

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)



Our Nursery has opened!

Last week, we were delighted to officially open the doors of The Nest and finally welcome our Nursery children back into the space that has been so carefully created for them. It was wonderful to see the children settling in so happily and exploring their new environment with such excitement.

We were also pleased to welcome a couple of new starters to the setting, and it has been lovely to see new friendships already beginning to form.

The children particularly enjoyed discovering all of the new and refreshed toys and resources, which have already sparked lots of imaginative play and curiosity. We are incredibly proud of how the space has come together and look forward to seeing The Nest continue to grow and flourish over the coming weeks.



Forest School

On Thursday, Kingfishers were back in the forest and, although we missed having Mrs K with us to help us fully explore the environment, the children still enjoyed an afternoon of forest-based learning. They loved working together in teams to carry out a natural treasure hunt, as well as enjoying some free time to den build and explore the forest in spring together.

As always, it was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their outdoor learning, working together, exploring the environment and developing their confidence and independence.



Parent Power Day success

Saturday saw the school buzzing with activity as we opened the gates for our Parent Power Day. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers, children and staff coming together to improve our school grounds, and together we achieved an incredible amount in just a few hours.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gave up their time to help – your support, energy and community spirit were very much appreciated.

Year 6 SATs

This week is all about our wonderful Year 6 children as they prepare to complete their SATs.

We know this can feel like a stressful and challenging week for them as they aim to demonstrate all that they have learnt throughout their time in primary school.

The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great determination and resilience in preparing for these assessments, and we are already immensely proud of everything they have achieved. SATs are just one small part of their journey, but we know they deserve to do well and to feel proud of themselves.



We wish them the very best of luck for the week ahead and hope they enjoy their special SATs breakfasts each morning – which are always a definite highlight of this otherwise tricky week!

Wishing you a great week.

Mrs Wright



What's on 11-15 May

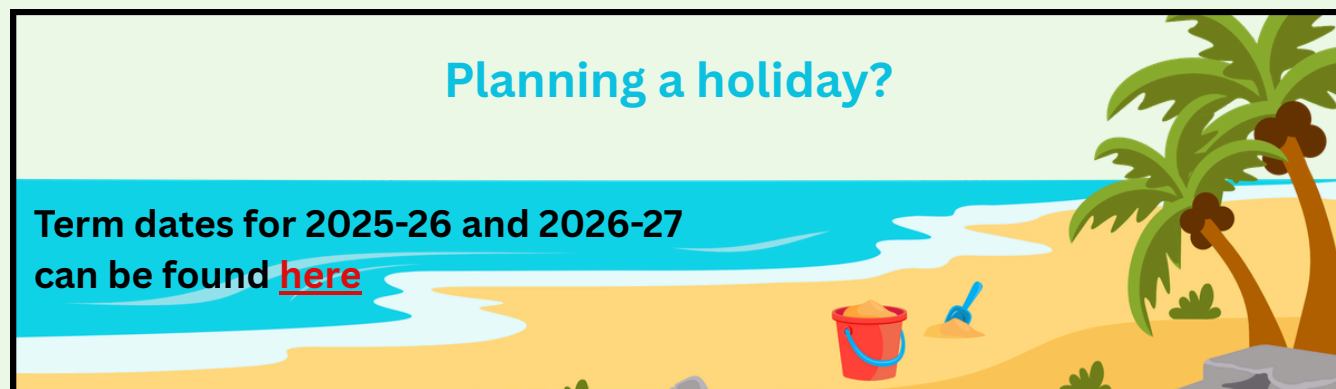
Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 11 May	SATS WEEK		Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Years 1-6 Athletics Club
Tuesday 12 May		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 13 May				
Thursday 14 May			Mrs Craddock violin and keyboard lessons Mr White drum lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Craft Club
Friday 15 May				

What's on 18-22 May

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 18 May	Lower Herons to library		Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Years 1-6 Athletics Club
Tuesday 19 May	Key Stage 2 Cornwall Climate Care workshop	Herons PE		
Wednesday 20 May	Reception and Kingfishers to RHS Rosemoor			
Thursday 21 May	Herons Forest School Day		Mrs Craddock violin and keyboard lessons Mr White drum lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Craft Club
Friday 22 May	LAST DAY OF TERM			

Planning a holiday?

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



After a very successful Parent Power Day on Saturday 9th May, we have been able to complete many of our outdoor projects. A massive 'thank you' to everyone who was able to attend for all your hard work. Together, we have made a big difference to our wonderful school!



PARENT POWER DAY FOLLOW-UP



Skip-A-Thon Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the sponsorship money for this fund-raising event and for buying a delicious cake and milkshake afterwards!

During a recent OPAL assembly, we had a whole school discussion on how best we can use the money raised and we listened to the children who made suggestions on play equipment that they would like to buy. We are in the process of sourcing a suitable rope swing for the children. We must ensure that we find a swing with the correct rope specifications for us to use within a school for children of multiple ages. We will of course keep you updated on the purchases we make from this fundraising event.

Our next project

Within our Forest School grounds, we have a pond that was installed many years ago. Over the years, attempts have been made to clean and maintain it, but due to different factors such as its location, concrete base, lack of natural water supply, it has proved very difficult.

We are very keen to create a pond the children can enjoy, which encourages curiosity and learning.

More details on this exciting new project will follow soon!



Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wright or Mrs Mills if you would like more information on our outdoor play and learning program.



Away from school, Dakota has been enjoying training with Exeter Harriers. Recently, she competed in her first multi event competition and did herself proud with some amazing running, jumping and throwing scores. Here she is with the certificate she received placing her 9th in her age group.

Outstanding work, Dakota!


JOB ADVERTISEMENT
Deputy SENDCo
at Chulmleigh College
Permanent
37 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum
Grade E: £15.82 to £17.47 per hour (depending on experience)
Pay Award Pending
Required September 2026

Chulmleigh College is a fully comprehensive secondary school serving pupils between the ages of 11 and 16. We have a clear aim to give every pupil an excellent education. The college has enjoyed some of the best results in the region over the last 10 years and is heavily oversubscribed. In the 2025 examinations pupils achieving 4+ in Basics was 82%. Our A8 score was 54.09

We are seeking to appoint a well organised and self-motivated person to join our friendly SEND team. The successful candidate will assist the SENDCo in developing provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This is a key role and will include supporting the SENDCo in the implementation and updating of the Learning Support Improvement Plan as part of the School Improvement plan.

This role is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic person, preferably with experience in a school environment. You will work alongside a dynamic and strong team of people committed to the progress and outcomes of children with special needs. We are keen to appoint the very best candidate to promote our ambition to offer the best provision to all our pupils.

Main responsibilities include:

- Managing resources for Special Needs and Literacy/Numeracy Support
- Developing curriculum resources to ensure pupils identified with SEND have the required level of support
- Supporting the SENDCo in managing the implementation of an inclusive curriculum including access to additional or alternative provision
- Liaising with outside agencies to ensure individual pupil special educational needs are met fully

We are looking for someone who is an excellent administrator:

- With high expectations and a strong commitment to school improvement
- Who has the ability and capacity to work under pressure
- Will support and promote the inclusive ethos of our school
- Is able to maintain confidentiality as appropriate and restrict information sharing in a professional manner.
- Has excellent interpersonal skills

We are pleased to offer this permanent post for 37 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum. The role is available from **September 2026**.

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](https://www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk). Completed application forms to be emailed to personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk by 10am on Monday, 1st June 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, 1st June 2026
 Interview date: Tuesday 9th June 2026





On Thursday 7th May, the Ethos Group (aka JETS – Junior Ethos Team) met with Mrs G-P (Gilpin-Perkins) to agree to the group rules and make badges. Their role as a group is to find ways to spread the Vision and Values of our school, to support and take part in Collective Worship once a term, to have a say in how we express our ethos as a Church School...and to have fun!

Stars of the Week 8th May 2026



Congratulations to Leo, Emily and Sophia!

Values Award 8th May 2026

LOVE BRAVERY RESILIENCE CURIOSITY COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Mia, Oliver L and Oliver G!

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/minfec>.

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

Splitting the £1.00

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

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

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means

= £30 weekly cash prize

= £2,080 a year for our school

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 Lapford
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 Lapford.

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.

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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, 14th 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.

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Closing date: 10 am Thursday, 14th May 2026
Interview date: Thursday, 21st 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



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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