

END OF YEAR
NEWSLETTER



END OF TERM!

As we say goodbye to one school year, here's a brief reminder of our dates for next term:

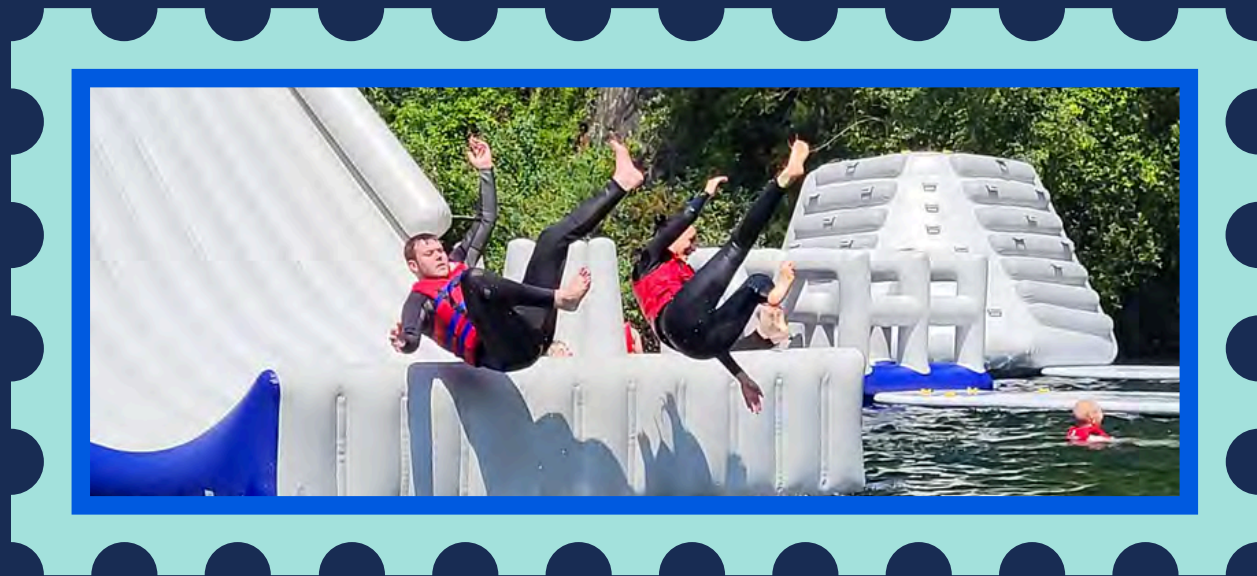
2025/6 Autumn Term dates

Pupils return **Monday 8th September**

Half term starts after school on Wednesday 22nd October

Pupils return Monday 10th November

See you on
8th September!



a year in
PICTURES



SPORTS DAY



We had a great time this Sports Day both at Exeter Arena and back at school, where we had other sporting events going on alongside a sports quiz. It was great to see so many having a go and taking part despite the hot weather, so well done everyone!

Here are our winners:

Vortex: Tommy, James W, Benji, Callum, Louie B, Dainton, Finlay V, Neve, Finley D, Billy & Ozzy

Long Jump: Daylun, Callum, Theo, James, Jack M, Finlay V, Oliver M, Evie, Noah & Isaac

High Jump: Oliver M, Finley D, Nathan, Isaac, Theo, Daylun & Finlay V

Shotput: Tommy, Jack M, Leo, Marcus, Benji, Alfie, Nathan & Oliver M

400m: Isaac, Oliver M, Neve, Jack M, Theo, Finlay V, Callum & Daylun

100m: Oliver M, Jack P, Maisie Boxhall, Finley B, Daylun, Riana, Finlay V, William, Jack M, Theo & James W

We saw a lot of **great sportsmanship** throughout the day, but these learners particularly deserve a mention:

Leo, Freddie, Finlay V, Oliver M, Kai, Jack P & Ozzy



SPORTS DAY

We are also proud to award the following learners with our annual **'Sports Achievement Award'**:

Aleksandra	Marcus	Neve
Lukas	Callum	Ella
Jack L	Finley D	Thomas L
Benji	Noah	Isaac Cooper
Evan	Nathan	Phoebe
Finlay V	Thomas K	Justin
Ruby-Mae	Anna	
Kat	Dainton	
Sebastian	Emma	

As well as our **'Sports Leaders Award'** going to:

Jacob
Billy
Dainton



O U T D O O R E D

HIGHLIGHTS



We have had some great adventures on Outdoor Ed over the last academic year. Providing our pupils with opportunities to take part in Climbing, Canoeing, Mountain Biking, Swimming and of course challenges such as the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge and Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Pupils have built on their confidence not only in physical terms but also in self-esteem and self belief. Outdoor Ed provides individuals with the option to take things at their own pace and try new activities but also push more confident learners to reach their goals.

The UK's changing weather is always a challenge for us to ensure the Outdoor Ed programme is appropriate, safe and fun.

Personal achievements have ranged from learning to ride a bike, climbing to the top of the climbing wall, jumping off the high ledge of the powerfan at Haven Banks and swimming in deep water at the beach.

We are very proud of each and every pupil who has challenged themselves, shown resilience and overcome their fears.

We look forward to doing it all again in September when we start our Autumn term of watersports. New Outdoor Ed staff will be joining us to further develop the school's exciting activity program.

Moss and Katie



B I R C H C L A S S

HIGHLIGHTS

I can't start with what a year it has been as I only joined the school, and class, in January but what an awesome two terms we have had.

As a class we have enjoyed getting to know

each other and building great relationships. I have become much fitter from running around and playing 'it' in our breaktimes, sadly I have not become any faster and still struggle to catch the students! The class have made excellent progress in their lessons, and we have built up great resilience in our writing.



We have been on a class trip to Rockfish in Brixham and learnt all about the hospitality industry. The highlight of the trip was enjoying yummy fish and chips for our lunch. It has been a brilliant start to my time at Magdalen Court, and I cannot wait for the next academic year to continue the journey with my group. Many of the students have remained with me and in September we are excited to have a brand new classroom to learn in.

Steph

R O S E W O O D C L A S S

HIGHLIGHTS

Rosewood class have been busy completing and working towards BTEC Home cooking skills level 1. There has been the smell of brownies wafting though Alley House for quite a few weeks!



We have been discussing the Personal Development modules working towards Bronze level for most learners.

For this half term in particular we have been focusing on our relationship building skills and learning more about our own ways of working and what helps us to make progress.

I'm am really looking forward to the new term with all of you – have a wonderful Summer Rosewood learners!

Helen

L A R C H C L A S S

HIGHLIGHTS

What a fantastic year it's been for Larch Class! One of our standout moments was our wonderful trip to Magdalen Farm, where we fed the animals and discovered the importance of organic farming through hands-on learning. Back in school, we got our hands dirty growing plants from seed and proudly sold them in our very own plant sale. We rounded off the term with an unforgettable adventure to Woodlands, full of fun and excitement. Throughout the year, we've been so proud of everyone's incredible progress, especially in developing communication and interaction skills. Well done, Larch Class – what a brilliant year!

Roxy



A S P E N C L A S S

HIGHLIGHTS

My Summer term with Aspen class was a wonderful introduction to school life at Magdalen Court. The class were super welcoming and treated each other with kindness. Marcus reading aloud to the class with such confidence and full of expression. Mala-ann singing to us. Callum always there to support his class mates. Sebby and his super skills with strategy games!

Justine

L I M E C L A S S

HIGHLIGHTS

This period is particularly challenging due to the departure of our leaving learners and the introduction of pupils into Yr 11. However, it has mostly been a smooth transition and all have appeared to settle into their new (er) surroundings.

It appears Lime class hosts a room full of musically talented individuals of which have enjoyed showcasing their talents in class and during assembly. A potential musical event for 2025/26.....we wait and see.

The positive attitude to learning and role model good behaviour from learners across all the classes in KS4 has been remarkable. I really look forward to observing these brilliant young people develop further into leaders of the future.

David

BEECH CLASS

HIGHLIGHTS

It has been a wonderful year in Beech! One of my highlights would be seeing them develop their skills with 3D sculpting, creating clay vessels inspired by textures from the sea. Working with clay, clay tools, paint and varnish can be really messy, so I was particularly impressed with how the learners build resilience when handling these materials.



We also had a great hands-on experience learning about static in Science; using balloons to make our hair stand on end, move drinks cans along the table and 'bend' water as it ran from a tap. It was as though we had become magicians for the afternoon! Another highlight has been learning to play a variety of songs using Boomwhackers on 'Boomwhacker Mondays' - they learnt the songs so quickly and became quite a formidable orchestra with those musical tubes!

We ended our year as we started, with 'Beech's Got Talent' which gave the learners an opportunity to share a skill or hobby. Even the learners who did not yet feel confident in performing applied themselves by making a poster for the event or setting up a judging panel, complete with 'Golden Buzzer'!

A personal highlight for me was learning to use Minecraft Education Addition alongside (but mostly FROM!) the Beech Class Learners. They were just so wonderful at giving me/my avatar guided tours around the homes, dens and bunkers they had cleverly crafted. One pupil even built me my own annex to stay in!!

Thank you for making the past year so special, former Beech Class. I wish you every success in the new school year.

Alex Swan

OLIVE CLASS

HIGHLIGHTS

Olive class celebrated their fabulous school year by making a collage of some of their favourite events and achievements, which they have framed and taken home.



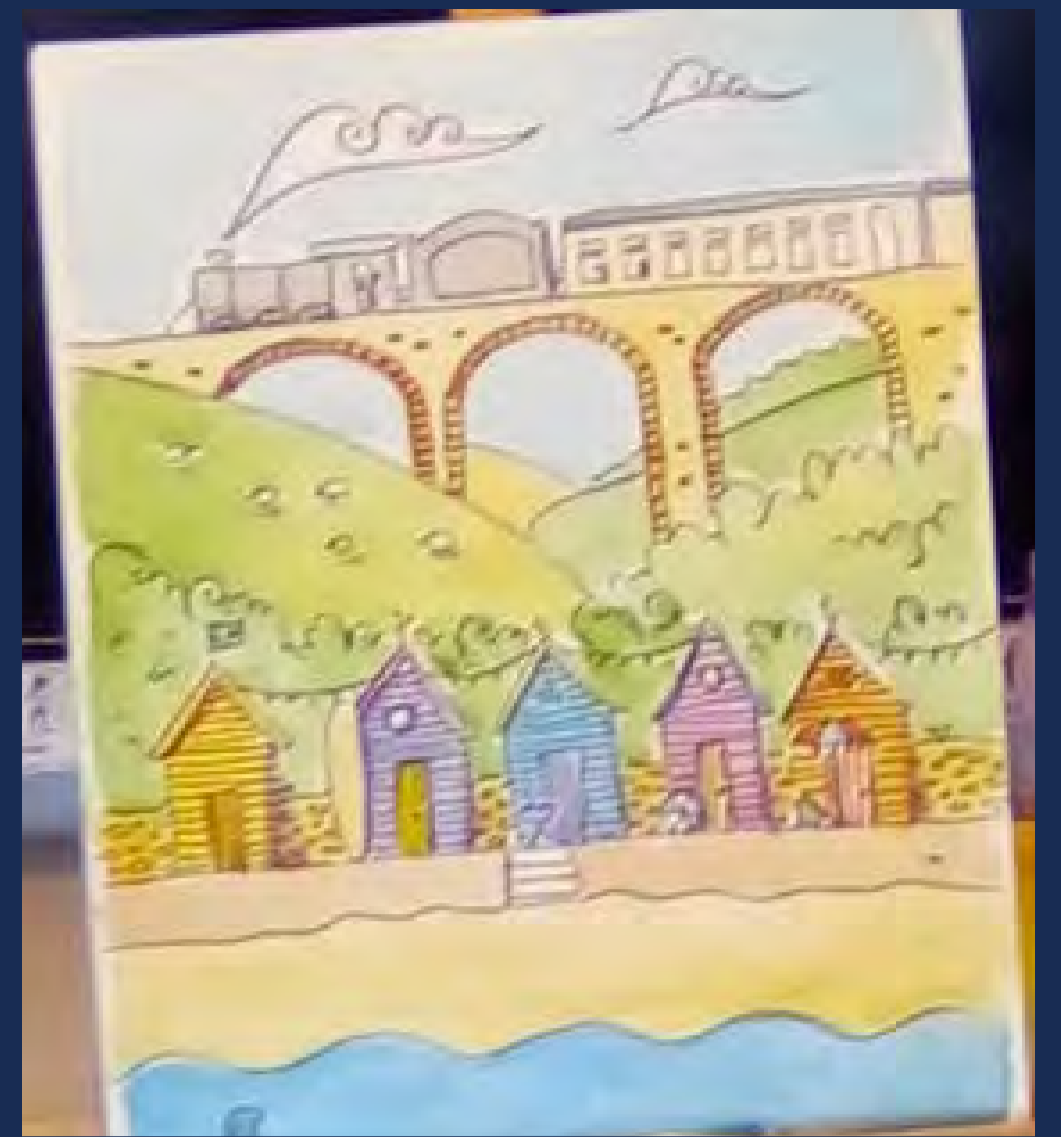
Kate

A S H C L A S S

HIGHLIGHTS

Ash Class has had a fantastic year filled with exciting opportunities, creativity, and personal growth. One of the highlights was a visit from author and illustrator Laura Wall, who led a brilliant workshop where the children learned to create beautiful watercolour artwork in her unique style. We also explored the world of work on our careers trip to Rockfish, where the learners discovered how the hospitality industry operates and enjoyed some delicious fish and chips! Another memorable moment was our adventure into Exeter's underground passages, where we stepped back in time to learn about sanitation through the ages. Perhaps most special of all has been watching the wonderful friendships blossom within the class and seeing each learner grow in confidence and resilience. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this year.

Heather



E L M C L A S S

HIGHLIGHTS

Every year, I feel like I learn as much from my class as they learn from me, and every year there's a particular development that really wows me. This year, Elm class has characterised itself as the class that changed, as people and as learners. I've watched them strengthen and grow as young people, from nervous or lacking self-belief, to being stronger self-advocates and having more understanding of their learning styles and needs- from their shy earlier days with me, to the end of this year where they've been able to claim what they need and want in school and in their learning. It's been a privilege to be part of their school journey.

Alex F

A S P E N C L A S S

HIGHLIGHTS

Oak Class 2025 really enjoyed a year of preparing for a Careers Day! In Autumn Term we looked up different jobs and researched careers pathways then in Spring Term we undertook mock interviews with David also filling in CVs and job applications. In Summer Term we had visits from a hairdresser, an archeologist and a fundraiser. The students loved our careers curriculum this year - The sky is the limit!

Tom F



A message from Rowena



It has been another fantastic year!

Our careers curriculum has grown considerably. For the first time this year we have had guest speakers all week which the learners embraced, thinking carefully about the questions to ask. We are really proud of our leavers choosing a variety of courses and hearing about their successful transition visits.

We have entered and successfully completed the jubilee challenge - we are already planning for this event again next year. To build on this we are aiming to include another residential experience.

The amount of trips and visits has again increased with visits all over Devon - it's great to see learners stopping by and requesting places they would like to see. I'm looking forward to seeing where next year takes us!

As is usual there are a number of developments on site over the summer which include 3 new classrooms, an additional therapy room, another kitchen, a VR space complete with 3D printer and an ActiveWall as well as some additional outdoor play equipment. We will have an open evening during the autumn term for those of you who would like to see how the school is developing.

Thank you for all your support this year and I look forward to working with you all next year. Have a lovely summer break!

Rowena

What a great year!

**WELCOME
BACK**



AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER

New classes, new teachers and a brand new Outdoor Gym area!



OCTOBER

Great results in the football tournament



NOVEMBER

Boccia Tournament, science trip, artist visit and a surprise snow day!



DECEMBER

Christmas Fayre and a lovely Christmas Dinner cooked by the wonderful Harry



JANUARY

Caving, bouldering and the National Apprenticeship Show



FEBRUARY

Beech class RAMM visit, warming up around the campfire on Outdoor Ed



MARCH

School trips to Teignmouth, Brixham and careers visits to Bicton College & IKEA!



APRIL

Easter Holidays! Enjoying the Spring sunshine on Outdoor Ed



MAY

Athletics tournament & Ten Tors



JUNE

Careers talks, partying with our Leavers and having fun at the Summer Fair



JULY

Ending our school year with a fantastic Sports Day at Exeter Arena and at school

FOOD TECH

HIGHLIGHTS



What a fantastic final week in the Food Tech department! Learners have worked so well through the hot weather to produce lots of delicious food. Laurel & Aspen class were superb when preparing a homemade tomato chutney. Oak class prepared a quick pizza toast recipe using pittas and French stich breads. Beech, Larch, Ash & Elm classes made the best chocolate chip muffins ever! Birch class made a wonderful herby lemon orzo salad, combining skills which they have been developing this term. Maple class completed some outstanding coursework for their Level 1 assessments. Holly class prepared sweet potato falafels served with homemade coleslaw, hummus and warm pittas, some fantastic work achieved. Several groups missed Food Tech due to Sports day on Wednesday this week. Wishing you all a super summer break, keep cooking and keep cool.



Harry - Food Tech teacher

Dyslexia guides for parents

The Devon SpLD (Dyslexia) Service have created a series of guides, including these ones specifically to support parents:

- How can I help my child?
- How can I help my child with spelling?
- Reading at home
- Helping with homework
- Working memory difficulties

Find out more at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/send-local-offer/understanding-send/cognition-and-learning/dyslexia>

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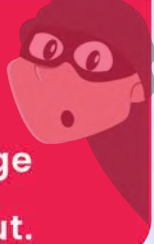
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Online safety tips for parents & carers to KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE OVER SUMMER

School's out ... for summer! Yes, it's that time of the year again: around six weeks at home for ecstatic youngsters. For many young people, a bumper stint off school means a welcome chance to spend even more time with their games console, phone, tablet or smart TV. So whether your children are likely to be scrolling on Snapchat, nestling in front of Netflix or frying foes on Fortnite, we've put together some top tips to help you keep them safe online this holiday.

THERE'S NO NETWORK LIKE HOME

Teenagers, especially, tend to be delighted to find that a coffee shop, restaurant or shopping centre offers free WiFi. These public networks are much less secure than home WiFi, though, so discourage your child from making online purchases or entering personal details when out and about.



LIGHTS OUT, SCREENS OFF

This is a golden rule: try to limit how much screen time your child has towards end of the day. Staring at the screen of a phone or tablet for too long before bed severely impacts a child's quality of sleep – which can play havoc with their concentration, mood and energy levels the next day.



FOCUS ON FACTS

The internet is phenomenal at spreading gossip. When children of certain ages aren't in daily contact at school, the digital rumour mill can go into overdrive. Remind your child not to believe everything they're told online – especially if the person involved isn't around to provide their side of the story.



KEEP TALKING

It sounds blindingly obvious, but having regular chats with your child about who they're talking to online, what games and apps they're using and what shows they're streaming is a huge benefit. It doesn't have to be every day or even every week, but it can signal potential issues well in advance.



PRIVATE INFO STAYS PRIVATE

It's worth checking your child's social media or gaming profiles occasionally to make sure they aren't inadvertently giving away too much information. Details such as their full name, address or where they go to school could all be used to track them down by individuals with sinister intentions.



LIMIT SOCIAL AUDIENCES

When they're old enough, young people love to broadcast their summer holiday highlights all over social media. The unfortunate truth, however, is that we don't always know who might be viewing this content. Check the settings to ensure that only friends and family can see your child's posts.



DEMONSTRATE GOOD HABITS

Children often learn their digital behaviour from watching the grown-ups around them. So make sure your child observes you being positive and supportive on social media, for example – and, especially, sees that you know when it's time to switch the screen off, even though you're having fun.

WATCH FOR EXCESSIVE GAMING

With no school, children often take every opportunity to fit in 'just one more go' on their favourite game – sometimes at the cost of their daily routine, or having family time. A little extra gaming is to be expected in the holidays, but it could become problematic if it evolves into a recurring habit.



IT'S 'THE GREAT OUTDOORS' FOR A REASON

For most northern hemisphere-dwellers, this time of year is a rare opportunity to enjoy the outside world in pleasant weather. Remind your child how amazing it is to feel the sun on their back and fresh air in their lungs. Disney+ and Minecraft will still be there on drizzly Sundays in October.



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