



NEWSLETTER - 14th February 2025

Headteacher News

Well, I am not really sure where this half-term has gone! It's always the sign of a busy term. I hope you have all recovered from the excitement of Plymouth's win. A real local David and Goliath story. Reverend Peter developed this idea this week in worship and has taught the children that "people look on outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart".

Wishing you all a restful break and looking forward to seeing you all on Monday, February 24th.

Office News

Dates for your diary

Who	What	When
Whole School	Last Day Of Term	Friday 14th February
Whole School	First Day Back	Monday 24th February
2LF	Saltram House Trip	Monday 3rd March
2DP	Saltram House Trip	Wednesday 5th February
Whole School	World Book Day (further details to follow)	Thursday 6th March
Year 2	Aquarium Trip	Monday 10th March

PARENT MAIL / IRIS IMPORTANT UPDATE

To streamline our communications with families, from **Monday 24th February**, we will no longer be using the Parent Mail / Iris system. Please do not log absences on this system. If you need to report your child as absent, please either leave a voicemail on our absence line, email the office at: office@compton.plymouth.sch.uk, or go to the 'Contact Us' section of the website and log the absence there.

All text and email communications will now be sent from the School website. Please be aware that the emails can go to your spam/junk file, so please check there if you think you have missed anything and mark the email as 'Not Spam'. This should then enable all future communications to land in your inbox.

Are You Eligible For Free School Meals?

Please click the link below to see if you are eligible for free school meals. You just need to complete a short questionnaire in order to apply.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION FORM

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

At Compton, we love to celebrate the magic of reading, and what better occasion than **World Book Day!** This special event is a fantastic opportunity to inspire a love of books and stories in our children.

To mark the occasion, we are inviting all pupils to dress up as their favourite book character for the day! Whether it's a well-known hero, a classic fairy tale character, or a much-loved figure from a favourite story, we can't wait to see everyone's creativity shine.

Costumes can be as simple or as elaborate as you like - children could wear a onesie, a dressing-up outfit, or even put together a homemade costume using items from home. The most important thing is to have fun and celebrate the joy of books!

We are looking forward to a school filled with wonderful literary characters and an exciting day of book-themed activities. Thank you for your support in making World Book Day a memorable event for our children.

Happy reading!

Year Group News

Year 2 - Fire, Fire!

This week in Year 2 we were lucky enough to have a visit from the Fire Safety Educational Team for Devon & Cornwall. The children were learning all about the emergency number for our country (999), the dangers of smoke and what we should do if we are ever unfortunate enough to face a smokey building. The children had a brilliant time learning how to stay safe if they are ever faced with a fire. We certainly had a lot of fun practicing to stop, drop and roll!



PE & Sport News

There's Something Fishy Going On At Compton

On Monday year 4 & 5 took part in a 'Reel Education' workshop in school. The children learnt about the local waters around them, why it's so important to look after them and lots of facts about fish! They also got the opportunity to catch their own toy fish using real equipment. Great fun was had by all!



School Association

QUIZ NIGHT!

We are holding an adult-only quiz night on **Friday 28th March**, in the school hall, from **7.30 - 10.30pm**.

Tickets are £5 and include your first drink!

We would love you to gather together with friends and family to form groups of between 4 and 6 people. Get thinking about those team names!

If you're interested in testing out all areas of your knowledge, then please let the lovely ladies in reception know, either by popping in, phoning, or dropping them an email.

We are, of course, limited on space so get in early and book your place to avoid disappointment!

Once we have the teams set up, you will be notified that the payment page is live on Parent Pay.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Adults
only



Quiz Night

Friday 28th March

19.30-22.30 *Bar & snacks
available*

Tickets £5 per person

Teams of 4-6 people

First drink is included in the price!

Book your place via School Office



Community News & Events



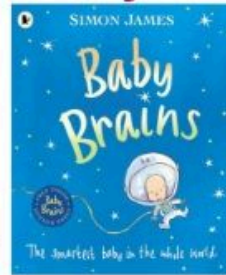
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an AGM Event
with Special Guests

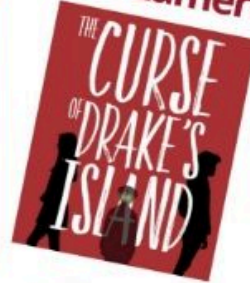
Holly Ryan



Simon James



Sara Lamerton



Luckily for us, these authors are all based in the west country!
Listen to them talk about their books, and find out how you can arrange author visits to your school, and inspire even more children to enjoy their stories!

- Books for sale
- Author signings
- Free buffet
- Drawing activities

Thu 27th Feb

5.30 - 7.30 pm

Seco Lounge Wardroom

Royal William Yard, Stonehouse PL1 3RP

Plus AGM Bonus Offer: Free Books for Schools!

Attendees are invited to choose some ex-Children's Book Award books to donate to your school or class libraries

All welcome: families, carers, teachers, librarians

RSVP plymouthchildrensbookgroup@hotmail.com

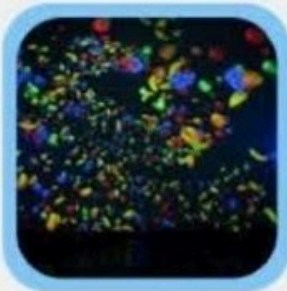


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FREE TO ATTEND!

**4pm - 5pm
Monday 17th February**

For more information about Market Hall, visit: www.realimmersive.org



Peta, engagement lead for Devon at Kooth will be delivering free webinars during February half-term in collaboration with **Libraries Unlimited** who manage all of the lovely libraries we have in Devon. Peta usually tours libraries during the holidays running in-person talks. This February half-term all talks will be held online in order to offer families who may otherwise be unable to attend, a chance to learn more on a particular topic and hear about the services Kooth and Qwell provide.

The webinars are **free**.

You **do not need** to have your camera/microphone on during the webinar.

If you can't make the webinar day/time, **you can request a recording**.

February Half-Term Kooth & Qwell Webinars:

Managing Anxiety with self-care for 11-18 year olds	Monday 17th February	10am-11am
What is Kooth? Session for Parents & Carers	Tuesday 18th February	2:30pm-3:30pm
Managing Anxiety with self-care for 11-18 year olds	Wednesday 19th February	11:30am - 12:30pm
Managing Anxiety with self-care for 11-18 year olds	Friday 21st February	2pm-3pm
Young People's Online Safety Session for Parents & Carers	Friday 21st February	4pm-5pm

To register your interest scan the QR code or email pcoote@kooth.com





About Kooth

Kooth provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth works with schools and professionals across over 90% of the UK.

Kooth is **free** to access via any internet-connected tablet, computer or smartphone. There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet and a referral from a medical professional is not needed. Your child can join Kooth anonymously simply by visiting www.kooth.com.

Kooth is commissioned in Devon for all 11-18 year olds and is the only digital mental health provider to hold a BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) accreditation across the UK.

Kooth Digital Health delivers 1000's of counselling sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring they can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via internet enabled devices.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer, please, simply email parents@kooth.com.

South Devon Dads Project

Construction Skills #1

Learn basic carpentry - make a wooden
toolbox to take home

With expert tuition from Plymouth City College

Sat. 8th March

Plymouth City College, Picquet Barracks,
Cumberland Road, Devonport, Plymouth. PL1 4HX

9.30am - 12.30

Booking Essential - limited to 10 dads & 10 children

Cost: FREE (donations welcome)

Wear suitable clothes & shoes (e.g. no flip-flops).

Hot drinks/ water supplied. All equipment supplied.

Free parking. You must book.

All dads and male carers with children aged 6 and over only.

PLEASE BOOK: info@thedadsnetwork.org



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