



Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)

This week we would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children for completing their SATs with such positivity, resilience and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them and the mature way they approached the week. The children worked extremely hard, showed great determination and supported one another brilliantly throughout the assessments.

Whatever the results, we know that they have all given their absolute best, and that is something they should be very proud of.

Shortly after half term, it will be the turn of our Year 4 and Year 1 children to complete their own statutory assessments. Year 4 will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check, while Year 1 will complete the Phonics Screening Check. We are confident that the children will approach these assessments with the same positive attitude shown by Year 6 this week, and we know they will do brilliantly.



On Monday afternoon last week, the whole school were treated to a fantastic concert by Elfyn Jones and Kip Pratt from Sonopera. Our Key Stage 2 children immediately recognised Elfyn as one of the composers who worked with us earlier in the year to help create our school song, so it was wonderful to welcome him back to school once again. This time, however, he arrived in a performing role and brought Kip along to provide a highly entertaining musical performance with plenty of comedy thrown in for good measure!

Together, they played a wide range of instruments including the piano, melodica, trumpet, violin and penny whistle, and kept the children thoroughly engaged with interactive songs and musical activities throughout the afternoon. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone and a lovely opportunity for the children to experience live music performed in such an engaging and inspiring way.

As we head towards half term, there is certainly lots going on across the school!

Our Robins and Kingfishers are very much looking forward to their trip to Rosemoor on Wednesday, while our Herons have an exciting week ahead with a workshop from Cornwall Climate Care on Tuesday, followed by their half-termly Forest School session on Wednesday.

We are also all eagerly awaiting the return of the Talent Show, organised by our wonderful School Council, at the end of the week. Rehearsals are already well underway across the school as children prepare to amaze us with their singing, dancing, magic and many other unusual talents!

There is certainly a real buzz of excitement around school, and we cannot wait to see the children perform.

Have a lovely week everybody.

Mrs Wright



What's on 18-22 May

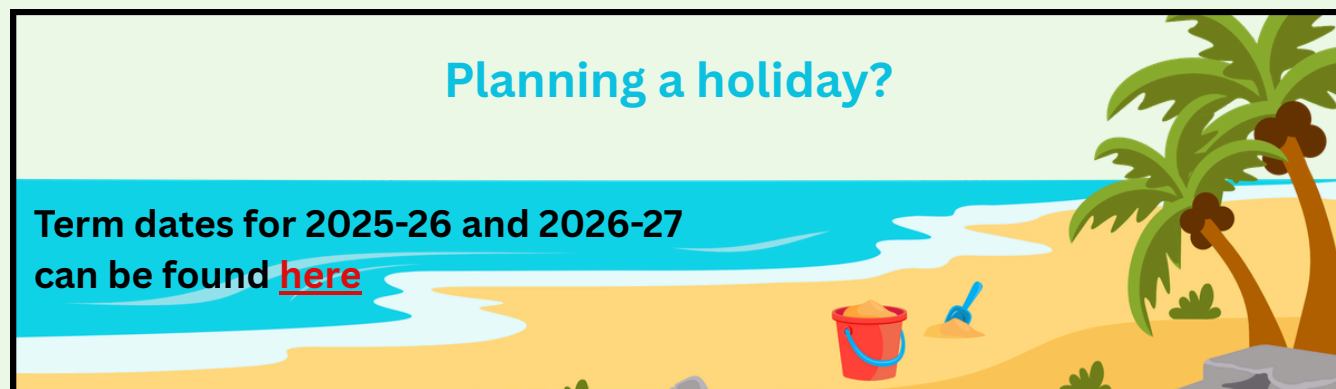
Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 18 May	Lower Herons to library		Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Years 1-6 Athletics Club
Tuesday 19 May	Key Stage 2 Cornwall Climate Care workshop	Herons PE		
Wednesday 20 May	Reception and Kingfishers to RHS Rosemoor			
Thursday 21 May	Herons Forest School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

What's on 1-5 June

Day	What's On	PE	Music Lessons	Clubs
Monday 1 June	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL		Ms Bloch flute lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Years 1-6 Athletics Club
Tuesday 2 June		Hérons PE		
Wednesday 3 June				
Thursday 4 June			Mrs Craddock violin and keyboard lessons Mr White drum lessons	3:30 - 4:30pm Craft Club
Friday 5 June				

Planning a holiday?

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

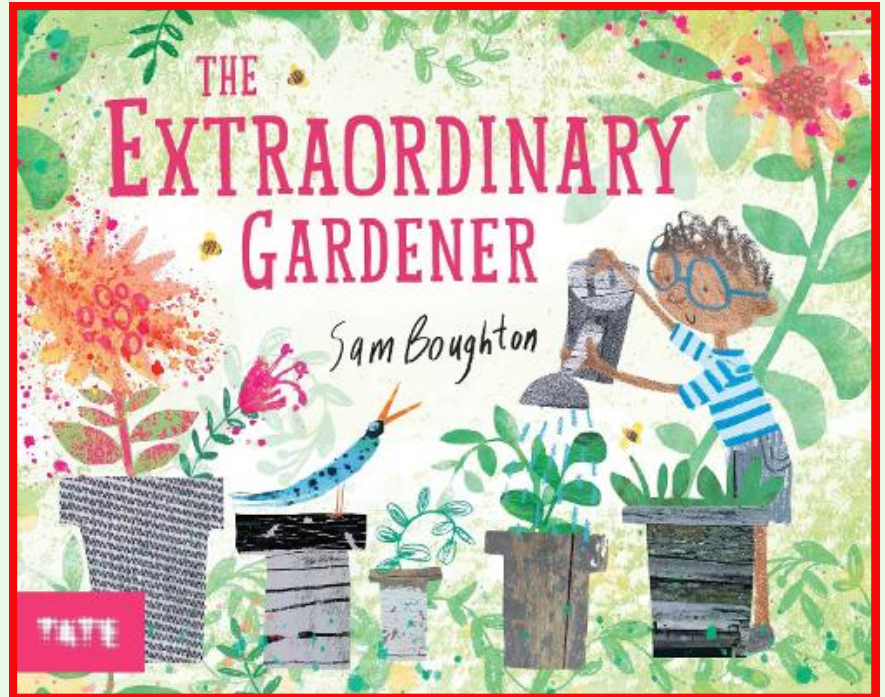




This half term in Robins our Topic has been Let's Grow. The children have really enjoyed their learning about plants and reading the text 'The Extraordinary Gardener'.

The term began receiving an exciting letter from Joe, the main character in our story, asking us to help him with an idea he had. The children received a set of instructions titled 'How to grow a beautiful tree' and the items needed to plant seeds.

The children were very excited about following these instructions and planting their own seeds and using this experience to write their own set of instructions. We are so proud of the writing the children have produced this half term. It had been wonderful to see their confidence grow along with the seeds they planted!



We continued to learn about plants during our topic lessons, where we have learnt what a seed needs to be able to germinate, and set up an experiment to see what happens when a seed does not receive these things. We have also been looking at maps. The children have created their own map of an Extraordinary Garden that they would like to create, using their knowledge from our story and their imaginations. During Forest School we have explored the plants in our school environment and learnt about life cycles. Hunting for plants at different stages of their life and watching them change over the weeks.



How to grow a big, beautiful tree
Part 3 : What to do, in order
put the soil into
the pot.
Push the seed
into the soil.
Then wet the
soil.



In Phonics, Robins have moved on to Level 4 which means harder words! They have been amazingly resilient and have tried hard to read – and write – some very hard words.

In maths, Reception began by exploring 3D shapes where they enjoyed games like ‘Guess My Shape’ and ‘What’s Missing?’ We then moved on to looking at numbers up to 20 where the children looked at number bonds and different representations of numbers. Most recently, the children have impressed us with their adding skills. They particularly liked it when MuMu, their pet Emu, joined in the maths fun - but he did keep stealing the marbles!



In Art, Robins have been experimenting with junk modelling, sketching and making dragonflies. Their creativity is unmatched and they love immersing themselves in the Art corner.



In Music, we have been dancing and listening to Funk music and have been learning the song, ‘Big Bear Funk’ which has been SO fun.

In PSED, children have been talking about friendships and responsibilities and have shown what wonderfully kind and responsible children we have at St Thomas’ – all the way down to Nursery and Reception.

We are so proud of everything they have achieved this term.

We can’t wait to celebrate with a trip to Rosemoor this week.



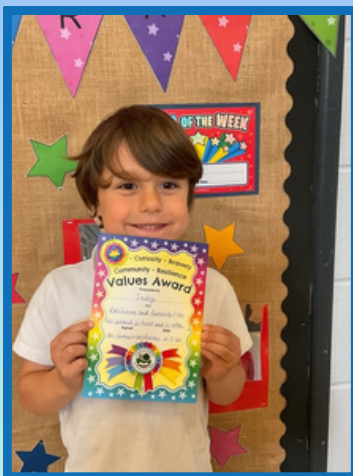
Stars of the Week 15th May 2026



Congratulations to Ernie, Sienna & Giles!

Values Award 15th May 2026

LOVE BRAVERY RESILIENCE CURIOSITY COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Indy, Amelia & Eileidgh!

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

£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

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
- 12th 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
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 AS 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](http://www.stc-primary.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





JOB ADVERTISEMENT
FOR THE PERMANENT POST OF
Assistant Kitchen Manager
37 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum
Grade D (£13.90 - £14.82 per hour) depending on experience
AT CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Required as soon as possible

Chulmleigh Academy Trust is seeking to appoint a reliable and hardworking individual to assist the Academy Kitchen Manager with the day to day running of the kitchen and food service.

We are pleased to offer a permanent position, working 37 hours per week across 39 weeks per annum (term time, including Non-Pupil Days). The preferred working pattern is Monday to Friday, 7.00 am – 3.00 pm (including a 30-minute unpaid break). However, we are open to discussing some flexibility around these hours at interview to support the right candidate.

As an Assistant Kitchen Manager, you will play a crucial role in preparing the main meal of the day and providing a high-quality food service for all the schools in the Trust and to deputise in the Kitchen Manager's absence. In addition, you will be responsible for the completion of relevant paperwork, such as ordering stock, and supporting the Kitchen Manager in the ongoing training and supervision of staff in all aspects of catering and in line with current legislation.

You will join a hardworking, friendly, and highly valued catering team who are committed to our ambition to offer the best provision to our pupils across all areas of their education.

We welcome applications from candidates with an established background in catering. Applicants should have experience in preparing and serving food in a busy commercial kitchen environment. A City and Guilds 706 Part 1 and Part 2 qualification—or an NVQ equivalent—is essential. The ideal candidate will be a motivated and reliable team player with a 'can-do' attitude and a genuine passion for delivering exceptional customer service. You will be joining a fast-paced, vibrant department where enthusiasm, flexibility, and a commitment to high standards are highly valued.

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.


The candidate pack (including job description), application form and information about our standing and success are available on our [website](http://www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk). Please download and complete the application form and email it to personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk by 10 am on Wednesday, 3 June 2026. All applications will be acknowledged.

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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 on Wednesday, 3 June 2026
 Interview date: Thursday, 11 June 2026 (kitchen tasks prior to interview)



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 Bolognise, 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 bolognise, 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.




SUMMER MENU


Week 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Pick a</i> 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
<i>Pick a</i> 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
<i>Pick a</i> JACKET POTATO	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans	Baked beans Tuna mayo	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans
<i>Pick a</i> SANDWICH	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham	Tuna Cheese	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham
<i>Pick a</i> 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
<i>Pick a</i> 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
<i>Pick a</i> 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
<i>Pick a</i> JACKET POTATO	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans	Baked beans Tuna mayo	Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Baked beans
<i>Pick a</i> SANDWICH	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham	Tuna Cheese	Cheese Ham	Tuna Ham
<i>Pick a</i> 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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