



# NEWSLETTER

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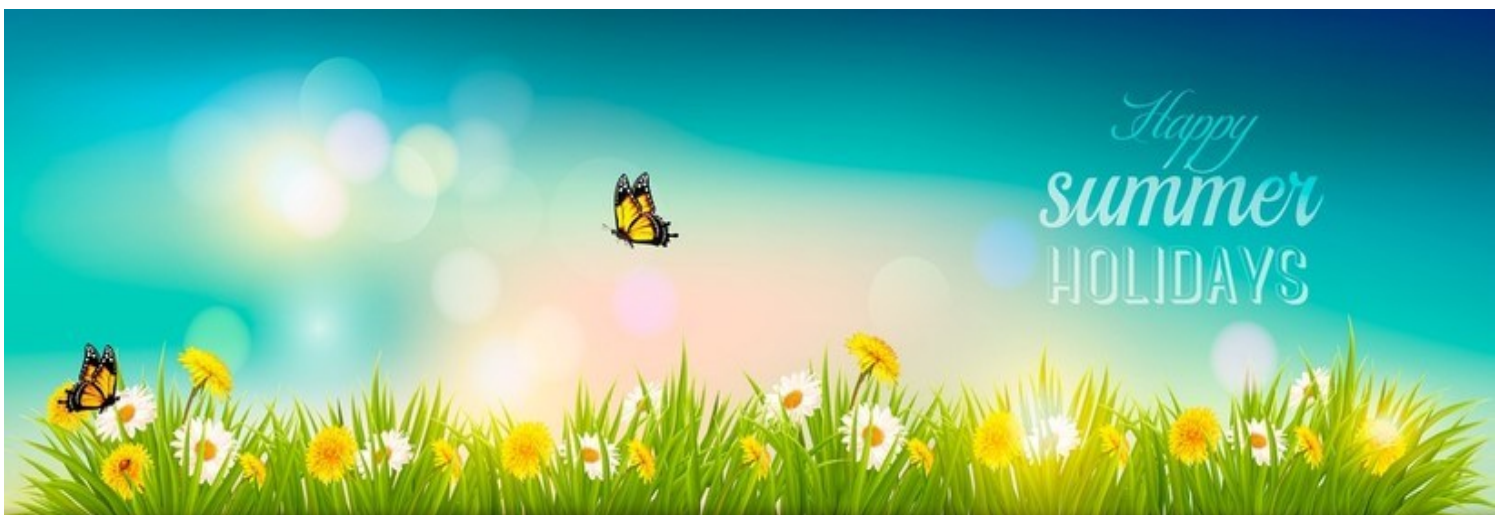
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## What's On this week and the first week back

Date	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
<b>Monday 21 July</b>	6:30—8:00pm Year 6 Leavers Meal at The Malt Scoop Inn <b>REPORTS TO PARENTS</b>		Ms Bloch flute lessons - LAST SESSION	
<b>Tuesday 22 July</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>  <b>NO STAY &amp; PLAY</b>  9:00am Leavers Assembly/ Awards Presentations - all parents/ carers and family are welcome			

## Summer Holidays run from Wednesday 23 July through to Wednesday 3 September 2025

<b>Thursday 4 September</b>	<b>CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL</b>			
<b>Friday 5 September</b>				
<b>Monday 8 September</b>	Herons swimming lessons—Waie Inn			



Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s),

Our final full week of the school year was action packed as always and full of opportunities for the children to extend their learning beyond the classroom.



On Monday we welcomed children from Chulmleigh Primary School to Lapford to take part in a Key Stage 2 tag rugby tournament. The children had been learning the skills of tag during their weekly PE lessons and many had also been attending Rich Yendell's after school club. During the afternoon, all teams played each other before the points were tallied up to find out which teams would be playing off for first place. Lapford A and Lapford B were the top two scoring teams and faced each other in the final which was

eventually won by Lapford A. It was a great afternoon of sport and the children demonstrated their teamwork brilliantly.

On Tuesday we hosted a visit from the Royal Navy for Herons, with pupils from East Worlington joining us. The STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) team travelled up from Portsmouth to deliver a workshop to our year 5 and 6 children, demonstrating how STEM is used within the Royal Navy. The children were tasked with creating various electrical circuits, exploring pneumatics and flying a drone. It was a great morning and a wonderful opportunity for the children to see how the things we learn in school can be used within the world of work.



On Wednesday and Thursday, we enjoyed performances from Kingfishers and Herons of our summer production 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. The children had been working hard over the past few weeks learning songs and dances and practising lines and it really showed. It was a brilliantly funny script and the children pulled it off with style. I was blown away by the quality of acting and actually found myself laughing out loud at the delivery of some of the jokes. They really did themselves proud and I'm sure they will remember the production for years to come.



We ended the week with a treat for Robins who enjoyed a beach party day. The sun shone (well, almost), the drinks were flowing and Robins were in the party spirit as they enjoyed water and sand fun and an ice cream or two! This marked the end of their pirate and beach themed learning and they had an absolute blast playing beach games together and later chillaxing under the shelter of a parasol!

What a way to end the term!

Saturday was the FLS Duck Race and what a huge success it was.

Despite the ominous looking weather, the rain held off and a wonderful afternoon was had by all. 500 ducks gently paddled down the river and after a painfully slow crawl to the finish line, we eventually had a winner! Throughout the afternoon, the crowd were kept entertained by various stalls, a BBQ and bar and some fun team games led expertly by Mr Gardner.



Huge thanks must go to all the volunteers but especially to Mr Madden who was waist deep in the water keeping the ducks moving. Also to Mr and Mrs Quick who kindly let us use their land for this fantastic event ,and to Mrs Jackson for her kind prize donations.

As I type, the pennies are still being counted but it looks as though almost £2000 was raised at this event. This will make a huge difference to the children at Lapford and we are all very grateful for the support.



Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Wright

# Meet the Year 6 Leavers!



**NAME:** Louanna

**AMBITION:** Chef

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** Year 6 Residential

**WHAT I'LL MISS MOST:** All of my friends at Lapford

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** Making new friends and exploring Chulmleigh

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To make new friends

**NAME:** Noah

**AMBITION:** Marine biologist

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** All of Years 1, 5 and 6!

**WHAT I'LL MISS MOST:** All of Lapford!

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** Exploring Chulmleigh Library

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To become a better person



**NAME:** Hannah

**AMBITION:** Zoologist

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** My first residential

**WHAT I'LL MISS MOST:** The teachers and my friends who are in different year groups

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** All the extra curricular clubs at Chulmleigh

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To get my dream job when I'm older

**NAME:** Eddy

**AMBITION:** Baker and electrician

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** When Enid and I glued each other's hair!

**WHAT I'LL MISS MOST:** Forest School

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** Learning new things at Chulmleigh

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To own my own bakery!



# Meet the Year 6 Leavers!



**NAME:** Alfie

**AMBITION:** Musician

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** Polar Express

**WHAT I'LL MISS MOST:** All the amazing teachers

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** Making new friends and learning more about Science

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To grow older and achieve all I hope for. I want to remember all of these memories!

**NAME:** Arjan

**AMBITION:** Something linked to trains, animals or civil engineering!

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** Getting my pen license—I felt famous!

**WHAT I'LL MISS MOST:** Being part of a small community where everybody knows each other

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** Geography at Chulmleigh College

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To own a model railway



**NAME:** Ruby

**AMBITION:** Author, or someone who works with animals

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** Residentials

**WHAT I'LL MISS MOST:** All of my friends and teachers at Lapford

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** Going to a new school and meeting new people

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** I hope I get to work with animals in the future

**NAME:** Rose

**AMBITION:** To do good stuff!

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** Too many to choose from!

**WHAT I'LL MISS MOST:** Leo

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** The summer holidays!

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To always stay in contact with my friends



# Meet the Year 6 Leavers!



**NAME:** Rosie

**AMBITION:** To be in a band that tours the world

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** Being Grabbit in our play, and the residential

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** I'm looking forward to more science lessons and drama lessons

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To be in a better band than StrayKids!

**NAME:** Charlie

**AMBITION:** To make my own company building skateboards

**BEST MEMORY OF LAPFORD:** Being with my friends

**WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:** Making new friends

**DREAM FOR THE FUTURE:** To be a millionaire!



Parents Childcare Survey Summer 2025



## Have you completed the Devon Parents Childcare Survey?

Every year, Devon County Council sends out a Parent's Childcare Survey to parents living in Devon to find out information about their use of childcare. If you are a parent of a child or young person, they would really appreciate if you could complete this survey using the following link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentsSurveySummer2025/>

It's important....your answers help to ensure that there is enough childcare in Devon!

The Early Years and Childcare Service thank you for your time.



### JOB ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE PERMANENT POST OF Assistant Kitchen Manager 37 hours per week term time only Grade D (£13.47- £14.36 per hour) depending on experience AT CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE Required September

Chulmleigh Academy Trust is seeking to appoint a reliable and hardworking individual to assist the Academy Kitchen Manager with the day to day running of the kitchen and food service.

We are pleased to offer a permanent position, working 37 hours per week across 39 weeks per annum (term time, including Non-Pupil Days). The preferred working pattern is Monday to Friday, 7.00am – 3.00pm (including a 30-minute unpaid break). However, we are open to discussing some flexibility around these hours at interview, to support the right candidate. The role is available from **September 2025**.

As an Assistant Kitchen Manager, you will play a crucial role in preparing the main meal of the day and providing a high-quality food service for all the schools in the Trust and to deputise in the Kitchen Manager's absence. In addition, you will be responsible for the completion of relevant paperwork, such as ordering stock, and supporting the Kitchen Manager in the ongoing training and supervision of staff in all aspects of catering and in line with current legislation.

You will join a hardworking, friendly, and highly valued catering team who are committed to our ambition to offer the best provision to our pupils across all areas of their education.

We welcome applications from candidates with an established background in catering. Applicants should have experience in preparing and serving food in a busy commercial kitchen environment. A City and Guilds 706 Part 1 and Part 2 qualification—or an NVQ equivalent—is essential. The ideal candidate will be a motivated and reliable team player with a 'can-do' attitude and a genuine passion for delivering exceptional customer service. You will be joining a fast-paced, vibrant department where enthusiasm, flexibility, and a commitment to high standards are highly valued.

Employment benefits include eligibility to join the Local Government Pension Scheme. In addition, employees of the Trust are entitled to 50% off childcare fees at our out of school clubs for children of compulsory school age.

The candidate pack (including job description), application form and information about our standing and success are available on our [website](#). Please download and complete the application form and email it to [personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk) by 10am on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025. All applications will be acknowledged.

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.

**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 on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Interview date: Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025



**CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST**  
**School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year**

	September					October					November					December					January					February				
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1
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	
Tuesday	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	
Wednesday	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	
Thursday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26	
Friday	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	

	March					April					May					June					July					August				
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	1	8	15	22	29	1	8	15	22	29	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	27	3	10	17	24	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	2	9	16	23	30	2	9	16	23	30	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
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Thursday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Friday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		5	12	19	26	27	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	

**Bank Holidays**

- 25 December 2025
- 26 December 2025
- 01 January 2026
- 03 April 2026 (Good Friday)
- 06 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- 04 May 2026 (May Day)
- 25 May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
- 24 August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

**Non-Pupil Days**

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

**School Holidays**

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



**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.

## HELP YOUR SCHOOL RECEIVE EXTRA FUNDING

**Plus £30 TOP-UP FOR SUCCESSFUL NEW APPLICANTS!**

**ARE YOU IN RECEIPT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS?**

If you are, please apply online for **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**.

**IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO APPLY**, but your school may receive **EXTRA FUNDING**. Successful NEW applications made between 01.07.25 and 01.10.25 will receive a £30 MyEd+Pay account top-up.

**ELIGIBLE BENEFITS:**

- Universal Credit
- Income-based and contribution-based JSA or ESA on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income based jobseekers allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

It takes less than a minute to apply.  
 Visit: [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE)  
 or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IS A CURRENT OR PAST MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING** if a parent has served any time in the last 6 years, or is in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN ADOPTED CHILD, A RESIDENCE ORDER, OR A SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING**.

If you have any queries, please speak to the admin staff at your school. Any information shared will be treated confidentially.