

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

8th May 2026

At the end of another busy week, with our fantastic Exmoor Challenge success last weekend, rounders and athletics events, our Reception Sports Festival, and the Plymouth Aquarium trip today, as well as DofE this weekend, we have another significant event.

Today marks the first exam in the 2026 Year 11 Summer Series. I'd like to take this opportunity to say good luck to your students in Year 11. They know that, although, of course, these exams will make them feel nervous as they are important and help them access their next steps, working hard to prepare for them will have ensured that they are in a great place to do well. Get plenty of sleep, drink lots of water to keep your brain hydrated, focus on what you can control, and use the tips on our Exams poster [here](#). Have a great weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Matthews



Exmoor Challenge

Huge congratulations to our Exmoor Challenge 2026 teams this weekend. A brilliant effort from everyone, with 16.8 miles completed in very wet conditions.

The senior boys' and senior girls' teams did amazingly well, finishing second, not far off scratch timings. The junior team also put in a strong performance, finishing 44th.

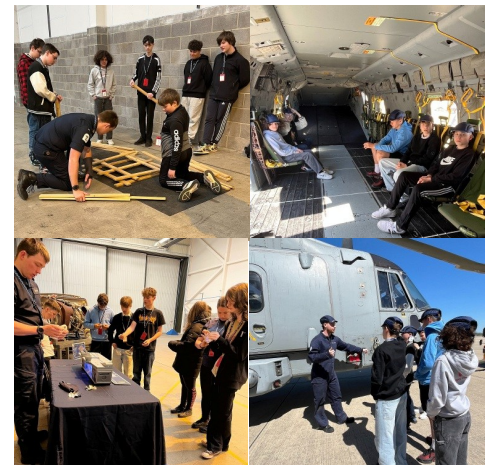
A big thank you to our reserve who spent the day with staff supporting the teams. An outstanding effort from all involved, everyone showed determination, resilience and teamwork. Well done to all competitors on their fantastic achievements and a big thank you to the staff, Mr Etherington, Miss Hartley and Miss Anderson, for organising it all.



Insight into Apprenticeships

A small group of students had a busy morning of problem solving at RNAS Yeovilton (HMS Heron) last week,

taking part in activities from creating a bridge that the team could navigate under, to programming Sphero coding robots. The afternoon was spent exploring Merlin helicopters and hearing about all the opportunities in the Royal Navy. Our thanks to South Bristol Youth for this interesting day.



Year 11 Breakfast

We had a fabulous Year 11 breakfast yesterday morning! Our Year 11s enjoyed pastries and an assembly from Head of Year Mr Reed, which included pictures from their time at Court Fields. We wish them all the very best of luck with their GCSEs.



SAVE THE DATE

YEAR 11 LEAVERS' BBQ

- Tuesday 16th June
- 5-7pm
- Court Fields School
- BBQ & performances from Slowburne!

Tickets to be released via eventbrite soon...



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Sporting updates

1) Excellent work from the Court Fields athletes, who did amazingly at the area athletics event this week. The event included all the state and private



schools in the Taunton District Area. We await the results to

see who has been selected to represent the district at the county finals, however lots of podium finishes (including some first places). Well done to all involved!

2) First rounders game of the season for our Year 10s this week against Pyrland! Well done girls.



3) Well done to the Wellington under 14 boys who attended the Dunvant Rugby Festival RFC in Swansea on 2nd May 2026. They competed against some strong teams in Wales and came 2nd in the table! Well done boys!



School Governors wanted

If you would like to find out more information about becoming a Governor, please email jgregory@bep.ac.

Update on SEND

Provision

Consultation

We're delighted that our recent consultation on a proposed new SEND Unit at Court Fields School has already received strong positive feedback from the community.

The proposal would create a nurturing, specialist provision for up to eight students with SEMH (internalising) needs, with an EHCP, building on the success of our Cove provision. This would establish two SEND units on site, strengthening our ability to support local students in line with national and Somerset priorities.

The consultation is open until 1st June 2026.

For more details and to respond visit: <https://www.bep.ac/news/the-cove-consultation>

Your feedback is vital in helping shape inclusive provision for our community.

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Crisp Packet Challenge

To save crisp packets going to landfill, we are encouraging students to save them and bring them in between 5th-22nd May.

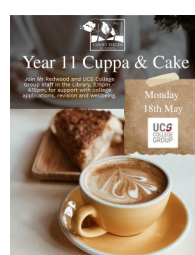
Eco Club will help count the bags: every packet goes towards the House total!



Year 11 Cuppa & Cake Sessions

The last scheduled Year 11 Cuppa & Cake sessions will be held on Monday 11th and 18th May. This will be for students that have applied to study with Richard Huish College and UCS College respectively.

Students are invited to come along to the Library where Mr Redwood and college staff will be answering any questions.



Diary Dates

11th May - 19th June

Early Lunch break

11th May

Prefect Interviews

20th May

Parent & Community Group Meeting

22nd May

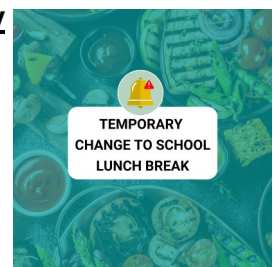
Last day of half term

25-29th May

May Half Term

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

Temporary change to School lunch break



We will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School from Monday 11th May to Friday 19th June inclusive. This change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams during this time.

From Monday 11th May to Friday 19th June, lunch will be at the earlier time of 12.35 – 13.15 (instead of the usual 13.35 – 14.15).

All other times will remain the same.

Girls Football



Break down barriers and take your football skills to the next level

Next Level FC is a small, nurturing SEND-aware football team set up for girls with autism or associated traits. We provide a safe, calm environment with quality coaching to help girls overcome their anxiety, improve their skills and enjoy the fun of football.

Wednesdays 5.15pm - 6.15pm in Taunton
For girls aged 9- 13 (Years 5 - 8)

Please contact Jenny on 07595157462 or email: Next-LevelFC@outlook.com

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