



NEWSLETTER

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What's On 2-6 June

Date	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 2 June	BACK TO SCHOOL Years 5/6 Bikeability Week (for those who did not take part last year)		Ms Bloch flute lessons	
Tuesday 3 June		Year 1, Kingfishers and Herons Gym		12:45—1:15pm KS2 Tennis Club with Plymouth Argyle
Wednesday 4 June				12:45 - 1:15pm Recorder Club Yrs 2-6 with Mrs Gilpin-Perkins 3:30—4:30pm SATs Club with Mrs Wright
Thursday 5 June	Herons Forest School Afternoon		Mrs Craddock Keyboard & violin lessons Mr White drum lessons	12:45—1:15pm Chess Club KS2 with Mrs Healey 12:45—1:15pm Lego Club Yrs R-6 with Mr Skinner
Friday 6 June	Herons to Chulmleigh Library			12:45—1:15pm Homework Club Yrs 2-6 with Mrs Wright/ Mrs Cookson

What's On 9-13 June

Date	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 9 June	Hérons workshop: Planet & People	Robins and Herons Gym	Ms Bloch flute lessons	
Tuesday 10 June		Year 1, Kingfishers and Herons Gym		12:45—1:15pm KS2 Tennis Club with Plymouth Argyle
Wednesday 11 June				12:45 - 1:15pm Recorder Club Yrs 2-6 with Mrs Gilpin-Perkins 3:30—4:30pm SATs Club with Mrs Wright
Thursday 12 June	Kingfishers Forest School afternoon Robins to Library		Mrs Craddock keyboard Mrs Craddock violin lessons Mr White drums	12:45—1:15pm Chess Club KS2 with Mrs Healey 12:45—1:15pm Lego Club Yrs R-6 with Mr Skinner
Friday 13 June				12:45—1:15pm Homework Club Yrs 2-6 with Mrs Wright/ Mrs Cookson



Mix it Up Monday After School Club

2nd June to 14th July bookings



Our Monday After School Club with Plymouth Argyle is ready to book online through to 14th July. Please click [HERE](#) to book your child's place.

Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s),

The week before half term seems like a lifetime away but it was, as usual, action packed here at Lapford!



Tuesday was our annual Sports Day and we were incredibly lucky with the weather – warm and dry without being unbearably hot. During the morning the children worked in house teams to complete a carousel of events including high jump, discus, shot put and the closely contested 'welly wang'! It was fabulous to see all the children participating so enthusiastically and demonstrating real teamwork as they supported one another to be as successful as possible. Just before lunch, we came together to compete in a house team Tug o' War which was incredibly fiercely fought! Over lunch the scores were tallied up and the children relaxed before a busy afternoon of races and a surprise appearance from Pilgrim Pete, the mascot of Plymouth Argyle.

Once again, the children impressed us with the positive attitudes they displayed in their performances and the support they provided to their classmates who they cheered on encouragingly. After a successful day of sport, we were pleased to crown the Sharks as Sports Day champions for the second year running.

Thursday was a Forest School day for Herons, but this one was a little more special than usual. We invited other local schools to join us, so that our eldest children could begin to make friends with some of the children that they may be transitioning to Chulmleigh College with. Unfortunately, due to the busy time of year, only East Worlington and Rackenford were able to attend but nevertheless, our children were in their element, showing off our Forest School to our visitors and demonstrating some of the outdoor skills they have gained over the past two years. Huge thanks must go to Mrs K and Sarah Madden for making the day run so smoothly. It was a really lovely event and something we hope to be able to do more of over the next year.



On Friday we celebrated our OPAL platinum award in style. Our OPAL mentor Kate and her team, joined us to present us with our OPAL banner and to congratulate the whole school on our amazing achievement. We didn't want to settle for an assembly though, so instead got the whole school involved in a treasure hunt all around the grounds and finished off with an ice cream



factory treat! It was a super way to end a very busy half term.

Today we welcome the children back to school for the final half term of the year. There is lots to look forward to this half term including a Year 6 residential, Key Stage 2 production, a Summer Music Concert and several sporting events as well as the very first Friends of Lapford Duck Race! Please look out for information regarding your child's learning for this half term which will be sent out later in the week.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Wright



Opal Spotlight



At the time of writing this, we have just finished celebrating our Platinum OPAL achievement. During a fun-filled afternoon, the children competed against each other in groups to find letters in a treasure hunt; it was great fun and the children thoroughly enjoyed it!

After the celebrations, Kate, our OPAL mentor, presented us with our OPAL certificate and banner, which we will proudly display at the front of the school.

Before home-time, we finished the afternoon off with a much-deserved ice cream with all the toppings!

The OPAL Platinum Award is a very prestigious award as it is the highest accolade available and puts Lapford Community Primary School in the top 1% of all schools nationally for the quality of our play.

The OPAL approach is extremely important to us as it promotes a more inclusive play environment in which all children can feel comfortable to express themselves. OPAL play offers an exciting alternative to the standard types of playground activities and through this approach to play, children are not only more active at lunch and breaktimes, but they have the opportunity to further develop life skills such as cooperation, teamwork and problem solving.

Our next steps

The children have expressed their desire to have their own space dedicated to nature. They would like to create a space for wildlife and plants to thrive. We are going to be making a start on this exciting new project as soon as we return to school after the half term break.

There are some items that we will need to complete this project; if you have any of these items or something else that you think would be useful for us to use, please speak to Mrs Mills or leave any donations at the school reception.

We are looking for:

- Pond lining
- Large stones/stepping stones/large wooden logs
- Plants which attract bees and butterflies
- Wall brackets for hanging baskets
- Wood for trellis
- Compost
- A water butt

You may have noticed that we have made a start on painting the walls surrounding the playground. Before the end of the summer term, we hope to have painted all the way around Squirrels Hide and the back wall of the playground leading up to the field.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support and for all the donations that we will have received for OPAL.



GOVERNANCE

Primary Performance Board – Parent Member

The Primary Performance Board meets regularly to fulfil their delegated responsibilities as set out in the Trust Board Scheme of Delegation. The Performance Board incorporates a parent from Lapford Primary school, as well as directors and senior staff.

The Primary Performance Board has a key strategic function in supporting the school, sometimes challenging the school, and influencing and shaping decisions that affect the school. Key responsibilities can be seen on the school website under the "For Parents" tab, then selecting "Primary Performance Board".

Parent members of the Performance Board are representative of parents, and their duty is to act in the best interests of the children in the school, conveying appropriate messages or opinions expressed to them by other parents, without acting as advocates for a particular parent or group.

Parent members attend performance board meetings, read papers, prepare questions, and get to know the school, by arranging occasional visits during school hours.

The parent member for Lapford is Sian Bunce.

The Primary Performance Board meets four times a year, and reminders and updates regarding the meetings will be placed in future newsletters.



JOB ADVERTISEMENT Part Time Peripatetic Brass Teacher

CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Required from September 2025

Would you like to join a high performing, ambitious secondary school well known for exemplary behaviour and conduct? Chulmleigh Community College is a school where teachers focus upon high quality teaching and high standards. The college has enjoyed some of the best results in the region over the last 10 years and is heavily oversubscribed. In 2024 our Progress 8 Figure of +0.86 places us in the top 5% of schools nationally.

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic and inspirational peripatetic Brass Teacher to join our Expressive Arts department. You would coordinate and work alongside our thriving music department. You will deliver high quality instrumental lessons to either individual students or small groups and also act as a tutor and ensemble leader for our Chulmleigh Music Academy. There is also the opportunity for teaching work within the three Primary Schools of the Chulmleigh Academic Trust.

The College has just been appointed as one of the lead secondary schools for Music in Devon and will work closely in partnership with other local schools and the Devon Music Education Hub. This award has recognised the high quality of both curriculum and extra-curricular music within the College.

Chulmleigh College aims to encourage as many pupils as possible to participate in music, with opportunities for all pupils to attend lunch time music activities and perform at regular concerts. Moreover, 20% of pupils are engaged with either music or singing. Pupils enjoy the benefits of well-equipped music classrooms and practice rooms which are available for use by peripatetic teachers to deliver a full range of instrumental and singing lessons.

The successful candidate will be expected to plan their own weekly timetable for each half term period, taking into account the availability of pupils. Main duties will include preparing pupils for music exams and performances. The role will involve completion of all administrative tasks required. The College offers financial support for Pupil Premium children in order that all pupils can access this provision, should they wish it. The postholder will liaise with parents regarding payment.

Pupils make exceptional progress at the school. Please see information available at [School and College Data Performance Website](#). The successful candidate will work alongside a committed and professional team to further enhance the excellent opportunities available to all our pupils.

We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity and access for all, irrespective of age, background, race, gender, religion, ability, disability, or sexuality. We welcome applications for employment from the whole community.

Further information, including a job description and application form, are available from our [website](#). Completed application forms to be emailed to personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk by 10 am on Thursday, 19th June 2025. All applications will be acknowledged.

As employers, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and in that regard, we have appropriate policies and procedures. All staff undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and interviews will include questions about safeguarding children.

In line with Government guidance, we may carry out online searches against shortlisted applicants' names as part of our due diligence checks.

Closing date: 10 am Thursday, 19th June 2025

Interview Date: Friday 27th June 2025



JOB ADVERTISEMENT For the permanent post of **Design and Technology Technician**

30 hours per week x 39 weeks per year

Grade D: £13.47 to £14.36 per hour
(depending on experience)

AT CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Required from September 2025

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly organised individual to support our Department of Creative Technologies. The successful candidate will need to be flexible as tasks vary from day to day and candidates must be prepared to work with, and assist, our committed and hardworking pupils at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 (ages 11-16) in a very busy practical environment. The College currently offers GCSE Design and Technology in Year 10 and 11 (AQA Syllabus). We are seeking a person who can share their expertise with our pupils. Training for specialist equipment will be provided.

The successful candidate will be the nominated first aider for the Creative Technology Department. First aid experience and qualifications would be an advantage, but training would be provided.

The post holder will be required to work closely with the Head of Creative Technologies and departmental staff but will also need to use their own initiative and be confident to work independently providing technical support to the Department.

The role will include:

- Preparation and supervision of specialist equipment for lessons
- Preparing resources and materials
- Working with a range of CAD / CAM programmes
- Providing technical support to the teaching staff and pupils
- Classroom displays
- Maintaining a safe working environment including the completion of risk assessments
- Maintain documentation relating to Health & Safety / COSHH
- Ordering and maintaining resources

This permanent position (30 hpw x 39 wpa) will be available from September 2025. Further information is contained within the Candidate Pack available on our [website](#).

Chulmleigh Community College is a school with exemplary standards of behaviour, where a high level of respect underpins our academic success. All staff play an active role in promoting our ethos.

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To apply, please complete a full application form available on the [website](#). Application forms to be emailed to personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk by 10 am on Monday 16 June 2025. All applications will be acknowledged.

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Closing date: 10 am Monday, 16 June 2025
Interview date: Thursday, 26 June 2025





YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY 

2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS 

3 WIN CASH PRIZES 

It's As Easy As



- Join our weekly lottery from just £1 a week
- It's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds
- 40% of ticket sales go straight to our school funds
- There's a guaranteed winner every week as well as the chance to win £25,000

Buy a Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



School Lunches

MyEd + Pay £2.50

Please order by midnight the day before

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If you miss this deadline please provide your child with a packed lunch

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CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2024/2025 Academic Year


	September					October					November					December					January					February					
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2		1	2	1			1	2	1	2	1	2	1		2		
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27			
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		

	March					April					May					June					July					August								
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1				1	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1									
Monday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25
Tuesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		2	9	16	23	30	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
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- Bank Holidays** 
- 25 December 2024
 - 26 December 2024
 - 01 January 2025
 - 18 April 2025 (Good Friday)
 - 21 April 2025 (Easter Monday)
 - 05 May 2025 (May Day)
 - 26 May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)
 - 25 August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days 

Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

School Holidays 

Occasional Holidays 

Two days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

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Monday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23			
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 25 May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
 24 August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

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Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

School Holidays ■

Occasional Holidays ■

Two days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors



FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT SERVED DAILY



SUMMER MENU

Week 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Breakfast Brunch with Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown and Beans	Lasagne with Garlic Bread and garden Peas	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage	Hunters Chicken with New Potatoes and Peas	Fish Finger Sandwich with Roasted New Potatoes and Garden Peas
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Quorn Sausage with Hash Brown, Beans & Tomatoes	Vegetable Soft Shell Taco with New potatoes & Garden Peas	Broccoli and Sweet Potato Bake, with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage	Cheese and Onion Quiche with New Potatoes and Peas	Veggie Finger Sandwich with Roasted New Potatoes and Peas
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Fruit Platter Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Carrot and Courgette Chocolate Brownie Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Jelly with Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Banana Cake Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Oaty Cookie Yogurt Fresh Fruit

We are pleased to offer a variety of allergen free options on our food menu. Although all food is prepared in a kitchen that handles most allergens and therefore we cannot guarantee that cross contamination will never occur, we do take every possible precaution to prevent this from happening.





	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Beef Chilli with Rice & Nachos	Chipolata Sausages with Mash, Gravy, Carrots and Peas	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage	Cottage Pie with Swede, Green Beans & Gravy	Breaded Fish with Roasted New Potatoes and Beans
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Vegetarian 5 Bean Chilli with Rice & Nachos	Vegetarian Sausage with Mash, Carrots, Peas & Gravy	Vegetable Hot Pot, with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Swede, Green Beans & Gravy	Vegetable Fajita with Roasted New Potatoes and Beans
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Iced Sponge	Vanilla Ice Cream	Strawberry Mousse	Chocolate Krispie Cake	Apple Cake
	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt
	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

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Pick a MAIN	Meatballs and Tomato Sauce with Pasta, Sweetcorn & Garlic Bread	Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls with Rice & Sweetcorn	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Cabbage	Breaded Chicken Burger with Wedges and Peas	Fish Fingers or Salmon Bites with Diced Potatoes & Beans
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Macaroni Cheese with Sweetcorn & Garlic Bread	Sweet and Sour No Chicken Nuggets with Rice & Sweetcorn	Broccoli and Cheddar Quiche with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage	Vegetarian Burger with Wedges & Peas	Vegetable and Potato Frittata with Diced Potatoes & Beans
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham	Cheese or Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Pineapple Cake	Mini Donut & Ice Cream	Jelly and Fruit	Flapjack	Apple & Raspberry Cake
	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt
	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

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