

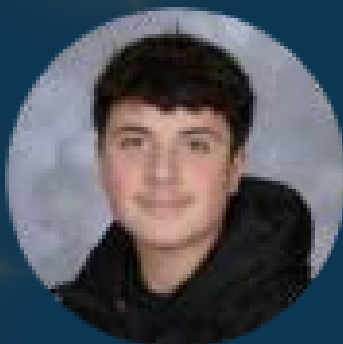


# Weekly **NEWSLETTER**

## **Summer Term 1 – Week 4**

We've come to the end of Summer Term 1, and it has certainly been a jam-packed half term. Our students have enjoyed a wide range of activities and trips, making the most of the warmer weather with plenty of outdoor learning and recreation. PE sessions, cooking activities, and exciting experiences out in the community have all helped make this a fun and rewarding half term for everyone.

We would also like to say a huge well done to all students taking exams this term. We are very proud of how well they are doing, and we look forward to continuing their success after half term.



## **Headteacher's Awards**



This week the Headteacher's Award goes to

**Breeze**



**&**

**Otto**



# Information

## School Project

This week we saw the return of the Full of Beans cafe! The pupils in Palm and Birch class worked hard to bake a number of sweet treats before running the cafe in school on Wednesday afternoon. All the pupils undertook a role from taking orders, delivery & handling the money and they all did themselves proud! Overall, the team made over £50 net profit going towards our chosen charity of St Petroc's. All the pupils should be so proud of how well they worked as a team to create an enjoyable experience for us all!"



## Things to do

May half term with family-friendly activities at [RAMM](#). From weaving workshops and colourful mask making to crafting your own rain stick, there's plenty to enjoy throughout the week. Drop-in sessions run daily from 10.30am – 3.30pm, for £3.50 per child.

[Princesshay](#) is going wild with a 6-week animal trail in the heart of Exeter. Explore 10 turf animal sculptures including a lion, giraffe and rhino, with fun facts from Paignton Zoo. Collect hidden letters, unlock a secret word and enter to win a Devon's Top Attractions Golden Ticket!

May half term with a family day out at beautiful [Canonteign Falls](#). Explore waterfalls, woodland walks, dinosaurs, fairies and a new children's animal trail across 90 acres of countryside. Special events include archery sessions (25th and 26th May) and an alpaca experience on 28th May.

[Greendale](#) have put together the perfect half term line-up with an action packed week of activities for the whole family. Food, music, adventure and outdoor experiences await, and you can join the Greendale team at the Devon County Show as kids go free on Saturday.

Devon County Show 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

The Pirate Tram returns this half term for Seaton's Pirate Week. Depart from [Seaton Tramway](#).

[Devon Truck Show, Honiton](#) – 22 to 25 May 2026

[Sidmouth International Jazz and Blues Festival](#) – 22 to 25 May 2026

## Coffee Mornings

## Dates coming next term

## Exams next term

2<sup>nd</sup> June GCSE Physics – Morning

2<sup>nd</sup> June GCSE Statistics – Afternoon

3<sup>rd</sup> June GCSE Maths – Morning

3<sup>rd</sup> June GCSE Geography –  
Afternoon

4<sup>th</sup> June GCSE History – Morning

5<sup>th</sup> June GCSE English – Morning

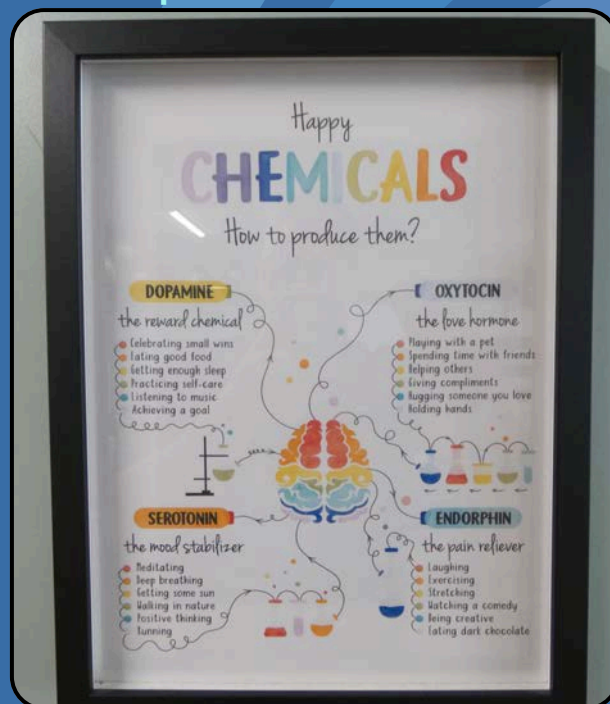
## Staff Flowers of the week

Ruth



## Therapies

In our therapies group, we have been meeting Barry the Brain and exploring the different brain chemicals that influence how our bodies feel and why we experience certain emotions.



# P.E at Magdalen Court school

MAGDALEN COURT SCHOOL



All our students enjoy lots of varied sporting

It has been a brilliant term for PE, with students enthusiastically participating in a wide range of sports and physical activities both in school and across the county. Pupils have been developing their cricket skills, enjoying swimming sessions, and taking part in energetic games of dodgeball. Lunchtime clubs continue to be a great success, with students particularly enjoying table tennis and badminton. Classes have also started exploring different athletics events, helping students build confidence, teamwork, and sporting skills while having lots of fun along the way.



## Well done to

**Billy R, Billy was awarded 2 trophies this week for his participation with his community football team. Well done Billy.**



**Sports Leaders A huge congratulations to all our students who have successfully achieved the Sports Leadership Award Level 1. Since September, they have shown exceptional teamwork, communication, organisation, and leadership while supporting and leading a wide range of sporting activities. They have been fantastic role models during PE lessons, demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment, and a consistently positive attitude. Their hard work has truly paid off, and they should feel incredibly proud of their accomplishment. Well done to everyone involved!**



### Sports Leadership Success

Well done to

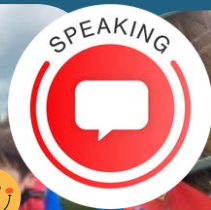
**Congratulations to: Daylun, Otto, Billy, Seth, Thomas, and Dainton.**



# Outdoor Education at Magdalen Court school



*All our students enjoy lots of varied  
Outdoor Education this week.*



## Outdoor Education



Our students have enjoyed another fantastic week of Outdoor Education, taking part in a wide range of exciting and enriching activities. Pupils have been canoeing along the Exeter Canal, exploring nature through Forest School sessions, and developing valuable new cooking skills. Some classes have also enjoyed sensory walks, while others embraced the outdoors with Wild Women sessions along our beautiful Dartmoor rivers and paddleboarding adventures. It has been wonderful to see our students building confidence, teamwork, resilience, and independence while experiencing such an incredible variety of activities.



# Food Tech at Magdalen Court school

*All our students enjoy learn all the skills needed for Food Tech at the school.*

**MAGDALEN**  
COURT SCHOOL



**YUM!**



## ★ Food Tech Roundup

This half term, Food Technology has been truly amazing! Harry and Tori have been absolutely overwhelmed by the progress our students have made in all aspects of Food Tech, from planning, to knife skills and overall cooking ability.

Students have enjoyed testing and developing their food technology skills throughout this short term, creating a wide range of delicious dishes along the way. All classes especially enjoyed practising their pastry and desert making skills and had a fantastic time doing it and eating the end products.

A huge thank you goes out to all the staff for making the lessons so enjoyable this half term and for supporting the students every step of the way.



# Careers



This half term in Careers, students have been lucky enough to go on many trips to theatres, shopping centres, travel training, and colleges. They have explored many different job roles and had great opportunities to speak to professionals and get involved in a variety of events. These experiences have linked brilliantly with our Skills Builder programme and our school values of respect and responsibility.

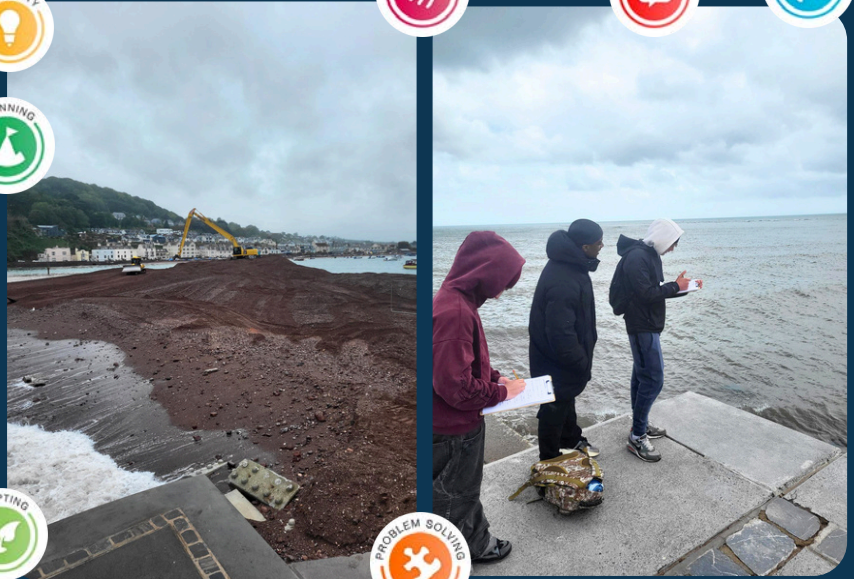
If you know of anyone who would like to give a short talk at our Careers Fair, please get in touch with the school office. We would love to hear from people who could inspire and support our students by sharing their experiences and career journeys.



**This week the Yr 10 GCSE Geography learners visited Teignmouth seafront to complete the physical geography fieldwork required for the course. Learners completed a number of rock/water analyses to improve their understanding for their exam.**

## School Parliament

School Parliament is now up and running and has made a really positive start. Students have shown enthusiasm and commitment in helping to share ideas and make positive changes across the school community.



## Creative Corner

The creative side of school has been brilliant. Students have been working incredibly hard in GCSE Art and have produced fantastic artwork across the school in the form of sculptures, drawings, and paintings. Their creativity and dedication have been wonderful to see.



## Magdalen Court School: The Green Initiative



Ash class has transformed the garden area outside the astro as part of their PD project. Last term, pupils worked hard to de-weed the space. This week, they took a trip by bus to Plants Galore to choose a selection of new plants, and then planted them together as part of their ASDAN. The garden is now looking fantastic.



# Stars of the week



Stars of the week for each class

**Rosewood Class:- Harrison**

**Ash Class:- Isaac C - for consistently being a fun and caring classmate.**

**Aspen Class:- Evie B Being a wonderful friend and always showing kindness to others.**

**Beech Class:- Esmee A**

**Birch Class:- Euan for great team work and kindness**

**Elm Class:- Brooke H**

**Hawthorn Class:- Caleb**

**Hazel Class:- Jacob M**

**Holly Class:- Anna for helping others during our revision sessions in Holly**

**Juniper Class:- Jackson D**

**Oak Class:- George Y playing nicely outside with others.**

**Larch Class:- Wyatt P**

**Laurel Class:- Max H**

**Lime Class:- Toby L for getting on with Exams**

**Maple Class:- Rowan C**

**Sycamore Class:- George S**

**Palm class:- Nikitha P for showing his caring side when engaging with his peers more and more.**



# Outdoor Education

## WEEK STARTING TUESDAY

### 2nd June 2026



#### Monday

##### OUTDOOR ED

BEECH,  
LAUREL, JUNIPER  
& HAWTHORN

**STUDENTS BACK  
ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
JUNE**

#### Tuesday

##### OUTDOOR ED

ASH, HAZEL, ASPEN  
& OAK

A – Beach. Rock  
pooling/swim.  
H – Wild River Swimming  
A – Wild River Swimming  
O – Beach. Rock  
pooling/swim.

#### Wednesday

##### OUTDOOR ED

ELM, LARCH  
& SYCAMORE

E – Beach. Rock  
pooling/swim.  
L – Wild River Swimming  
S – Beach. Rock  
pooling/swim.

#### Thursday

##### OUTDOOR ED

MAPLE, PALM  
ROSEWOOD 1 & 2

M – Beach. Rock  
pooling/swim.  
P – Beach. Rock  
pooling/swim.  
R1 – Beach SUP  
R2 – Beach SUP

#### Friday

##### OUTDOOR ED

LIME, HOLLY  
& BIRCH

L – Beach SUP  
H – Beach SUP  
B – Wild River  
Swimming

SUP BRO

Please remember the appropriate clothing.

# Food Technology



**WEEK STARTING TUESDAY**  
**2nd June 2026**

## Monday

### Food Tech

Aspen  
Ash  
Holly

**STUDENTS BACK  
ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
JUNE**

## Tuesday

### Food Tech

Beech  
Sycamore  
Rosewood  
Elm

B - Barista bakes  
S - Wonderful kebab  
R - Cooking skills  
E - Barista bakes

## Wednesday

### Food Tech

Juniper  
Lime  
Hawthorn  
Birch  
Palm

J - Savoury rice, Dutch  
apple cake  
L - Cooking skills  
H - Kebab recipes  
B - Caesar salad  
P - Barista bakes

## Thursday

### Food Tech

Laurel,  
Oak  
Larch  
Hazel

L - Burgers  
O - Burgers  
L - Vegetables galore  
H - Savoury rice -  
Dutch apple cake

## Friday

### Food Tech

Maple

**Online Lessons**

**M - Caesar salad**

# Information

Idiom of the Week:

**By the skin of your teeth**

Word of the Week:

**Compel**

Number of the Week: **100**



## Yr 11 Transport

Attention Year 11 Students and Parents  
If your child currently travels to school in a DCC taxi, please look out for an email containing important information about transport arrangements for students moving into Year 12. Please ensure that you have completed the required DCC transport forms. Follow the links below to submit the necessary information.

Link

**Vacant Seats - Children, Families & Education**

# MAGDALEN COURT SCHOOL



## Student news Careers



When is the best time to begin talking about education pathways and careers? It can be tricky when broaching the subject of careers with your young person, but we have found having conversations about interests and skill development at an early age can help provide direction and motivation towards their studies. The National Careers service (see link) can help parents/carers to begin and encourage these conversations and also provides a link to a national careers advisor.

Link

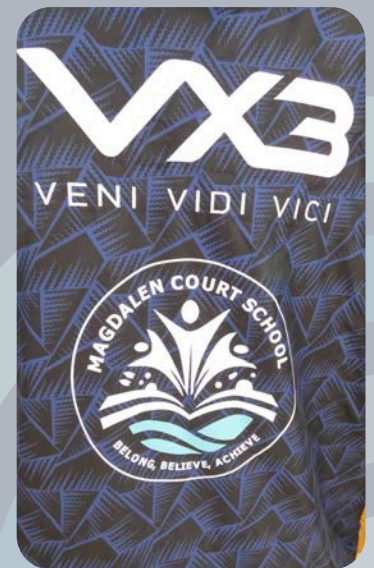


**Help a young person make career choices**  
**National Careers Service**



## New Dry Robes

We are also delighted to introduce our fantastic new dry robes, which students will be using during outdoor events and trips to help keep warm and comfortable. The robes look amazing in red and proudly feature our school logo, giving students a real sense of pride and belonging whilst representing the school out in the community.



## Social Media

Please take a moment, if you're able, to check the school's Instagram and Facebook pages and share any new content.

QR Code



## Help needed

Careers Week – We Need Your Help!



We are looking for parents, carers, and family members who would be willing to come in and talk to our learners about their careers. These sessions will take place between 8th–12th June, from 10:30am to 12:45pm.

If you are available on any of these dates and would like to share your experience, skills, or career journey with our students, we would love to hear from you. Your insight can make a real difference in helping young people understand the wide range of opportunities available to them.

Please contact the school office or your child's tutor to express your interest.

**Full Beans Café** employed the police to investigate and collect outstanding debts for the café. The operation was led by DCI Youngblood, supported by CSI Creeper and DI Milo. They are still on the lookout for MCS's most wanted: Elliot Clark.



## Safeguarding

At Magdalen Court School, safeguarding is our priority and underpins everything we do.

Our Safeguarding Team:  
Designated Safeguarding Lead: Jane Kendall  
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# ORAL HEALTH



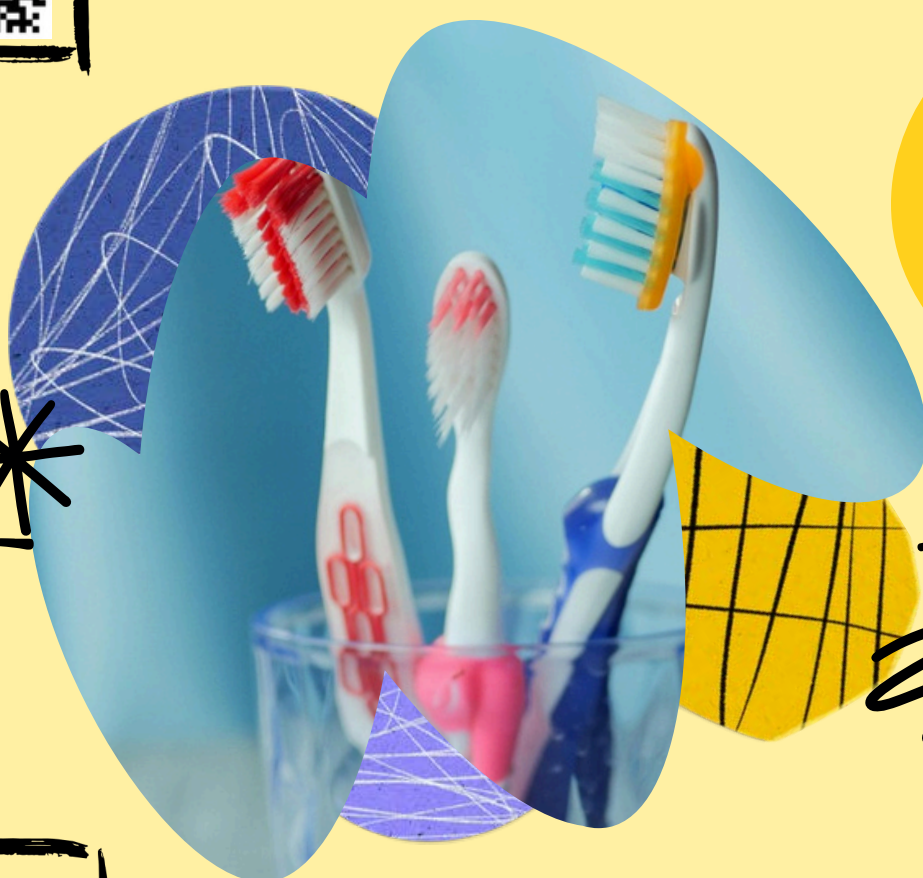
## SUPPORTING CHILDREN

FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARENTS, TEACHERS  
AND ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS CHILDREN WITH  
THEIR ORAL HEALTH

TUESDAY 24TH  
MARCH 2026  
AT 6:30PM -  
8:00PM

&

TUESDAY 2ND  
JUNE 2026  
AT 6:30PM -  
8:00PM



SCAN ME

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

FREE ONLINE ORAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR CARERS,  
PARENTS, ENABLERS AND ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS  
ADULTS AND CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS.

WEDNESDAY  
6TH MAY  
2026 AT  
2PM - 4PM



SCAN ME

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE GROOMING

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

## STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

## EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

## GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

## THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

## GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

## CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

### UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

### CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

### STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

### Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.



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