



2 December 2025

Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)

December is here and yesterday there was lots of excitement in school as the children arrived with tales of naughty elves and advent calendars! The classrooms are beginning to feel festive too with tinsel and trees popping up all over the place! Our school postbox is back in the corridor and children can post Christmas cards which will be hand delivered by our school elves (aka School Council) throughout the week!

Exeter Energy from Waste Centre trip

Last week, Herons enjoyed a visit to the Exeter Energy from Waste Centre, where they had a fantastic time learning more about how we can reduce, reuse and recycle waste to create new energy and products.

The day began with a tour of the impressive facility, which takes over 8 tonnes of black bin waste every hour to convert into energy for over 6,500 homes across Exeter and Mid Devon. That most likely includes our own Lapford waste being used to power the school! Across the day, they also enjoyed different games and quizzes about the history of recycling, a quick play in the local park and a materials sorting activity for recycled products. Who knew that recycled nappies could make roof tiles!?

The children were polite, supportive and collaborative across the day and praised highly by the recycle centre staff and members of the public for their positivity and manners.



Parent Consultations

This week we are inviting parents in to school for our first Parent/Teacher meeting of the year. This is an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their year of education and discuss academic progress across the term so far. If you haven't yet made an appointment to meet with your child's teacher then please do contact the office.

New Uniform on show

Mrs Healey will also be available today and Thursday to talk with parents about our new school uniforms. She will base herself in the old Year 1 classroom so when you have met with your child's teacher, do pop along to see her.

Computing Open Afternoon - Wednesday 3rd December

On Wednesday afternoon we are also inviting parents/carers in to take a look at how we teach computing across the school. Classrooms will be open for parents to drop in any time between 2.20 and 3.20pm, we'd love to see you.

School Christmas Fayre

This weekend, our school will be turned in to a hive of all things Christmas as FLS present the annual Christmas Fayre. There will be fun and games, crafts and entertainment and a very special visitor all the way from the North Pole! We hope you are able to join us between 2pm and 4pm.

Have a lovely week
Mrs Wright



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.



Lapford
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE

**WHERE: LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY
SCHOOL HALL**

WHEN: SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER - 2-4PM

*** STALLS * CRAFTS * GAMES ***

*** SANTA * RAFFLE * CAKES ***

*** REFRESHMENTS & MORE ***

STALL PRICE £6

FREE ENTRY FOR VISITORS - DONATIONS SUGGESTED

**IF YOU LIKED TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE CALL OR TEXT STACEY ON
0789 1556884**



Date	Event	Details
w/b 1st December	Christmas Crafternoons!	We will be decorating the classrooms and creating Christmas craft to sell at the Christmas Fair this week. Our Christmas Postbox will be available for Christmas cards to be posted from today.
Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th December	Parent/Teacher meetings	Make an appointment to find out how your child is progressing this year and also find out about our new school uniform.
Wednesday 3rd December	Computing Open Afternoon	Join us between 2.20 and 3.20pm to find out what your children have been learning in computing this term.
Saturday 6th December	Christmas Fair	Open to all 2:00 – 4:00pm. A variety of stalls, games and refreshments as well as Santa's grotto. Please send in Jazzy jars or cake raffle donations by Friday 5th December.
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity – afternoon performance	Performance starts at 2.30pm. Please join us for refreshments afterwards. (Nursery children who do not normally attend on Tuesdays are invited to join us from 2:00pm)
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Wear your favourite Christmas jumper to school in exchange for £1 donation to Save the Children (payable through MyEd only - NO CASH)
Thursday 11th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity – evening performance	Performance starts at 6:00pm. Children should arrive at school from 5:30pm. Refreshments available before the show.
Friday 12th December	Pantomime	All children from R – Y6 will travel to Chulmleigh College to watch a performance of Robin Hood with a party in school for our Nursery children.
Friday 12th December	Over 60s lunch	All children will walk to Lapford Victory hall to provide entertainment at the Over 60s Xmas Lunch.
Wednesday 17th December	KS2 Carol Concert at Lapford Congregational Church	2:30pm. Come and listen to our KS2 classes perform a variety of songs and music and retell the Christmas story.
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Parties	Look out for class specific details on Dojo.
Friday 19th December	End of term assembly Christmas Dinner End of term	All welcome from 9.00 – 9.30am. A chance to end the year with our final celebration assembly. Please order your Christmas Dinner on MyEd. Children are welcome to wear a festive jumper or headband/hat today. School's out for Christmas!



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 • Herons swimming 	Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 2-6 Netball Club with Mrs Perry
Tuesday 2 December	3:40-5:20pm Parent/ Teacher meetings	Herons PE		
Wednesday 3 December	2:20-3:20pm Computing Open Afternoon			
Thursday 4 December	3:40-5:20pm Parent/Teacher meetings Herons Forest School Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Craddock keyboard & violin lessons • Mr White drum lessons 	
Friday 5 December				
Saturday 6 December	School Christmas Fayre 2:00-4:00pm			



What's on 8-12 December

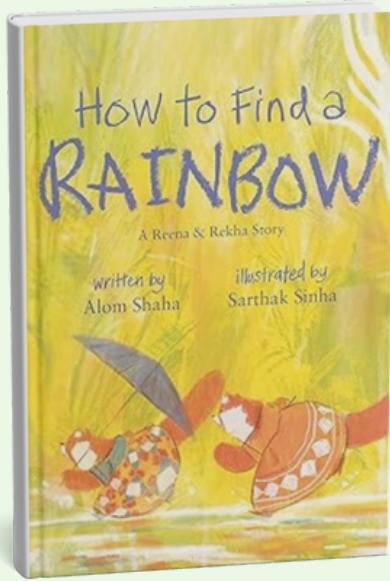


Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 8 December	Upper Herons to Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robins & Kingfishers PE Hérons swimming - LAST SESSION 	Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 2-6 Netball Club with Mrs Perry
Tuesday 9 December		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 10 December	2:30pm EYFS/ Key Stage 1 Nativity in the Hall			
Thursday 11 December	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - raising money for Save the Children		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Craddock keyboard & violin lessons Mr White drum lessons 	
Friday 12 December	Pantomime at Chulmleigh College			

Planning a holiday?

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





Kingfishers have had an exciting few weeks. We enjoyed a brilliant morning at the Northcott Theatre for the Children's Bookshow where we experienced some interesting science experiments from the author of the book 'How to Find a Rainbow', Alom Shaha.



We also had a chilly day out in the Forest School where we made damper bread and created Christmas crafts from the natural things we could find.



In Maths we have been focusing on partitioning numbers into tens and ones. We have been exploring using manipulatives such as base 10 to help us understand this further.



In English we have been focusing on the text Tell Me a Dragon. We have been using adjectives in an interesting way to describe images of dragons. This week we will be publishing our work and creating our own books!



Our Nativity rehearsals are in full swing, and we are working hard each afternoon to perfect it. We are looking forward to welcoming you all next week to watch the performance!

Stars of the Week 28 November 2025



Lapford Legends 28 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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Splitting the £1.00

How it works...

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

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

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

Buy A Ticket

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UK Health Security Agency

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

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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/minfex>.

School Lunches

MyEd + Pay

£2.61

Please order by midnight the day before

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

www.lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk

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

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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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