

# NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)

This week we were pleased to welcome the Education Team from the Diocese into school. Michela joined us to observe our collective worship and to support us in reflecting on our progress towards our school improvement priority of embedding Christian distinctiveness across the school. It was a very positive visit, and Michela was particularly impressed with how well the children listened and engaged during collective worship. She also commented on the warm, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere within our classrooms, which was lovely to hear and a real testament to our school community.

As we continue on this journey, our next step will be to focus more closely on developing children's spiritual growth. Over the coming months, we will be working together as a staff team to map out this journey and ensure that opportunities for spiritual development are woven meaningfully throughout school life. Alongside this, Mrs GP is keen to establish an Ethos Group. This will be open to children in Years 4 and 5 and will provide an opportunity for them to explore how we can live out our school's Christian Vision and Values in our daily lives. It will also give children a voice in helping our wider school community to better understand and embody these values.



### **Years 3-5 Residential Trip**

The highlight of the week was, of course, the Year 3, 4 and 5 residential visit to PGL Barton Hall in Torquay. The children took part in a wide range of adventurous activities alongside their peers from East Worlington, showing great enthusiasm and resilience throughout. Please see pages 6-8 for a full report and photos from Mr Skinner on the trip, but needless to say, the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school. They truly lived out our values of love, community and resilience, looking out for one another, offering encouragement and working together to overcome challenges.

Myself, Mr Skinner and Mrs Mills returned on Friday feeling incredibly proud of all the children – they were an absolute credit to the school.

### **Scholar Awards**

On Friday, we also held our celebration assembly, where we were delighted to award our Scholar Badges. These are presented at the end of each term to children who have consistently demonstrated our school values throughout the term. The children receive a badge pin, which they can wear on their uniform with great pride.

It was wonderful to hear the reasons why each child had been chosen, and particularly pleasing to hear so many examples of children showing resilience and curiosity in their learning. These are such important qualities, and it is fantastic to see them being recognised and celebrated.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

We were also delighted to present our Year 6 children with their much-anticipated Leavers' Hoodies. These hoodies are a special symbol marking the final stage of their journey at St Thomas of Canterbury and a reminder of how incredibly proud we are of all they have achieved during their time with us.

The excitement was clear to see as the children swapped their school jumpers for their new hoodies – and rumour has it that one or two of them haven't taken them off since receiving them on Friday!



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Wright

# What's on 27 April - 1 May

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 27 April		Robins & Kingfishers PE	Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Years 1-6 Athletics Club
Tuesday 28 April		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 29 April				3:30 - 4:30pm Year 6 SATs Club
Thursday 30 April			Mrs Craddock violin and keyboard lessons Mr White drum lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Craft Club
Friday 1 May	<b>Tempest class photos and Year 6 leavers photos - am</b>  Key Stage 2 girls to Chulmleigh Cricket Club			

## Planning a holiday?

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



# What's on 4-8 May

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 4 May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		Ms Bloch flute lessons	
Tuesday 5 May		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 6 May				3:30 - 4:30pm Year 6 SATs Club
Thursday 7 May	<b>KINGFISHERS FOREST SCHOOL DAY</b>		Mrs Craddock violin and keyboard lessons Mr White drum lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Craft Club
Friday 8 May				
Saturday 9 May	<b>OPAL Parent Power Day</b>			

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MADE BY  
ADVENTURE

WOW! What a week in Herons class! While our lovely Year 6 and friends enjoyed the peace and quiet at school, Years 3,4 and 5 were pushing themselves at PGL!

Herons worked in small teams across the week to take part in some adventurous activities where fears were faced, memories were made and new friendships were formed with the children from East Worlington. Here's a rundown of a truly brilliant trip!



We arrived around lunchtime on the Wednesday and began by exploring the site before enjoying our lunch on the huge fields. We then went to our rooms (or apartments as some were calling them!) to drop our things and get ready for our first activities: traversing the climbing wall and having a go at archery!

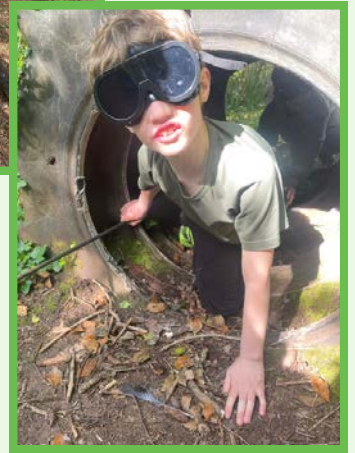
After some fun here we returned for dinner and cosy clothes ready for fun around the campfire down in the woods.

Our PGL guide Tom was fantastic in his performance of the campfire songs and stories but did overdo it and twisted his ankle! He spent the rest of the trip on crutches but was a trouper, returning the next day ready for more fun!





On Thursday, after a successful first night (with a midnight feast added in for good measure!), Herons got ready for the morning's activities of bushcraft survival skills and tackling the sensory trail. With blindfold goggles on, Herons worked expertly to encourage and inform their partners of the challenges ahead and had a proper laugh when they realised what had seemed like a massive trek with goggles on had only been a 5 minute walk with obstacles!



After lunch, we headed down to the lake for some air rifle target practice in the shooting range and then canoeing! I was blown away by the patience the children had to hit the targets during our rifle session and then even more so as they collaborated to navigate other boats, other groups on paddleboards and strong winds on the lake with ease!



The highlight however, (especially for the teachers who were nice and dry on the riverbank), was seeing the children cheer each other on as they took the plunge into the cold water! What a team of brave (and barmy) kids!

Later on, after another superb dinner, we took part in some team games which resulted in our PGL leader Tom being soaked with balloons! Lots of superb teamwork across St Thomas and East Worlington and a fantastic end to our second day!



Finally, on our last day we packed up our things but not before heading out to tackle the trapeze and abseiling wall! I cannot express enough how proud I am of the children for their bravery in facing their fears and smashing these challenges! The swell of cheers and claps as someone jumped or took the first steps backwards down the abseiling wall was so moving and a real testament to the incredible friendships that have been formed across the week.



This week, we are looking forward to seeing our Year 6 friends again and hopefully a quieter week while the adults catch up on the lost sleep!

Have a great week, everyone, and thank you to all of those at home who helped to make Herons' trip to PGL such a wonderful experience!

Mr Skinner

# St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School Scholar Awards

LOVE BRAVERY RESILIENCE CURIOSITY COMMUNITY



**Emma**



**Verity**



**Sapphire**



**Louise**



**Florence**



**Charlie**



**Reece**

## 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
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/minfec>.

## SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

### 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**

**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**

## 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<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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**JOB ADVERTISEMENT**  
**Permanent, Part time**  
**Receptionist & Administrative Assistant**  
**at Chulmleigh College**  
**37 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum**  
**Grade C: £13.47 to £13.69 per hour - depending on experience**  
**pay award pending**  
**Required as soon as possible**

Following internal promotion, Chulmleigh Academy Trust is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, organised and friendly person to join our professional and welcoming Reception Team. The successful candidate will be based at Chulmleigh College and will work as part of our collaborative and supportive Academy Administration Team.

The successful candidates will need to be confident with excellent interpersonal, communication and IT skills, able to provide an efficient and effective service and act as the first point of contact for parents, pupils and visitors to the College.

Candidates should demonstrate the following skills and attributes:

- A high standard of English and Mathematics
- Competent computer skills
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Good knowledge and understanding of Administrative Procedures
- Maintain high levels of confidentiality and discretion
- Able to work under pressure

Experience of working in a school environment would be an advantage, however training will be available.

We are pleased to offer this permanent post for 37 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum (term time only). The working pattern will be Monday to Friday 08:50 to 16:50 – allowing for a 30-minute unpaid lunch break.

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.

The candidate pack (including job description) and application form are available on our [website](http://www.stc-primary.devon.sch.uk). Completed application forms to be emailed to [personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk) by 10am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026. All applications will be acknowledged.

*As employers, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and in that regard 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 Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**Interview date: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

## SHAPE THE FUTURE









## 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](mailto:clerk@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk)



## Opening 5<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Pick a MAIN</b>	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
<b>Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN</b>	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
<b>Pick a JACKET POTATO</b>	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans	Baked beans Tuna mayo	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans
<b>Pick a SANDWICH</b>	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham	Tuna Cheese	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham
<b>Pick a DESSERT</b>	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.

## SUMMER MENU Week 2

Chulmleigh  
Academy Trust

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

Chulmleigh  
Academy Trust

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 suage, 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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