

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

24th April 2026

It's been a super busy week with so much great stuff going on! We held our PE and Performing Arts Year 11 Practical Exams, our Careers Fair was a resounding success with so much fantastic feedback on the quality of the interactions, from Year 7 to Year 11. We also rounded off a successful Frech Exchange, saying 'au revoir' to our lovely visitors from Lillebonne, Normandy. We also held a poignant and moving ceremony to mark the formal opening of our new school hall, named the Odette Hallowes Hall, in memory of Odette Hallowes, GC, MBE, who lived locally, and was an agent for the clandestine Special Operations Executive in France during the Second World War. Her values of duty, integrity, bravery and resilience will help to shape our students as they prepare for their lives after Court Fields, and the link will help us and future generations to remember Odette's remarkable life. Thanks for all your support. Its another busy one next week with Madagascar Fundraising, Mock Interviews, Art and MFL exams and more. Best wishes, Mrs Matthews

Madagascar Week

Next week we will be hosting our annual Madagascar Week!

Please check out the poster for all the events that will be happening throughout the week, ending with a non-uniform day on the Friday. This is available to pay for now on scopyay.



You can also sponsor 'Slowburne' our student band who will be performing to raise money:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-slowburne-raise-money-for-madagascar>

Odette Hallowes Hall Opening Ceremony

We were very proud to host an official opening ceremony of our new school hall today. It has been named The Odette Hallowes Hall in honour of the distinguished Second World War heroine.

The hall was formally opened by members of Odette Hallowes' family alongside Janet Lloyd, Mayor of Wellington.



Futures Fair 2026

We had an amazing day yesterday, with a brilliant turn out for our Futures Fair!

We were joined by a whole host of local colleges and employers, and each year group took it in turns to visit the fair and find out more about the world of college and work.

A huge thank you to our Careers Advisor Charity for organising this opportunity for our students, and to all the wonderful businesses and colleges that took the time to come along, including: Bouncy Bear, CG Fry, HPC. Everyone Active, Exeter College, Live West, Network Rail, Next Steps South West, Oaktree Court, Pro Apprenticeships, Richard Huish College, RAF, Royal Navy, Singer Instruments, The Army, The SPACE Somerset, Seasons Ecology, NHS & UCS College Group.



COURT FIELDS SCHOOL PRESENTS:

Madagascar Week!

28TH APRIL - 1ST MAY 2026

DATES	EVENTS INCLUDING
TUESDAY 28TH	ICE CREAM SALE KEEPIE-UPPIE COMPETITION
WEDNESDAY 29TH	SWEET SALE SPONGE THE TEACHER GUESS THE SWEETS IN THE JAR
THURSDAY 30TH	STAFF AND STUDENTS FUTSAL SWEET SALE, BAKE SALE, ICE CREAM SALE CROSS-STAR CHALLENGE GUESS THE SWEETS IN THE JAR
FRIDAY 1 ST MAY	NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY LUNCHTIME GIG: SLOWBURNE FRIDAY CHALLENGE

ALL PROFITS GO TO THE MADAGASCAR DEVELOPMENT FUND

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HEALTHY WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
DON'T FORGET TO BRING CASH!

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Notification

Updated S2 process

As some of you may be aware we have updated our S2 detention process. Previously students were expected to attend a lunch detention at the next available lunch time. Unfortunately, some students would find their detention being set some time in the future or would forget and then need to be chased to attend. In order to support students in completing their sanctions and avoiding escalation we have made the following changes:

- Lesson 1** – complete detention at break time
- Lesson 2** – remain in withdrawal at break time
- Lesson 3** – complete detention at lunch time
- Lesson 4** – remain in withdrawal at lunch time
- Lesson 5** – remain in withdrawal after school

All S2 detentions are now 15 minutes. This is to allow students time during break to use the toilet and grab some food if they need to and to ensure students are not staying late after the end of the day.

Students who are on school buses, will be expected the next day at break.

By making these changes we have created 3 opportunities for students to compete their detentions and allow students to have a fresh start the next day, without the worry of sanctions hanging over them.

Apprenticeships and Open Days

Who are Barratt Redrow?
Barratt Redrow is one of the UK's biggest homebuilding companies. We design and build new houses and communities across England, Wales and Scotland, creating places for people and families to live.
We also offer apprenticeships and graduate programmes where young people can learn real construction skills such as bricklaying, carpentry, planning and project management.
At Barratt Redrow, people work together to plan, build and deliver quality homes and long-lasting places for the future.

Roles & Applications
Apprenticeships with Barratt Redrow support your development to learning real skills in construction while earning a wage. You work on real building sites, learn from experienced professionals and study towards recognised qualifications. It's a great way to start your career, gain hands-on experience and build your future.
Open Nationwide Roles:
• Apprentice Bricklayer, Carpenter/Joiner, Plumber or Electrician
• Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying
• Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Technical
• Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Construction

Supporting students futures
We'd love to be part of your careers event! The team at Barratt Redrow is excited to inspire the next generation of builders, designers and future leaders in construction. Ready to bring construction careers to life at your school?
Email barrettredrow@barrattredrow.com to find out more and book us for your event!

Virtual Insight into University

Insight into University is a virtual experience that helps students explore STEM degrees, apprenticeships, and related careers. It offers access to university life, STEM projects from top UK universities and global companies, first-year lectures, and live sessions with academics, admissions tutors, apprentices, employers, and current students.

Course topics

- Hear from STEM professionals at top UK companies, from early-career apprentices to senior leaders and recruiters, about their journeys, inspirations, and projects.
- Join live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals, admissions officers, students, and professors in a supportive environment.
- Get expert advice on university applications, interviews, admissions tests, student finance, and support services.
- Take part in hands-on STEM activities like bridge building, making ice cream at the chemical level, and flight experiments.

100% of students increased their awareness of STEM opportunities available to them

92% of students felt the skills and knowledge gained from the course would have a positive impact on their future studies or career.

Course requirements and registering your interest
This course is open to all students aged 16+ who have a genuine interest in STEM subjects and is suitable for all abilities. To apply, please visit our website [here](http://www.etrust.org.uk).

Explore Engineering

11-13 August 2026

A three-day residential experience for curious young problem-solvers.

Give your child the chance to discover how engineering shapes a greener future. During this exciting residential course, students stay on campus at the University of Bath and get hands-on with real engineering challenges led by expert academics.

They'll explore Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical, and Civil Engineering, with an exciting design and build bridge challenge! Try out state-of-the-art facilities and meet other students who share a passion for engineering.

What they will experience

- Engineering career options and degree pathways
- Hear from expert academics across multiple engineering disciplines
- Take part in practical, real-world engineering projects
- See science brought to life through hands-on challenges
- Strengthen key skills like teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking
- Inclusive, fun supervised evening activities

WHO
Year 10
For students who will complete Year 10 this academic year

WHEN
11-13 August 2026

WHERE
University of Bath

COST
£415, also offering 50% of places fully funded*
*Check eligibility here: <https://www.smallpeiceetrust.org.uk/fully-funded-places/>

Secure your place

Diary Dates

- 28th April
Mock Interviews
- 30th April
Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 30th April
Insight Into Apprenticeship Trip—
Yeovilton
- 2nd May
Exmoor Challenge
- 8th May
Leavers Breakfast
- 8th May
Aquarium Trip
- 11th May
Prefect Interviews

Find all term dates here:
www.courtfields.net/term-dates.htm

Year 9 Assembly

We would like to thank Moira and Peter Hart who came to talk to our Year 9 students this week about Peter's mother, Kitty, who was a Holocaust survivor in Auchwitz. The students were incredible and asked some really insightful and respectful questions.

Please check out our vacancies:
www.eteach.com/careers/courtfields/

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