

Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)

As much as I am trying to ignore it, Christmas is coming, and the school suddenly began to feel slightly festive last week! The sound of Nativity songs is starting to creep down the corridor and there were definite sprinkles of glitter in the Nest!

There is so much going on over the next few weeks, do make a note of all the Christmas events as there is a lot to remember.

FLS Christmas Fayre

The first date for the diary is Saturday 6th December, which is our FLS Christmas Fayre from 2:00 - 4:00pm.

As in previous years, we will be sending home jars to be filled with small treats for our tombola. If anybody has any spare empty, clean jars at home, we would be very grateful to receive them.

We will also be holding a cake raffle on the day, so if there are any keen bakers out there who would like to provide a cake or savoury bake that could be raffled, we would be very grateful for your donations.



Forest School

Last Thursday, Kingfishers enjoyed their second Forest School session of the year. It was particularly crisp underfoot, and they were able to experience the forest feeling very wintry indeed.

During the day, the children made damper bread, created some forest themed Christmas cards and did a fantastic job at clearing the wild tracks of litter and debris.

School Disco

We ended the week on a high with our FLS School Disco. It was great to see so many children enjoying games, dancing and some very loud singing!

What a super way to end the week and a great way to raise some funds for FLS. Well done everyone.

Have a lovely week.
Mrs Wright



**3
WEEKS
TO GO!**



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What's on 24-28 November

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 24 November	Kingfishers to Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robins & Kingfishers PE • Herons swimming 	Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 2-6 Netball Club with Mrs Perry
Tuesday 25 November	Herons trip to Exeter Recycling Centre	Herons PE		
Wednesday 26 November	TEMPEST INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOS. 8:30am for baby sibling photos			
Thursday 27 November			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Craddock keyboard & violin lessons • Mr White drum lessons 	
Friday 28 November				

Planning a holiday?

Term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 can be found [here](#)



What's on 1-5 December

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 1 December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robins & Kingfishers PE Hérons swimming 	Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 2-6 Netball Club with Mrs Perry
Tuesday 2 December	Parent/ Teacher meetings	Hérons PE		
Wednesday 3 December				
Thursday 4 December	Parent/Teacher meetings Hérons Forest School Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Craddock keyboard & violin lessons Mr White drum lessons 	
Friday 5 December				
Saturday 6 December	<p>Christmas Fayre 2:00-4:00pm</p>			

It has been a busy 'behind the scenes' half term for Our Schools Our World and Eco Club but lots of exciting projects are in process so watch this space!

Wormery

A project we're excited to share is that Lapford is working towards creating their own wormery! As a school, we are passionate about reducing our food waste and have decided to build a wormery to give our beautiful grounds the best nutrients we can! If you or anyone in your family have ideas or ways you may be able to help with this project then please get in touch with Mr Skinner!



Eco Club

In Eco Club, we have enjoyed learning some sustainable craft beginning with collecting leaves for some recycled wrapping paper and making our own eco club badges! Each child designed their own badge before we used unused pen lids as the clip to attach to our jumpers! We think they look great and makes good use of unwanted pen lids too!



On Tuesday, Herons are off to Exeter Recycle Centre to find out first-hand how our waste is recycled into the energy which powers our homes and school. We are very excited to see positive change in action and will report back soon in assembly and to those at home!

Have a great week everyone!

Mr Skinner



Admissions policy for 2027-28: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2027-28. The Local Authority is also consulting on its arrangements – the admissions schemes through which you can apply. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page [here](#) and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>.

Further information is here: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements>

The consultation runs between 1 November and 16 January 2026.

Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2026 next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.



OPAL News



Second hand bikes and scooters

Should anyone have any bikes or scooters that their children may have grown out of, we would be delighted to give them a new lease of life in our playground! Any donations would be very gratefully received, and as ever, we thank you so much for all your generosity.



Recent playtimes!

We have been busy painting in the playground. and also examining the incredible sheets of ice that formed last week!



Stars of the Week 21 November 2025



Lapford Legends 21 November 2025



The Crediton Heart Project

Christmas Craft Fest

6th & 7th December

at Crediton Arts Centre
Christmas creative fun for all!

Workshops: age 16+ £5, under 16s £3

Saturday 6th December

Block Printing
Make your own Christmas cards & wrapping paper
10am-1pm

Pottery Tree Decorations
Cut out and decorate shapes to hang on your tree
2-5pm

Sunday 7th December

Yule Log Decorations
Create Yule log decorations
10am - 1pm

Wreaths and Mini Trees
Make wreaths for your doors and mini trees for your table
2-5pm

and a **FREE** Christmas film for all ages
A MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL
Saturday 6th December 6pm for a 6.30pm start
A festive evening with Christmas food and drinks before the film

Book tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-crediton-heart-project

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It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Lapford Community Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Lapford Community Primary School

■ 40p goes to our school
 ■ 36p goes to cash prizes
 ■ 20p goes to admin costs
 ■ 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
 = £30 weekly cash prize
 = £2,080 a year for our school

Buy A Ticket

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Lapford CHRISTMAS FAYRE

WHERE: LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

WHEN: SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER - 2-4PM

* STALLS * CRAFTS * GAMES *
 * SANTA * RAFFLE * CAKES *
 * REFRESHMENTS & MORE *

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

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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Our dedicated energy team are here to help you:

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- Talk to your supplier to sort out any problems you might be having

Call us on 01237 879 233

Scan the QR code to fill out a referral form

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JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Permanent, Part time
Assistant Business Manager
37 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

Grade F: £18.35 - £20.29 per hour – depending on experience

Required from January 2026

Chulmleigh Academy Trust is a family of academy schools, which includes Chulmleigh College, Chulmleigh Primary School, East Worlington School, and St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School. Our aim is to provide the highest quality education for the children and young people in our care at every stage, with exceptional teaching in a supportive, friendly, and safe environment.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, organised and friendly person to support the Academy Business Manager in their responsibilities relating to Finance Administration, Personnel and Marketing. The ideal candidate will have the ability to prioritise and demonstrate excellent management skills both for themselves and others to ensure an efficient and effective team.

The successful candidate will work closely with the Academy Business Manager and will need to maintain the highest level of confidentiality and discretion. The successful candidate is expected to hold a recognised level 4 business qualification and be highly proficient in both verbal and written communication, and the use of ICT. Comprehensive support will be provided to ensure a smooth introduction to this key role.

The role is available from January, but we are keen to appoint the best candidate and have some flexibility regarding the start date.

Main responsibilities include:

- Project Management across the range of support functions
- The preparation of business plans and full costings
- To support and participate in the development of the Academy Trust Improvement Plan.
- To create and manage formal funding bids (including grants) for submission.

This rewarding role would be perfect for an experienced business administrator seeking a new challenge in a supportive friendly environment where staff can achieve their highest potential.

Further information including main duties across all areas of responsibility is contained within the Candidate Pack available on our website.

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

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.

Details of the application process are contained in the Candidate Pack. Completed application forms to be emailed to personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk by 10 am Tuesday 9th December 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, Tuesday, 9th December 2025
Interview Date: Wednesday, 10th December 2025

COMMITTED

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Permanent, Part time
Finance Manager
24 hours per week all year round

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We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, organised and friendly person to join and share the management of our committed and hardworking Finance Team. The Finance Team is based at Chulmleigh Community College and are responsible for the processing of all financial data for our three primary schools in addition to the College offering the very best support to staff, pupils and parents.

This will be a job-sharing role working with the current Finance Manager. Ideally the appointment will be from January 2026, however we are committed to appointing the best candidate and can offer some flexibility to the start date. The work pattern will be over three days to be agreed at interview.

The postholders will work closely with the Academy Business Manager and will need to maintain the highest level of confidentiality and discretion. The successful candidate is expected to hold a recognised level 4 financial management qualification and be highly proficient in both verbal and written communication, and the use of ICT. Full training and comprehensive support will be provided to ensure the continued smooth operation of the team.

Main responsibilities include:

- To monitor all accounting procedures, including the ordering, processing and payment for all goods and services provided to the Trust and the operation of all bank accounts, including a monthly reconciliation.
- Lead on all year-end financial processes
- Prepare all financial returns for the DfE and other central, local government agencies within statutory deadlines
- Provide effective budget management by providing regular training and reports to budget holders.
- Maintain confidentiality surrounding financial information at all times.

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Lapford Breakfast Club Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beans on Toast	Bagels	Sausage Baps	Toasted Teacakes	Scrambled Eggs on Toast

- Toast
- Crumpets
- Selection of Jams & Spreads
- Fresh Fruit
- Yoghurt
- Cereals
- Milk
- Apple Juice
- Orange Juice
- Water

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY!

FREE Breakfast Club Reception to Year 6

ALL pupils from Reception to Year 6 can book into our FREE 8:30am Breakfast Club. Please go to MyEd to select your days!

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) FOR OUR LUNCH ALLERGEN INFORMATION

Chulmleigh Academy Trust

FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT SERVED DAILY

AUTUMN MENU Week 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Breakfast Brunch with Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown and Beans	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage	Chicken, Ham & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes, Carrots & 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	Chickpea and Sweet Potato Bake, with Roast Potatoes, 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 or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Ham or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Tuna Mayo
Pick a DESSERT	Fruit Platter Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Carrot and Courgette Chocolate Brownie Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Jelly with Mandarins 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.

School Lunches

Chulmleigh Academy Trust

FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT SERVED DAILY

AUTUMN MENU *Week 2*

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Beef Chilli with Rice, Nachos & Sweetcorn	Steak & vegetable Pie with Mash, Carrots and Peas	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage	Chicken Burger with Wedges and Peas	Breaded Fish with Roasted New Potatoes and Beans
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Vegetarian 5 Bean Chilli with Rice, Nachos & Sweetcorn	Falafel Wraps with Mash, carrots & Peas	Homity Pie with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Plant Based Burger with Wedges and Peas	Vegetable Fajita with Roasted New Potatoes And Beans
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Tuna or Ham	Cheese or Tuna	Cheese or Ham	Tuna or Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Iced Sponge	Meringue with Cherry Pie Filling	Chocolate Mousse	Chocolate Krispie Cake	Lemon Drizzle
	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt
	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

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AUTUMN MENU *Week 3*

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Pepperoni Pizza with Wedges & Salad	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Cabbage	Chipolata Sausage with Mash, Gravy, Carrots & Peas	Fish Fingers or Salmon Bites with Diced Potatoes & Beans
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges & Salad	Singapore Noodles	Broccoli and Cheddar Quiche with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage	Vegetarian Sausage with Mash, Gravy, Carrots & Peas	Halloumi Stuffed Pepper with Diced Potatoes & Beans
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna mayo	Cheese or Beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Tuna Mayo or Ham	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Ham	Tuna Mayo or Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Fruit Platter	Waffle with Apple & Toffee Sauce	Jelly and Fruit	Flapjack	Carrot Cake
	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt
	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

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