

Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)

This week we have been celebrating Science Week, and it has been wonderful to see the curiosity and enthusiasm shown by the children across the school.

We had a fantastic start to the week with a visit from the scientist “Energy Edd”, who treated us to a truly exciting Science show. In the space of just half an hour, the children watched – and took part in – a range of amazing experiments.

We created elephant toothpaste, experimented with electricity and even launched mini rockets. The demonstrations sparked lots of excitement and plenty of thoughtful questions from the children.

Throughout the week, each class has been busy carrying out a range of experiments and investigations linked to their science learning.

It has been lovely to see the children working together, asking questions and exploring their ideas as young scientists.





On Thursday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school to see what the children had been working on. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their investigations and explaining what they had discovered during the week.



Playtimes have also been full of creative and imaginative play. The children have been using their ideas and creativity to explore and build together, demonstrating fantastic teamwork. Creative play helps to develop imagination, problem-solving skills, confidence and communication. This week, groups of children have worked collaboratively to design and build a giant bridge, which has certainly captured everyone's attention!



On Thursday morning, our Kingfishers also enjoyed their Forest School session, where their learning focused on birds. The children went on a bird-tastic adventure around the site, spotting feathered friends using a checklist. They also crafted pinecone bird feeders filled with lard and seed to help support local wildlife. Of course, the session wouldn't have been complete without playing one of their favourite Forest School games – Sparrow Hawk!

Finally, we also experienced some rather bizarre weather on Friday. In the space of one breaktime we saw rain, sunshine, strong winds, hail and even a brief flurry of snow! It certainly kept everyone on their toes and gave the children plenty to talk about.

Have a great week.

Mrs Wright



What's on 16-20 March

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 16 March	<p>Hérons - Lapford Geography talk</p> <p>Robins & Kingfishers Forest School afternoon</p>	Robins & Kingfishers PE	Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Multisports Club with Mrs Perry
Tuesday 17 March		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 18 March				3:30 - 4:30pm Year 6 SATs Club
Thursday 19 March	<p>WASTE ACTION DAY</p> <p>Hérons Forest School Day</p>		<p>Mrs Craddock violin and keyboard lessons - last session before Easter</p> <p>Mr White drum lessons</p>	
Friday 20 March	Hérons to EWPS - Cultural Champion presentation	Hérons PE		

What's on 23-27 March

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 23 March	PARENT CONSULTATIONS Kingfishers to Library	Robins & Kingfishers PE	Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Multisports Club with Mrs Perry
Tuesday 24 March	PARENT CONSULTATIONS	Hérons PE		
Wednesday 25 March				3:30 - 4:30pm Year 6 SATs Club
Thursday 26 March			Mr White drum lessons	
Friday 27 March		Hérons PE		

Planning a holiday?

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





This half term in Robins we have been extremely busy in all aspects of our learning. We began the new term by moving into our new learning space. The children quickly settled into their new surroundings and have been making the most of the space created. We have still been visiting The Nest for our outdoor provision, but we are very excited about the revamp of our classrooms outdoor area, that is due to start any day now!!

In Phonics, we have learned the sounds 'ow', 'oi', 'ear', 'air', 'ure', and 'er'. We have also practiced all of our tricky words from September, finishing off Level 3 beautifully. The children have risen to every challenge, using their new sounds in words and sentences, and have started to read them in their books too.

To support their fine motor development, the children have enjoyed peer massage, 'Dough Disco', and many fun activities within the provision such as cutting, making necklaces, and pinching pom poms. These all help to develop hand strength, and the children find them so much fun!

We started a new writing scheme this half term 'Ready, Steady, Write'. The impact of this new scheme has already been seen with all children in Reception producing some outstanding sentence writing. The text we have been looking at 'The River' has allowed us to explore different feelings and emotions, along with the changing season and allowed us to learn more about animals and animal care. Nursery children have been working hard to draw parts of the story, demonstrating how the characters have been feeling at different points.



Our topic work has led us to share the animals that we have at home, sorting animals and discussing and learning names of their features. We have looked at the lifecycles of frogs and butterflies and learnt the names of animal offspring. During Forest School, we have made bird feeders to care for the animals in our school environment, hunting for animals using our senses, continuing our learning of life cycles and exploring the range of habitat found in our school. We have also been enjoying learning the Easter story as part of our RE topic and look forward to more easter related activities towards the end of term.





With our outdoor revamp just around the corner and so much wonderful learning already under our belts, it is shaping up to be a truly memorable term for our Reception and Nursery children.



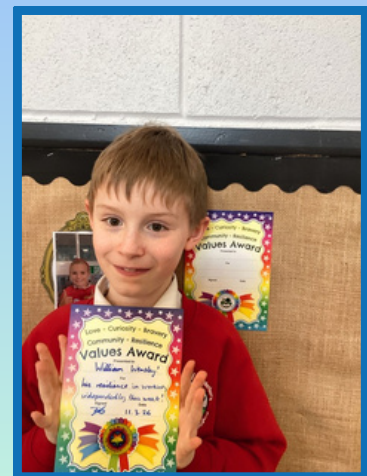
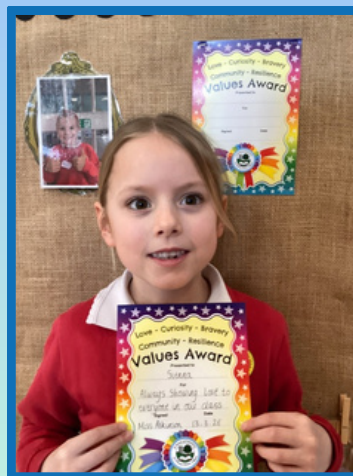
Stars of the Week 13th March 2026



Congratulations to Mason, Amelia & Bonnie!

Values Award 13th March 2026

LOVE BRAVERY RESILIENCE CURIOSITY COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Freya, Sienna & William W!

Seeking School Governors

As part of the Trust's new governance structure, each school will now have a Local Governing Board to provide support, challenge and oversight, helping to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils and strong links with the local community. We are currently looking to recruit new governors and welcome interest from parents, carers and members of the community who would like to contribute their skills and experience. You do not need to be an education expert – just someone who is interested in supporting the school and helping shape its future. If you would like to find out more about becoming a governor, please do come and speak to Mrs Wright.

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- Help shape the future of education in our community
- Influence strategy • Support leadership • Champion our values
- Help ensure every child thrives
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UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

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

No

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

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

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

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£1 TICKET

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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

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Help ensure breakfast clubs work for all families!

Lapford Community Primary School & Nursery

Chulmleigh Academy Trust

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Please order by midnight the day before

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www.lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk



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!

FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT SERVED DAILY

SPRING MENU

Week 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Breakfast Brunch with Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown and Beans	Beef Lasagne with Wedges & garden Peas	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage	Chicken Korma with Rice & Naan Bread	Fish Finger Sandwich with Iceberg Lettuce in a Bap with Roasted New Potatoes and Garden Peas
MEAT-FREE MAIN	Quorn Sausage with Hash Brown, Beans & Tomatoes	Vegetarian Lasagne with Wedges & Garden Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower Gratin with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Vegetarian Cauliflower, Chickpea & Sweet Potato Korma with Rice & Naan Bread	Veggie Finger Sandwich with Iceberg Lettuce in a Bap with Roasted New Potatoes and Garden Peas
JACKET POTATO	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans
SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Ham or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT	Fruit Platter Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Carrot and Courgette Chocolate Brownie Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Flapjack Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Banana Cake Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Coconut 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.

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SPRING MENU

Week 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Battered Chicken Burger in a Bap with Wedges & Salad	Savoury Mince with Creamy Mash, Carrots and Peas	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Kung Pao Chicken with Steamed Rice & Sweetcorn	Breaded Fish with Roasted New Potatoes and Beans
MEAT-FREE MAIN	Plant Based Burger in a Bap with Wedges & Salad	Vegetarian Spanish Bean Stew with Creamy Mash, Carrots & Peas	Vegetarian Homity Pie with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Vegetarian Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Fajita with Roasted New Potatoes And Beans
JACKET POTATO	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans
SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Tuna or Ham	Cheese or Tuna	Cheese or Ham	Tuna or Ham
DESSERT	Iced Sponge	Sticky Toffee Cake with Toffee Sauce	Banana Mousse	Chocolate Krispie Cake	Lemon Drizzle
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	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

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Week 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Beef Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti, Sweetcorn & Garlic Bread	Hoisin Chicken Stir Fry Noodles with Sweetcorn & Garden Peas	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Chipolata Sausage with Mash, Gravy, Carrots & Peas	Chicken Nuggets with Roasted New Potatoes & Baked Beans
MEAT-FREE MAIN	Vegetarian Tomato & Mozzarella Pasta with Sweetcorn & Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Singapore Noodles with Sweetcorn & Garden Peas	Vegetarian Leek & Mushroom Bake with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage with Mash, Gravy, Carrots & Peas	Vegetarian 'No Chicken' Nuggets with Roasted New Potatoes & Baked Beans
JACKET POTATO	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna mayo	Cheese or Beans
SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Tuna Mayo or Ham	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Ham	Tuna Mayo or Ham
DESSERT	Apple & Cinnamon Cake	Jam & Coconut Sponge	Fruit Jelly & Mandarins	Custard Cookie	Carrot Cake
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