Visit The Laundrette!



The A1 Life Skills group had another fantastic outing, this time heading into town to learn how to use a laundrette! The students gained hands-on experience operating the washing machines, understanding how to sort laundry, add detergent, and manage washing times – an important step in building independence.

While waiting for their washing to be done, the group visited a local cafe, where they practiced ordering and paying for their own drinks and snacks. Jake and Alex especially enjoyed their bacon and sausage sandwiches, making the most of the experience! The students showed fantastic independence and confidence. Well done, everyone!

Spring 1 - Jack's Patch



The 6th Form students have yet again done a fantastic job at Jack's Patch. They have all worked extremely hard and have achieved different learning skills in a work place, well done team.

Thomas at Teign Valley Cars



Thomas is learning more about motor vehicle work in a busy garage on the edge of Dartmoor. The skills he has learnt at Combe Pafford in Motor Vehicle have helped him to quickly adapt to the work in the garage. He started off by removing tyres from car wheels, and has learnt about corrosion protection, servicing car brakes and how to dismantle engines and replace glow plugs in diesel engines. The garage owner greatly appreciates the work Thomas does and his keenness to help.

Harley's Great Progress



Harley has been working hard in his placement at a busy local garage. He has been assisting the lead mechanic with a wide range of motor vehicle jobs including oil changes, brake replacements, MOT testing and engine replacements.

The manager at Volksburg garage said of Harley, "I am very pleased with his work. He is an able assistant and he's always willing to help and do his best." Harley started there in Year 10 as a work experience student and he also works there part-time at the weekend.

Vocational SKILLS

As always in vocational skills we have covered a range of skills, vocabulary and work topics. We have learnt about tools, the way to carry out different tasks, we have discussed jobs, what we might want to do in the future, wages, hourly rates, tax, paying bills and have done all this, alongside our usual painting, measuring, sketching, cutting and joining different materials.

Year 6

This term, Year 6 pupils have started to explore practical skills by learning how to measure, mark, and cut wood. They've also had their first experience using a pillar drill, all under close supervision. These new skills have culminated in the creation of their very own unique robot figures.



Year 7

In year 7 pupils have been increasing their independence of carpentry skills to make wooden birdhouses. Pupils have had to measure, mark and cut very accurately following a work card to construct the designs. They have also had to research British birds in order to design the correct opening for the birds they wish to attract.



Thank you. Mr Spooner, Mrs Macintyre

Year 8

In year 8, pupils used their skills to produce some fantastic work. They have designed and created a pin ball machine from recycled timber, learning how to turn old wood into something useable, learning about recycling and the environment. They used a range of joining techniques and learnt how to cut and bend plastic. Year 8 have also discussed electrical production looking at reusable and fossil energies. They have investigated simple electrical circuits and have built their own circuit into a buxx wire game.

Year 9

As always, pupils have been taking part in rotations of our vocational subjects. This is a bespoke timetable which allows all pupils from year 9 to experience at least four weeks of each vocational option subject that is available from year 10. This experience offers pupils the opportunity to decide which subject they would like to follow as an option choice to support their future life aspirations.

World Book DAY

World Book Day 2025 – A Celebration of Stories!



Combe Pafford School celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 6th March with a range of fantastic activities! The day began with a Whole School Assembly, where pupils and staff proudly showcased their creative fancy dress costumes, and took part in various reading games and challenges. It was also great to hear our pupils read aloud as part of the 'Masked Reader', sharing what they enjoy most about their interest books with the whole school.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a Lanyard Character Hunt Challenge, recognising book characters chosen by adults around the school. Classrooms were transformed with the Door Decoration Competition, as each class designed their doors based on a non-fiction book.

At lunchtime, Years 4- 10 enjoyed a delicious Hungry Caterpillar buffet, featuring fruit kebabs and a variety of cakes, inspired by the classic story.

We were also lucky to enjoy a special visit to the library, where students met a local author, gaining inspiration for their own storytelling adventures. Some pupils also had the exciting opportunity to visit Trago Mills for an engaging storytelling workshop, taking part in drama activities and creating their own stories.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part—World Book Day was a truly magical celebration of reading at CPS!

- **Jenny McVeigh**
Deputy Headteacher



Library NEWS



The school library is often a hub of activity within the school and it is great to see so many more of our students taking time to relax with a book or play a quiet game.



Jade Kirton, from Devon School Library Service, came into school with a selection of new books. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to be involved in selecting reading material that they would like to have access to in the school library. There have been several class challenges running in the library again this term. It has been wonderful to see students (and staff) working together hunting for clues and working out puzzles. Congratulations to 7M and 11M who have won prizes this term!



Local author, Clare Helen Welsh came into school to talk to lower school students about being an author and shared one of her books 'Poo? Is that you?' in assembly, where Mrs Bindon ended up getting rather wet!

Clare has written lots of fantastic picture books for children of all ages, incorporating stories with facts and tackling some of the challenges we face in life. Sharing picture books can be a great way to help families through tough times and in an accessible way. If you think you might benefit from something like this, have a look at her website – 'Books That Help'.



A group of Y9 students took part in the IBA (Information Book Awards) earlier in the year. We evaluated the shortlisted books and sent in our vote. 'Unspoken' by Kwame Alexander was our clear winner. It's a powerful story of slavery and linked really well to the group's learning in History. The language that was used to describe slaves fight for freedom was simple yet powerful and the illustrations were incredible.

Library NEWS

If you are looking for activities for your family over the Easter holiday, check out your local library - it's free to join! Here is what is going on at Torquay Library this Easter...

Kids Art Space

Wednesday 2nd April 16:15-17:00

Join artists Jo Waterhouse and Allegra Galvin as they transform the library into a fine art studio for children. Spend some pleasurable time exploring materials with the young artists in your life and come away with new ideas about nurturing creative confidence in those you love. Free to attend, but please book via Eventbrite or at Torquay Library.

Bunny Tails and Trails

Wednesday 9th April 10:30-11:30

An Easter event at Torquay Library with Grace from Torre Abbey with stories, activities and much bunny fun! £2 per child. Book at the library.

The Story of Sir Humphry Davy and his lamp!

Thursday 10th April 10:30-11:30

Join author Jennifer Davy in this fun and interactive story time session. Discover all about mining, gases and Jennifer's ancestor, Sir Humphry Davy's crucial invention of the safety lamp. Suitable for ages 5 years and up. Tickets £2 per child. Adults also welcome!

Murder Whodunnit - Double Elephant print workshop

Saturday 12th April first workshop 11:00-12:30 second workshop 13:00-14:30

Family friendly event to celebrate the unveiling of the new Agatha Christie statue. This will be an opportunity to create a picture that reflects one of Agatha's great murder mysteries in the form of printing.

2 workshops on offer one at 11 and the second at 13:00

Tickets £3 each for 1 workshop - book via Eventbrite or through Torquay Library.



Torquay Library
Lymington Road

Romeo & Juliet

Tuesday 8th April 10:30-11:30

Come along to Torquay Library and watch the South Devon Players Theatre perform excerpts from one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. Please note some content may be unsuitable for children under 8 years of age. Tickets £2 per person including crafts and refreshments. Book at Torquay Library.

Celebrate 100 years of Torquay's children's Library services with esteemed local picture book author Clare Helen Welsh

Wednesday 30th April 16:00-17:00

Author Clare Helen Welsh will help us launch our 100 year's celebrations reading her fantastic book "The Space Between", there will be a draw-a-long too and the chance to make a moving butterfly craft plus take part in a group activity to create super size butterfly wings which will then provide an ideal photo opportunity as everyone gets to try them on! What better way to get Spring and the 100 years celebrations underway?

Suitable for children 3+ Tickets £2.50 per child

Be More Bernard! Storytelling and Crafts

Wednesday 16th April 10:30-11:30

Bernard has decided that he's not going to be like all the other bunnies any more.... Hop on down and be you at this story and craft event and make Easter special.

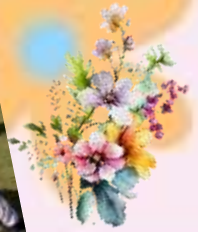
Suitable for children 3 years and up. Tickets £2 per child, book in advance at Torquay Library.

Also on over Easter is the Peter Rabbit trail at Torquay library grab a leaflet when you are there - it is free to take part and everyone who completes the entry can be in with a chance to win a giant Easter basket including a Peter Rabbit soft toy. This prize is on display at Torquay Library.

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Sports NEWS

Year 7 and 8 Girl's Rugby Festival



On Friday 28th February a group The Year 7 and 8 Girls took part in a Rugby Festival, bringing together young athletes from various schools for a day of competition, teamwork, and fun. The event was aimed at encouraging more girls to participate in rugby and to celebrate the growing participation in youth rugby across Torbay. Within the day we took part in a carousel of fun, rugby-focused warm ups and drills before learning a new version of Tag Rugby, known as T1. The group of girls showed all three of our school values throughout the day; resilience in the activities, compassion to each other and respect to neighbouring schools. The day was a huge success and the girls can't wait to try out



The Year 9 Girls Rugby Festival was a fantastic celebration of skill, teamwork, and community spirit. Held at Paignton RFC on Wednesday 12th March. With a focus on engagement and fun, the festival provided an excellent platform for girls to grow in confidence, showcase their abilities, and enjoy rugby in an inclusive environment. We were lucky to have external rugby coaches provide a carousel of rugby-focussed activities, including drop-kick drills, passing and catching drills and tag rugby games. The group of girls showed all three of our school values throughout the day; resilience in the activities, compassion to each other and respect to neighbouring schools. The group thoroughly enjoyed the day and took part in all the activities. They look forward to taking part in similar offsite trip in the future!



Science WEEK



Wow what a fabulous week we had ...



We kick started with the genesis VR adventure, travelling through major Earth and life events of 4.6 billion years in just 13 minutes.

The very knowledgeable 6th formers Tom, Will and Damian put on an amazing animal show with iguanas, guinea pigs, bearded dragon, skink and many more interesting reptiles.

Our very own mad scientist Mr. Stevens put on an engaging fire and ice show, using frozen carbon dioxide (dry ice), Bunsen burners and colourful chemical.



Science WEEK



Every day we had a range of break time and lunchtime activities including nerve guns, remote control cars, science playground drawings, rockets, dissections, fireworks and slime making.

The pupils also got hands on in class making shopping robots, marine explorer robots and drone mechanism testing.

We loved the engagement and smiles across the school; we hope that pupils and families feel that science is for everyone as it is in fact everywhere.



Arts and Music: A Celebration of Creativity and Talent



What an incredible week it has been! Our recent Arts and Music Week was a resounding success, filled with talent, inspiration, and unforgettable moments. From entertaining performances to hands-on workshops, the week showcased the creativity and passion of our students and staff. Here's a recap of some of the highlights:

A Memorable Launch with the Arts Week Assembly: We kicked off the week with our exciting Arts Week Assembly, featuring the much-anticipated *Masked Artist* challenge. Students and teachers performed while masked, leaving the audience guessing who was behind each creative disguise. The event was a huge hit, full of laughter, surprises, and a true celebration of the artistic talents in our school community.



Outstanding Performances:

Throughout the week, students from Years 4 to 11 took to the stage to present their drama productions, showcasing their hard work in acting, costume design, stagecraft, and sound effects. The performances were a testament to the dedication and teamwork of our young actors and creatives. It was truly inspiring to see how the students brought their plays to life.

Famous Artist Scavenger Hunt: Our Famous Artist Scavenger Hunt was a fun and educational activity that had students racing around the school, discovering hidden clues and learning more about famous artists and their masterpieces. The hunt sparked curiosity and encouraged students to connect with art history!



Arts and Music:

A Celebration of Creativity and Talent

Guest Artist Workshops: Two talented local artists, Nic George and Alexandra Holroyd, led *hands-on workshops* with our students. Nic George shared his expertise in graffiti art, while Alexandra Holroyd introduced students to the beauty of painting with natural materials. Both workshops were incredibly inspiring, allowing students to tap into their creativity and explore new artistic techniques. Some students even contributed to a special art installation that will be displayed in the school.



Taiko Drumming: Our students had the chance to participate in a *Taiko Drumming* workshop, learning the powerful rhythms of traditional Japanese drumming. The room was filled with energy and excitement and it was a fantastic way for students to engage with a different cultural art form.

Sonopera Performance: The week concluded with an unforgettable performance by the *Sonopera Company*, a group that specialises in interactive music projects. Their performance, which told stories through the expressive power of music and sound, captivated our students and left a lasting impression on all who attended- we even had some dancing!



Overall, Arts and Music Week was a huge success, providing our students with opportunities to explore new forms of artistic expression, collaborate with local artists, and engage in the joy of creativity. A big thank you to everyone involved in making the week so special—teachers, students, guest artists, and all who supported the events. We look forward to even more artistic adventures in the future!

Here's to creativity and the arts!

Residential Trip: KENYA



A fantastic 12 days travelling around Kenya!



Ten Sixth Form students have just returned from an epic 12 day residential to Kenya, East Africa. The trip started off with a 9 hour flight from London Heathrow to Nairobi, followed by an internal flight to Kisumu. From Kisumu we travelled to Imprezza Academy in Busia where we stayed for four nights. Whilst at the school, our mission was to brighten up the classrooms and other learning spaces. By the end of our stay, we had managed to paint 5 classrooms, 2 offices and the staffroom. Despite their main language being Swahili, pupils at the school spoke fantastic English and went out of their way to engage with our Sixth Form students, making us all feel very welcome. The school was extremely basic, functioning on limited electricity and no running water.

Our pupils experienced life without Wifi and fresh water at their fingertips, an experience I am sure they will remember. Despite the limitations, not one sixth former complained and they united in their surroundings, collecting water from the borehole and becoming resourceful with their free time. Imprezza Academy is a beautiful school doing amazing things for their pupils, we left the school feeling extremely humble and desperate to continue supporting them now back in the UK. As a school, we will be continuing to raise awareness of Operation Imprezza and fundraising to support our friends in Kenya.

A 10 hour road trip took us to Narok County, home of The Masai Mara National Reserve. We spent day 6 of our journey on safari in The Masai Mara – what an experience! Students were driven around in safari jeeps spotting lions, elephants, giraffes, zebra, buffalo, warthogs and even a lone cheetah. An incredible day with memories to last a lifetime. Whilst in Narok, we also visited a Masai village, engaging with local residents and learning about their way of life and traditions that they still uphold today.

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We arrived in the city of Nakuru on day 8. This was a short stopover so that the students could experience a second safari at Lake Nakuru National Park. A very different experience from The Mara, Lake Nakuru is a huge lake, also known as Bird Paradise. Not only did we see an array of beautiful birds, we also saw black rhinos (extremely rare), white rhinos, baboons, hyenas and lion cubs. We were all desperate to complete the 'Big 5' sightings by spotting a leopard in the park but unfortunately, we were not that lucky.

To complete our trip, we travelled 5 hours to Naivasha, staying in lakeside accommodation. The first time any of us had heard hippos grunting whilst lying in bed or when eating our breakfast. Our stay in Naivasha took us to 'Hell's Gate National Park', home to 'Pride Rock' and other features of inspiration for The Lion King movie. Students enjoyed a trek through the park, climbing through the gorge and locating hot springs. Following this, we took a boat trip on Lake Naivasha to spot hippos. We were lucky enough to see a couple of families of hippos as well as three eagles and a huge flock of pelicans.

We flew home on Tuesday 25th March with memories that will last us all forever.

On the next page you will find Pen Portraits of a selection of the pupils from Imprezza Academy. We have become so motivated to support the school that we have included a link to donate if you would like to support as well.

In the Summer Term, Mr James and Miss Moor will be reaching out to different stakeholders within the community to see how far we can reach with our support. If you have any interest in supporting Operation Imprezza in any way, please don't hesitate to get in contact with Mr James or Miss Moor.

Residential Trip: KENYA



Pen Picture Imprezza Students

Below are brief pen pictures of some of the students we met when we visited Imprezza Academy in March 2025. All are on 'full scholarships' and are aware that without the drive of Catherine and her team and the on-going support provided by Operation Imprezza in the UK, they would not be able to receive an education and pursue their dreams and aspirations. You can help support them and their fellow pupils by making a small monthly donation by accessing the following link

<https://operation-imprezza.org/donate/>



Rachel.

Rachel has just turned 18 and has been at Imprezza Academy for 4 years. She attended a primary school in Nairobi but could only complete her secondary education by attending Imprezza on a full scholarship. She is hoping to get the grades to attend university and has an aspiration to complete a degree and to forge a career in Engineering.

Rachel admits that she has been hugely influenced by Catherine and she sees her as a role model for change and wants to follow her example and, if she can, to help others in the same way.



Palmer.

Palmer is 17 years old and first came to Imprezza two years ago. She likes the quiet feel of the academy 'where you can concentrate on studying and you don't have to worry about home'. She feels she is well supported by all the teachers and welcomes the advice she receives especially from Catherine. Her favourite subjects are English, Maths and Biology and she said she is fortunate to have a full sponsorship as without it she wouldn't be able to study. She would like to be a lawyer. She felt if she went to university and studied law, she could follow in Catherine's footsteps and enter politics to help fight unfairness. If she couldn't do that, she would consider becoming a fashion designer!



John Christopher.

John is 18 years old and has been at Imprezza for 2 years. He was in a primary school previously but due to the cost of fees which his family couldn't afford, had to leave the school and was at home for a long time. He said that being here meant he didn't have to think about the problems at home where there were many challenges. Here he felt well supported and that his sponsored place here would help him with his ambition to become a mechanic.



Residential Trip: KENYA



Elvis.



Elvis is 17 years old and has been at the school since joining in form 1. He had to leave his primary school due to his parents being unable to afford the fees and was grateful that he was here on a full scholarship. Previously, when he stopped attending the primary school, he had been at home for 3 years with nothing to do. His favourite subjects are chemistry and geography and his dream is to attend university and study medicine and become a doctor. He appreciates the advice he is given and feels well supported. He also talked of wanting to give something back to the community.

Wilson.



Wilson is in his second year at Imprezza, he comes from Kakamega which is to the north of Busia. His aspiration is to go to university and study for a degree in medicine and eventually he would like to try to become a neurosurgeon. His favourite subject is maths. He likes being at Imprezza because of the quiet supportive learning environment where he has many friends. He acknowledges and appreciates that he is on a full sponsorship as without it, he wouldn't be able to attend school and study.

Leah.



Leah is 18 years old and her favourite subjects are the sciences and maths. She would eventually like to be successful in her exams here and move onto university to study medicine. She really likes the family feel of Imprezza where she feels everyone wants and encourages you to do well. She said it was good to be here because it meant she was away from the problems at home, and she could focus on her studies.

Animal Care GRAND OPENING



The sixth form have been working hard helping to renovate the old reptile house into a working area for mammals. Lots of heavy lifting, sanding and clearing away was done!

Big thanks for my year 11 animal care group who helped with the official opening of the new animal care room. They worked hard handling the animals, talking to our guests and answering questions.

You may notice some of our animals out and about when it's sunny so make sure you come and say hello!



Outward BOUND



Adventure beckons for Sixth Form students

Two Sixth Form students have landed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity this summer to attend 14-day Summit residential outdoor adventure courses at Outward Bound centres in the UK. Both **Harley Clements (Year 12 Motor Vehicle student)** and **Rebecca Gelarde (Year 12 Retail student)** recently discovered they were successful in obtaining a bursary for the full cost of the courses following an interview at Exeter City Football Club with a 4-person panel from the **Sir Francis Chichester Trust**. The SFCT invites applications each year from students attending full-time education.



Harley (left) has opted to go to the **Ullswater** Outward Bound centre in the Lake District in



late July (below), whilst Rebecca (below right) has opted for **Aberdovey** Outward Bound Centre in North Wales in August (below).



Both students will be travelling to their respective destinations independently by train, Harley to **Keswick** in Cumbria and Rebecca to **Birmingham International**, where they will undertake the

last leg of their journey.



Both students are looking forward to the challenge immensely and can expect a full and varied programme including a 3-day camping expedition in the mountains, plus a variety of water activities and teambuilding challenges. Last year, year 11 student **Oliver Boyne** attended the Aberdovey Summit course and had an absolutely fabulous time.

Edward W Thompson (Sixth Form)

Other NEWS



ATTENDANCE *Matters*

Our current attendance
average for this year is

90%

At Combe Pafford School we want everyone to be in school all the time, preparing for their future. Sometimes pupils are ill, we understand that but, please look at how important it is to not to miss lessons unnecessarily.

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

When pupils miss school, they miss valuable learning, social interaction, and opportunities for personal development. Attendance effects a child's future.

We truly love having your children in school and we will work with you to ensure their attendance remains as strong as possible. If you have any concerns about attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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.



Other NEWS



5 Star Facilities!

We are pleased to announce that following our recent hygiene inspection, both the main school kitchen and the Yellow Frog Café were awarded a 5 star rating!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Transition



Our transition process has begun for those new pupils joining our school in September.

We had a really successful evening at the parent forum, where we got to meet some of our new pupils and their parents/families. We told them all about our Combe Pafford offer, and everyone seemed really impressed with the curriculum and facilities we have on site.

Our new pupils received a golden ticket welcoming them to their new school - because we believe that getting a place at Combe Pafford School really is a golden opportunity.

SPRING

April 2025

- * 2nd April Year 8 & 9 Easter Service at Virgin Church, St. Marychurch
- * 4th April **LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS**
- * 7th – 21st April EASTER HOLIDAYS
- * 22nd April NON PUPIL DAY – children are not in school
- * 23rd April **STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- * 25th April HPV Immunisation Team Visit – Year 8
- * 25th April KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- * 29th – 2nd May Opel Coast France Residential – Year 8 & 9
- * 29th April KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- * 30th April Year 7 Eden Project Trip

May 2025

- * 2nd May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- * 5th May **MAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL IS CLOSED)**
- * 9th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- * 9th – 10th May Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge
- * 12th – 15th May Year 7 Residential to Wales
- * 13th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- * 15th May **GCSE Exam- Maths Foundation**
- * 16th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- * 19th May **GCSE Exam – Chemistry Paper 1**
- * 19th – 21st May Residential – Dartmoor Activity Centre
- * 20th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- * 22nd May Year 9 Hinkley Point Science Trip
- * 22nd May **GCSE Exam – Physics Paper 1**
- * 22nd May **LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS**
- * 23rd May **GCSE Exam – English**
- * 23rd May **NON PUPIL DAY (ALL STUDENTS NOT TAKING GCSE'S)**
- * 2nd June **STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Other NEWS



SUMMER MENU 2025

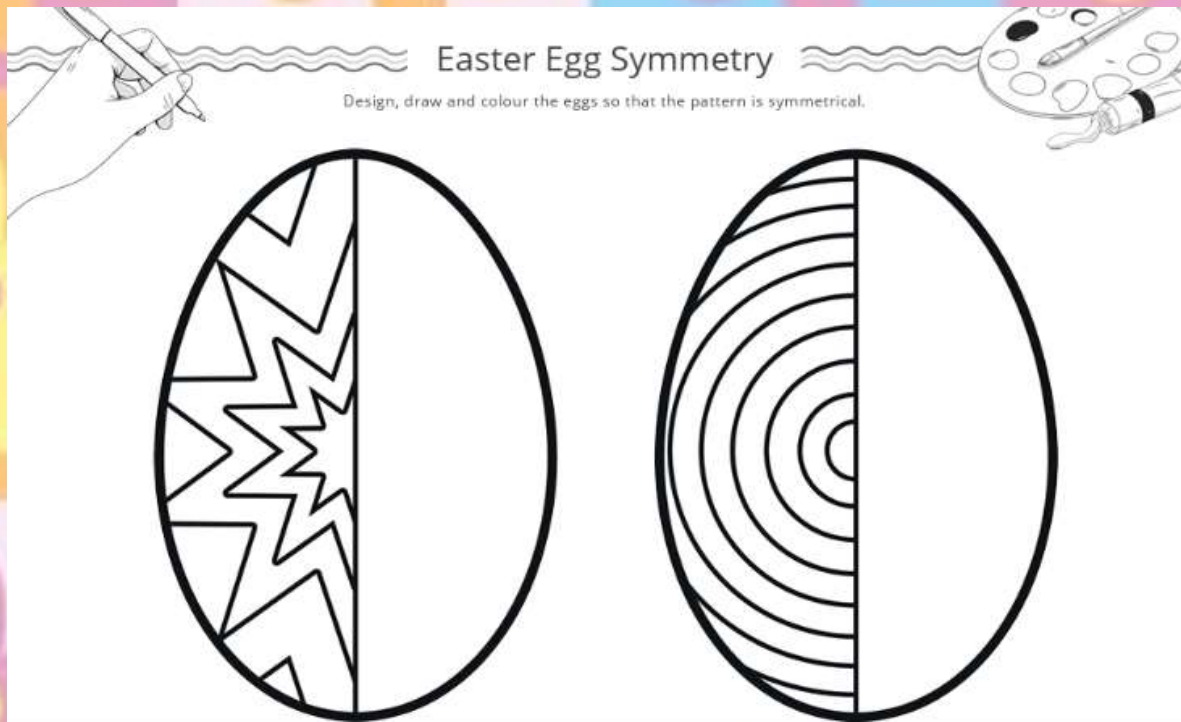
COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU					
w/h 28th April, 19th May, 16th June, 7th July					
SCHOOL DINNERS £2.20	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF.	HONEYED CHICKEN Local butchers chicken breast wrapped in honey baked in the oven with BBQ sauce and cheese served with homemade wedges.	GARLIC PASTA BAKE Local butchers sausages in a tomato sauce, topped with cheese and baked in the oven. Served with garlic bread.	BBQT SAMBARI Local butchers' gammon served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	PEPPERONI PIZZA Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce, pepperoni slices and cheese.	BBQTED COD Oven baked cod served with chunky chips, peas or beans and curry sauce.
	VEGETABLE BURGERS Homemade crispy vegetable burger served in a bun with homemade wedges.	CAROL AND SWEET POTATO CURRY Lentil, sweet potato and vegetable curry served with rice.	MEATIE BOAST Stuffing, vegetables and bean sausages served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	HOMEMADE WU SOUP Chunky seasonal vegetable soup served with a hot haggisote.	BBQED BEAN AND CHEESE SLIDE Cheesy baked beans wrapped in puff pastry served with chunky chips.
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	CHOCOLATE SPONGE AND CHOCOLATE CUSTARD	STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE	FRUIT CRUMBLE AND CUSTARD	HOMEMADE COOKIES	FRUIT, JELLY AND ICE CREAM

COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU					
SCHOOL DINNERS £2.20					
w/h 5th May, 2nd June, 23rd June, 14th July					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
RECORDER Local butchers beef burger served in a bun and homemade crispy wedges.	CRICKER PIE Local butchers chicken breast diced in a creamy sauce with a pastry top served with mashed potato.	BBQT PORK Local butchers loin of pork served with gravy and mashed potato.	CHEESE AND APPLE PIZZA Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce, ham and cheese.	BBQTED COD Oven baked cod served with chunky chips, peas or beans.	
HAC AND CHEESE Creamy cheese sauce poured over macaroni and baked in the oven.	PILLO PASTA A rich pillo pasta served with pork loin.	MEATIE BOAST Stuffing, vegetables and bean sausages wrapped in crispy puff pastry served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	BURRI CHILLI Ovens eslice chilli in a rich tomato sauce served with rice.	BBQ PULLED JACKFRUIT BBQ pulled jackfruit served in a bun with fresh salad and coleslaw.	
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JAM SPONGE	ROCKY ROAD	FRUIT CRUMBLE AND CUSTARD	FRUIT FLAPJACK	FRUIT, JELLY AND ICE CREAM	

















COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU					
SCHOOL DINNERS £2.20					
w/h 21st April, 12th May, 9th June, 30th June, 21st July					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
MEAT BAKE Local butchers sausages served in a roll with homemade crispy wedges.	PASTA Bolognese Local butchers mince in a rich tomato based sauce served with pasta.	BBQTED CHICKEN Local butchers' chicken breast served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	THREE CHEESE PIZZA Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce and three cheeses.	FISH FINGERS Oven baked battered cod fish fingers served with chunky chips and curry sauce.	
LAGRIF BULLS Homemade labial bulls served with fresh salad, pitta bread and tomatoes.	CAROLFLOWER, BROCCOLI AND SOUP BAKE Cauliflower, broccoli and leek baked in a cheese sauce and a breadcrumb top served with garlic bread.	MEATIE BOAST Stuffing, vegetables and bean sausages wrapped in crispy puff pastry served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	SALMON SALAD Smoked salmon served on a bed of fresh salad and coleslaw.	CHEESE OMELETTE Fluffy free range egg omelette served with chunky chips.	
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STEAMIE SPONGE AND CUSTARD	SHORTBREAD	FRUIT CRUMBLE AND CUSTARD	HOMEMADE BROWNIES	FRUIT, JELLY AND ICE CREAM	



Miss Attwood's Easter Activities



Each symbol has a numerical value. The sum of the symbols are written at the ends of each row and column. Calculate the value of each symbol. The value of the spotty Easter egg has been given to get you started.

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Miss Attwood's Easter Activities



Colour by Calculation

I can recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 .

Reveal an Easter image by using the key to correctly colour each part of the picture.

white	0 - 10	
red	11 - 20	
light blue	21 - 40	
yellow	41 - 60	
brown	61 - 80	
dark green	81 - 100	
orange	101 - 110	
light green	111 - 121	
purple	122 +	