



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)

It has been a lovely Christmassy week at school and although we've tried hard to keep to our routine in the mornings, the festive spirit has definitely been creeping through the school. Huge thanks to John Cockram Christmas Trees in Chulmleigh, for their donation of a beautiful Christmas tree for our school hall which the children really enjoyed helping to decorate.

School Song

On Tuesday, Herons had the final session of their song writing session. They have been working incredibly hard to compose a school song that encapsulates our new school values, contributing all the ideas for the lyrics and also helping with the melody. In the final session, they recorded several versions of the song including an instrumental version and they are very excited to share this with you in the new year. Their next task is to teach the song to the children in Kingfishers and Robins.

Parent Consultations

Last week many of you met with your child's class teacher to find out how they have been getting on in school this term. Please contact the office to arrange a meeting if you were unable to make an appointment and would still like the opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher.

New School Uniform

During the two afternoons, there was also an opportunity to meet with Mrs Healey and preview our new school uniform. Full details of the new uniform will be sent to parents/carers this morning.

The uniform will be handed out to children in the first week of term in January, in time for our Launch Party Day on Friday 9th January.

Forest School

Thursday was the final forest school session of the year and we were delighted to be joined by Sam Osborne, who helped the children in Herons to refine their den making skills. During the session, the children also made Christmas decorations, focussing on improving their tool work.



Christmas Fayre

Saturday was our Christmas Fayre and we need to say a huge thanks to everybody who came along and supported the event. FLS worked hard to put on a really enjoyable Fayre and were able to raise over £450.

Events like these really do have a direct impact on the children, as the fundraising ensures that we can offer children the very best opportunities. Later this week, all children from Reception to Year 6 will travel to Chulmleigh College to watch a pantomime, fully funded by FLS.

Christmas Nativity

We are also very excited for our Nativity performances on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm and on Thursday evening at 6pm. Whether you have children in EYFS/KS1 or not, we hope you will be able to join us to hear their magical retelling of the Christmas story.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Wright



Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 8 December	Upper Herons to Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robins & Kingfishers PE Herons swimming - LAST SESSION 	Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 2-6 Netball Club with Mrs Perry
Tuesday 9 December		Herons PE		
Wednesday 10 December	2:30pm EYFS/ Key Stage 1 Nativity in the Hall			
Save the Children Thursday 11 December	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - raising money for Save the Children (payable through +Pay)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Craddock keyboard & violin lessons - LAST SESSION Mr White drum lessons 	
Friday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yrs R-6 Pantomime at Chulmleigh College Over 60s Christmas Lunch 			

Planning a holiday?

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





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Tuesday 16 December		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 17 December	2:30pm KS2 Carol Concert - Lapford Congregational Church			
Thursday 18 December	Christmas parties in class - see Dojo for specifics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr White drum lessons 	
Friday 19 December	LAST DAY OF TERM CHRISTMAS LUNCH			



It's been a superb few weeks in Herons class with workshops, school trips and more!



Exeter Recycle Centre trip

Firstly, we enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Exeter Recycle Centre to learn more about where our black bin bag waste goes and how it is turned into energy for over 6,500 homes! The children were excellent role models and incredibly polite, patient and engaged throughout! It was also amazing to see their faces when they learnt the incinerator is bigger than our playground from blue wall to classroom and reaches up to 850 degrees! That's hotter than lava!



School Anthem

Back in school, we have been enjoying our Sonopera sessions with Elfyn and Pat. Herons have been working on a music project which takes our school values and we are very excited to share our school anthem with you soon! It has been an absolute joy seeing the children composing the lyrics for our song, learning the notation to play on glockenspiel, flute, keyboards and more and then bringing it all together.

A huge thank you to Elfyn and Pat for all of the laughs, support and musical know how to make this project so successful!

Computing Open Afternoon

Herons had a great afternoon sharing our Computing knowledge during our Open Afternoon.

We had several activities set up from Bee Bots and E-Safety quizzes the children had designed themselves to Micro: Bit coding for games such as higher or lower, rock, paper and scissors and a 'build your own monster' algorithm game which had hilarious results in most cases!

A huge thank you to all of those who came to see our learning and took part! It really does mean a lot to see you there.



Coming up soon we have Forest school, Finishing our own adventure stories, selling our Christmas craft for the Christmas Fayre and lots more! Have a great week everyone!

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



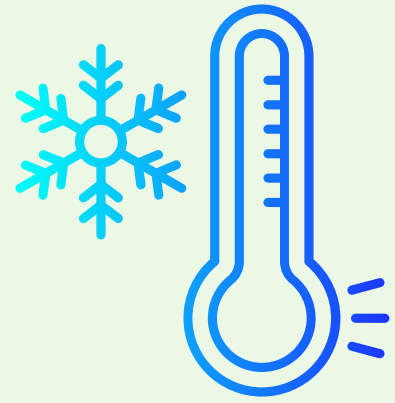
Apply online at:
devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by emailing
admissions@devon.gov.uk or
call our Education Helpline on:
0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions
Team, even if you've already given details
to a school. Applications made directly to
schools or on their lists will not be accepted.



**Please remember to send your
child into school with a named
coat, hat and gloves, now that
the temperatures are
dropping!**



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.

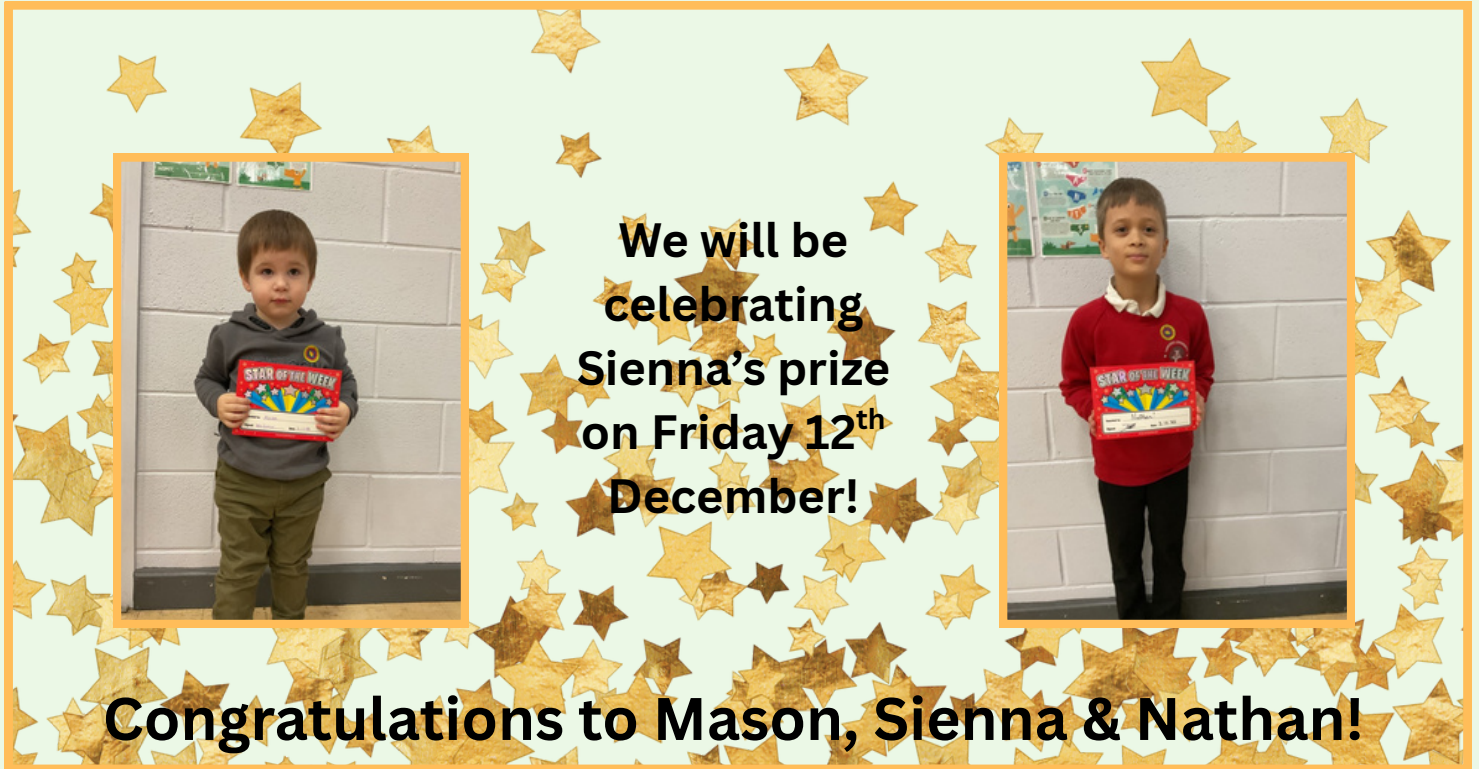
Our proposed policy is on our admission page [here](#) and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>.

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.

Stars of the Week 5 December 2025



Lapford Legends 5 December 2025



School Lunches

MyEd + Pay £2.61

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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SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

£1 TICKET

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

- 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

GambleAware

Should I keep my child off school?

child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea 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/minfex>.

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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

Need advice on energy?

Our dedicated energy team are here to help you:

- Check for grants to help you pay for your energy usage
- Apply energy-saving measures to save you money
- 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

Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon

www.citizensadvicectnmwd.org.uk
Registered charity number 1068496

Lapford Breakfast Club Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beans on Toast	Bagels	Sausage Baps	Toasted Teacakes	Scrambled Eggs on Toast
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toast • Crumpets • Selection of Jams & Spreads 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh Fruit • Yoghurt • Cereals 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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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
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