

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)

This week has been an exciting one as we have been preparing for the opening of The Nest. We are absolutely delighted to be able to offer this new provision for children aged 9 months to 5 years, and I am sure you will agree that the setting looks fantastic. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our first babies later this week.

The opening of The Nest also allows us to extend our wraparound care provision, which will now run from 7.30am to 6.00pm. This development comes directly in response to feedback from parents last year, where many shared that our previous offer did not fully meet the needs of working families. We hope that this extended provision will now provide greater flexibility and better support for parents balancing work and childcare.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, who have shown great adaptability and commitment in making this possible. Their hard work has ensured that we are able to offer this exciting new provision to our community.



Unfortunately, we have received reports of some parents driving carelessly along Eastington Lane. Please remember that part of the walking route to school includes a section of road without a pavement. In order to keep all of our children and families safe, we ask that you drive with extra care and reduce your speed when approaching and leaving the school.

Breakfast Club reminder

We have been absolutely delighted with the number of children now using our Reception to Year 6 Breakfast Club since its inception a year ago. It provides them with a gentle start to the school day, in a relaxed environment with their peers. Please see page 10 for our menu.

We do wish to remind parents/carers that children are welcomed in from 8:30 - 8:35am, so that food can be prepared and cleared in time for the opening of the school gates.

With this in mind, we must inform you that any children that arrive after 8:35am can still come in, but we will not be able to serve them food.

Parent Power Day - Saturday 9th May

This weekend, on Saturday 9th May between 10:00am and 4:00pm, we will be opening the school gates and inviting parents, carers, staff and children to join us for our Parent Power Day.

Mrs Mills has put together a comprehensive list of jobs that will make a real difference to our outdoor areas, and we are looking for as many helping hands as possible to bring these ideas to life. You don't need any particular skills to get involved – just a willingness to lend a hand, pick up a paintbrush or trowel, and work together to improve our school grounds for the benefit of our children.

Refreshments will be provided, and we hope it will be a really enjoyable day for everyone involved. We would love to see as many of you there as possible – thank you in advance for your support!

Have a great week.

Mrs Wright

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Head of Primary Education (HOPE) for Chulmleigh Academy Trust, having started in post after Easter. In this role, I work across the Trust with Chulmleigh Primary School, East Worlington Primary School and St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School, as well as being part of the Trust's Senior Leadership Team. Importantly, my work also involves working closely with Chulmleigh Community College as the education of your children does not stop in Year 6; the 0-16 offer at this Trust gives us a great opportunity to ensure firm foundations at all stages of your children's educational journey.



I have worked in primary education for over 30 years, including 10 years as a headteacher in two Somerset schools and nurseries. I am Devon born and bred, having been brought up on an Exmoor sheep farm, so I was very happy to see the Exmoor Horn sheep featured on the Community College's badge!

Over the coming weeks, my priority will be to meet Heads of School, staff and children, and to visit your wonderful schools. I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and to facilitating collaborative work across and between the schools, working together to develop strategic plans of support that ensure the very best outcomes for your children.

A key priority for me is that all three primary schools feel a strong sense of belonging within the family of schools that make up Chulmleigh Academy Trust, while retaining their own unique identities. By working together and sharing good practice, we can strengthen what we offer for children, families and communities. I will aim to keep you updated on this collaborative work and the benefits it brings.

I will, on occasion, be on your school's gate- I am very approachable and I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and months.

Kind regards,

Ali Pook
Head of Primary Education
Chulmleigh Academy Trust



What's on 4-8 May

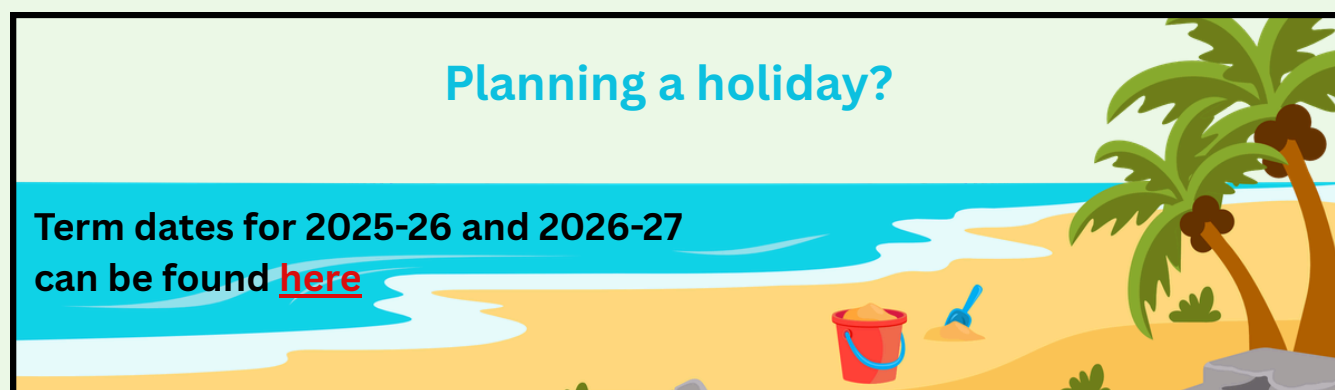
Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY			
Tuesday 5 May		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 6 May				3:30 - 4:30pm Year 6 SATs Club
Thursday 7 May	KINGFISHERS FOREST SCHOOL DAY 7:30pm FLS meeting at the Malt Scopp Pub. Everyone welcome!		Mrs Craddock violin and keyboard lessons Mr White drum lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Craft Club
Friday 8 May				
Saturday 9 May	OPAL Parent Power Day at school from 10:00am. Tea and coffee for our volunteers!			

What's on 11-15 May

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 11 May	SATS WEEK		Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Years 1-6 Athletics Club
Tuesday 12 May		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 13 May				3:30 - 4:30pm Year 6 SATs Club
Thursday 14 May			Mrs Craddock violin and keyboard lessons Mr White drum lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Craft Club
Friday 15 May				

Planning a holiday?

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





We have had a busy first few weeks of term in Kingfishers!

We have begun focus on our new writing outcome in English where we will be producing an information text on a rainforest animal. We started by exploring how to use expression to read like a rainforest explorer and read parts of the example text to each other in this style. We are now focusing on writing our text and researching our chosen animal.



In RE we have been learning about the Christian parable, 'The Lost Son' and why Jesus told this to people. We then created a cube which included all the main parts of the story to help us to retell it.



Maths has been exciting as we have begun our work on multiplication and division, it has been brilliant to see everyone's resilience as we tackle this new topic.

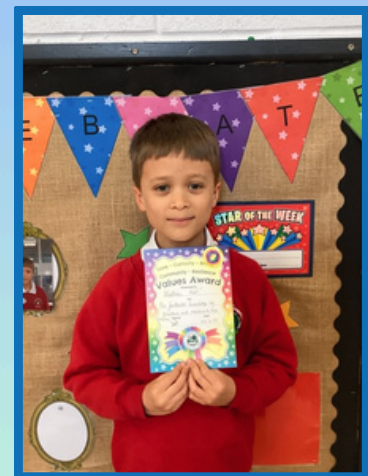
Stars of the Week 1st May 2026



Congratulations to Bobi, Etienne and Matilda!

Values Award 1st May 2026

LOVE BRAVERY RESILIENCE CURIOSITY COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Evie, Jack and Nathan!

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/minfec>.

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

Splitting the £1.00

- 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 18+

Dates for the Diary

FLS Meeting Dates 2026

All Welcome!

5th March - 7.30pm
2nd April - 3.30pm
7th May - 7.30pm
4th June (AGM) - 3.30pm
2nd July - 7.30pm
No meeting in August
3rd September - 7.30pm
1st October - 3.30pm
12 th November - 7.30pm (week later due to bonfire night)
3rd December - 3.30pm

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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JOB ADVERTISEMENT

**Part time, fixed term Teaching Assistant
at St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School Lappford
17.5 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum
Grade C: £13.47 to £13.69 - depending on experience
Also
Part time, fixed term Mealtime Assistant
2.5 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum
Pay award pending for both roles
Grade A - £12.85
Required from 01 June 2026**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, committed, patient and motivated Teaching Assistant to join our support team at St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School Lappford.

The successful candidate will support the development of a pupil in Key Stage 1 with additional needs. You will be tenacious and committed to supporting the needs and development of the individual pupil whilst being an excellent team player and communicator. Previous experience of working with pupils with different abilities would be an advantage.

Candidates should demonstrate the following skills and attributes:

- ⊗ A good standard of English and Mathematics
- ⊗ Excellent communication skills
- ⊗ Patience and positivity
- ⊗ Support inclusion and be fully committed to ensuring the very best for all our pupils
- ⊗ The ability to support colleagues, use positive behaviour management strategies and ensure the school continues its excellent provision for all pupils

We are pleased to be able to offer the successful candidate an additional role as a Mealtime Assistant. The post involves supervising and providing support for the pupil during the lunch break.

Both posts are fixed term and are available from 01 June 2026 to 31 December 2026 when the roles will be subject to a review.

The working pattern within the roles will be:
Teaching Assistant Monday to Friday 8:45am – 12:15pm
Mealtime Assistant Monday to Friday 12:15pm to 12:45pm

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.

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.

A full candidate pack has been published to support our recruitment which can be found on our website.
Please download and complete the application form from our website and email it to personnel@chulmleighdevon.sch.uk by 10 am on Thursday, 15th May 2026. 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, 14th May 2026
Interview date: Thursday, 21st May 2026

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BECOME A GOVERNOR!

- Help shape the future of education in our community
- Influence strategy • Support leadership • Champion our values
- Help ensure every child thrives
- Bring your skills and perspective
- Learn more by using the QR code or email clerk@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk



Opening 5th May 2026 - Book Now!



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 for Reception to Year 6 pupils

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

Please click [HERE](#) for the lunch menu allergen information

SUMMER MENU Week 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Breakfast Brunch Bacon, sausage, hash brown & beans	Pasta Bolognese, garlic bread & sweetcorn	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	Chicken Korma, rice & naan bread	Breaded fish, chips & peas
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Quorn sausage, hash brown, tomato & beans	Quorn mince bolognese, garlic bread & sweetcorn	Vegetable frittata, roast potatoes, carrots & cabbage	Vegetable Korma, rice & naan bread	Cheese & onion quiche, chips and peas
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans	Baked beans Tuna mayo	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham	Tuna Cheese	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Carrot & courgette chocolate brownie Yoghurt Fruit	Fruit platter Yoghurt Fruit	Fruit jelly with mandarins Yoghurt Fruit	Oaty cookie Yoghurt Fruit	Lemon drizzle cake Yoghurt 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.

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SUMMER MENU Week 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Battered chicken burger, bap, wedges & peas	Chicken & vegetable pie, mashed potato, carrots & peas	Roast pork, roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	Pepperoni pizza, wedges & sweetcorn	Fish fingers, wedges & baked beans
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Luxury veggie burger, wedges & peas	Summer vegetable terrine, mashed potato, carrots & peas	Homity pie, roast potatoes, carrots & cabbage	Margherita pizza, wedges & sweetcorn	Vegetable fajita wrap, wedges & baked beans
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans	Baked beans Tuna mayo	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham	Tuna Cheese	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Pineapple cake Yoghurt Fruit	Strawberry mousse Yoghurt Fruit	Vanilla ice cream Yoghurt Fruit	Chocolate crispie cake Yoghurt Fruit	Iced sponge cake Yoghurt Fruit

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SUMMER MENU Week 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Bacon & macaroni cheese, garlic bread & sweetcorn	Hunters chicken, diced potatoes & peas	Roast gammon, roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	Chipolata sausage, mashed potato, carrots, peas & gravy	Fish finger sandwich, chips & peas
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Vegetarian macaroni cheese, garlic bread & sweetcorn	Soft shell taco, diced potatoes & peas	Chickpea & sweet potato cake, roast potatoes, carrots & cabbage	Quorn sausage, mashed potato, carrots, peas & gravy	Veggie finger sandwich, chips & peas
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans	Baked beans Tuna mayo	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham	Tuna Cheese	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Apple and raspberry cake Yoghurt Fruit	Chocolate orange cake Yoghurt Fruit	Fruit jelly & mandarins Yoghurt Fruit	Choc-ice Yoghurt Fruit	Flapjack Yoghurt Fruit

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