

NEWSLETTER



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
13 - 17 March	Mock SATs week Year 6 R & KS1 After- School Sports 3.30-4.30pm	Bag 2 School collection day KS2 After-School Tennis 3.30- 4.30pm		LAMDA club after school	Red Nose Day Celebration Assembly 9.10am
20 - 24 March	Vision Screening Year R R & KS1 After- School Sports 3.30-4.30pm	Year 1 trip to Exeter Year 5 farming visitor KS2 After-School Tennis 3.30- 4.30pm		LAMDA club after school	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

Key Dates

27 March	KS2 Parents Lunch Taster	9-12 May	Year 6 SATs
30 March	Year 5 Parents Afternoon	15-19 May	Year 2 SATs
31 March	Last day of term	26 May	Last day of term
31 March	Non-uniform Day - rainbow	5 June	First day of term
17 April	First day of term	5-7 June	Year 6 Residential trip
25 April	Lions class trip - The Big Sheep	13 June	Year 4 & 5 River Taw Project Day 1
1 May	Bank Holiday	27 June	Year 4 & 5 River Taw Project Day 2
8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday	3-7 July	Year 5 Greek Week

We're supporting



March 13 - 19, 2023 www.neurodiversityweek.com This week we will be supporting Neurodiversity Celebration Week by raising awareness in our classes using online resources available from Neurodiversity Celebration Week (neurodiversityweek.com)

During the last week of term we will be celebrating World Autism Acceptance Week and invite children, and staff, to wear bright rainbow coloured clothes on Friday 31st March.



Dear Everyone,

Staff absences

Once again, we have been experiencing a period of increased staff absence at CPS. Covid has struck once more in addition to a round of flu etc. Thankyou all for your patience while we do our best to cover the absences.

There are two more days of strike action planned for this week: Wednesday and Thursday. Chulmleigh Primary school will be open as normal.

Attendance

Thank you so much to all the parents who are trying so hard to get their children in to school regularly. Attendance continues to be an area we are trying to improve. The target for attendance (set by the government) is 96% and we are currently below this. During the latest week we have data for (week commencing the 3rd of March), the national rate was 93.7% and at Chulmleigh Primary school it was 94.4% which is great and an increase on a fortnight ago.

Attendance for each year group was:

Reception: 99.4% Year 1: 94.3% Year 2: 93.4% Year 3: 95.5% Year 4: 93.2% Year 5: 92.7% Year 6: 93.3%

Well done to Reception again! It's great to see every class now above 90% attendance. Which class/ es will join Reception in being at the 96% target?

End of term assessments

Year 6 pupils are taking 'mock SATs' this week, and next week children from Year 1 to Year 5 will be undertaking end of term assessments in reading, writing and maths. The outcomes of these assessments will be discussed with you at the forthcoming parent's evening meetings. Children are used to taking these assessments each term, and both they and their teachers use the information to identify which areas of learning need re-visiting as we move into the final term of the year.

Team winners

Due to there being no celebration assembly last week, the team winners weren't reported. The week before last, the Fish were the winners, and last Friday it was the Dogs who were the winning team. As I'm on a course this Friday afternoon, Celebration assembly will be in the morning this week (9.10am).

That's all for now. As always, thank you so much for your support.

With best wishes

Sarah Healey

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Last week, Years 4 and 5 were lucky enough to have a visit from GCHQ and Cognition Learning Cornwall. In the morning, the children learnt all about secret codes and ciphers, including those used during WW2, and then had a go at writing their own encrypted codes. In the afternoon, the children worked on some Coding and Programming using Lego SPIKE. This involved the children building a car out of Lego, then programming the robots to follow instructions using Coding. There was a lot of problem solving and teamwork needed to complete the task. A big thank you to GCHQ and Cognition Learning for a fantastic day!









Ashley in Year 4 is doing something fantastic to raise money for our PTA. On Saturday 22nd April he will be taking part, alongside his Mum and sister, in the Exeter Inflatable 5k!! It's the world's largest and best inflatable obstacle course! If you would like to show your appreciation to Ashley and donate towards such a great cause, please do so via the link below:

Kim Keenor is fundraising for Chulmleigh Primary School PTA (justgiving.com)





LAMDA

After-school LAMDA drama workshops held each Thursday have proved to be a great success and children are going in confidence and their knowledge of performance skills week by week. We will eventually work towards a performance for parents and through drama games and script reading and lots of ensemble work the children are learning to work confidently as a team.

If you think this is something that your child would be interested in please email for further details to antoniawhittick1970@gmail.com





Chulmleigh Coronation card competition.

Design a card for the Kings Coronation. The winning design will be printed and sent to the palace from the children of Chulmleigh. Entries to be handed in at the post office in Fore Street or posted in the collection box outside Beggars Roost cottage in East Street. Please include with your entry the child's name and a contact number of a responsible adult. Closing date for entries is 7th April. Good luck.



Parish Council Elections coming up, come along to our Community Event

A talk by Sue Squire, Clerk to Chulmleigh Parish Council find out about:

- Reasons for Elections
- Eligibility for Standing
- How voters can vote (needing ID for the first time)

Date: Tuesday 28th March 23

Time: 11am - 12noon

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To book your place
either pop along to the Library
email: phunt@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk
or telephone 01769 582126

Libraries, helping to build happy, healthy communities

We've got lots of lovely Mother's Day prizes to be won!

...and it's totally FREE to enter!

All entries can be brought to school from Monday 13 March and put in the collection box in Reception

(please make sure you put your name **AND** class on your entry)

To enter...

Anything to tell her how special she is...

Bake a Cake...

Craft a Present...

Prizes will be awarded in age groups and given out on Friday 17 March

Make a Card...

There will be something for all entries to give to their mum/like-a-mum

Write a Poem...



Sponsored by your PTA

Cubs & Tigers

The Tigers and Cubs have been really busy learning all about farm life! So far we have had a visit to the Academy farm to see the sheep and chickens with Farmer Mick, we have learnt about sheep and what their young are called, watched short DVD clips on shearing and milking, and hopefully over the next few weeks we will have some small visitors into school in the form of lambs! The children have had great fun making a wonderful Spring wall display which includes woolly sheep and handprint tulips. We have explored the natural environment looking for the first signs of Spring and spotted snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses that have popped up in our plant tubs.

The Nursery children also joined in with the whole school to celebrate World Book Day and some of the children dressed up in some wonderful costumes. All children received a book voucher, too!

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about cows, looking at where milk comes from and tasting different foods that are made from milk.

We will then finish off the term with some exciting Easter activities!







Hedgehogs

In Hedgehogs we continue to practice our phonics and learn new ways of making sounds. Well done for all the reading you are doing at home as this all helps children to consolidate their knowledge and become more fluent readers. In maths we have just started learning about length and height. We have been comparing objects to see which is longer/taller or shorter.

We have continued our learning about London and have learnt some of its history. We learnt how The Great Fire of London started and had great fun making our Great Fire of London pictures. In science we are learning about the temperature at different times of the year. We have set up an experiment to record the temperature at night and during the daytime!



Lions

We had a great time at the farm last week. The children were able to stroke the lambs and visit the chicken coop. The children were able to write about what they saw at the farm and used their craft skills to make animals to put on our farm display.

We have started to think about where our food comes from. We learnt about carrots and watched a video clip to explain how they are planted and harvested. We peeled and chopped some carrots to make a soup. We also planted our own carrot seeds in Woody Wonders this week.

World Book Day was amazing. The children looked fabulous and enjoyed showing their costumes to the rest of the school in a special assembly. They also enjoyed the Bookery who came in to read some stories.









Barn Owls

Barn Owls have been putting in so much effort to improve their handwriting this week. They are all trying to form their letters correctly and think carefully about their presentation – well done Barn Owls! Our class times table for this term is the 6x table – we have been singing songs, making up fortune tellers and practising with our families and our cats!

In Barn Owls we are also looking at volcanoes, locating them on maps and finding out about tectonic plates and how volcanoes are formed. In Art we have been creating prints of Ammonites – we traced an Ammonite then indented the shape in to a polystyrene tile before printing it. We have also made clay representations of an Ammonite.

Dragonflies

World Book Day went well last week and the children enjoyed the author visit and the visit from Crediton Bookery. Thank you for all your support in dressing the children as book characters, they all looked amazing and talked enthusiastically about who they were.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been on a voyage of exploration with Christopher Columbus and the children have been very intrigued by the idea of him discovering the Americas – how could people in the 1490's not know that North and South America were there? And how did they manage without chocolate? In Geography we have been learning about hot and cold countries and how they are zoned across the world.

In Maths we have been looking at delightful division and practising our 5x tables. In the next few days, we'll also be looking at our 2 and 10x tables as part of this maths unit. We are starting to point out that division is the opposite to multiplication and encourage the children to learn the division facts as well as the multiplication facts.

In Science, the children will be learning about living things and their habitats. We are exploring and comparing the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We are also identifying and describing habitats and identifying plants and other animals.





Squirrels

Year 5 have been working super hard this week! In Maths, we have been finding fractions of different quantities and using fractions as operators. This has been tricky as it involves our times table knowledge as well as our understanding of fractions. In Literacy, we have begun to create our class retelling of Snow White. We have story mapped the key events in the story, written the Evil Queen's autobiography and we are now working towards our extended piece of writing that will retell the story. Mrs Evans can't wait to read them! In the afternoons, we have begun to learn about Spreadsheets in Computing, continued developing our fielding skills in PE and have looked at citrus farming across the world in Geography. A very busy week!

In Science this week Year 5 have been focussing on the parts of a flower and learning all about their roles in pollination. Initially the flowers were studied using a microscope before being dissected and each part being carefully identified. The separate parts were then attached to card and carefully labelled.



Foxes & Otters

The weeks are flying by! As part of our link between English and Topic, Year 6 are writing and designing a tourist leaflet, encouraging visitors to explore a country in Africa. They are using some of their previous geographical learning to make these very appealing and interesting. In topic lessons they have been learning about the Windrush generation – and how nearly half a million families came to Britain from the Caribbean after WW2 with the offer of new jobs and opportunities. Our children have been shocked by some of the experiences of Black people in this topic, and have had some powerful discussions.

The children have been enjoying listening to a range of musical styles on stringed instruments (from classical to rock and all stops in between) and recalling previous science learning as to how the sound is made and travels.









Bring in your old ink cartridges and pop them in the box just inside the front door of the school building! Such an easy way to raise funds for our lovely school!



Following our PTA Questionnaire you suggested having a 'Bag 2 School' event....so that's what we're going to do! If you are having a clear out please keep all your clothes to bring into School on 14th March when they will be collected by a recycling company and we will be paid per kilogram! They will collect all types of clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories; **they can't take workwear, pillows, duvets or scraps of fabric**. For a list of accepted items, please check their website: <u>Bag 2 School</u>

Very many thanks, your PTA.

A request to our 'bus parents'!

If your child(ren) travels by school bus or taxi, please let us know by MyEd message or by email to admin@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk if the arrangements are different to usual or if they will vary throughout the coming week.

Messages in the home-school diaries can unfortunately get missed if classroom staff are absent, whereas messages online can reach various members of the Admin team even in Abby's absence.

Teachers check with their classes each morning and call out a bus register, but children can often get confused or not remember, so a message from home is essential!

Many thanks!











A little sneak preview of some of our fabulous portraits of King Charles - these are by pupils in Year 3. More information about how you can purchase your child's drawing on a Coronation bag, tea-towel or coaster coming soon!



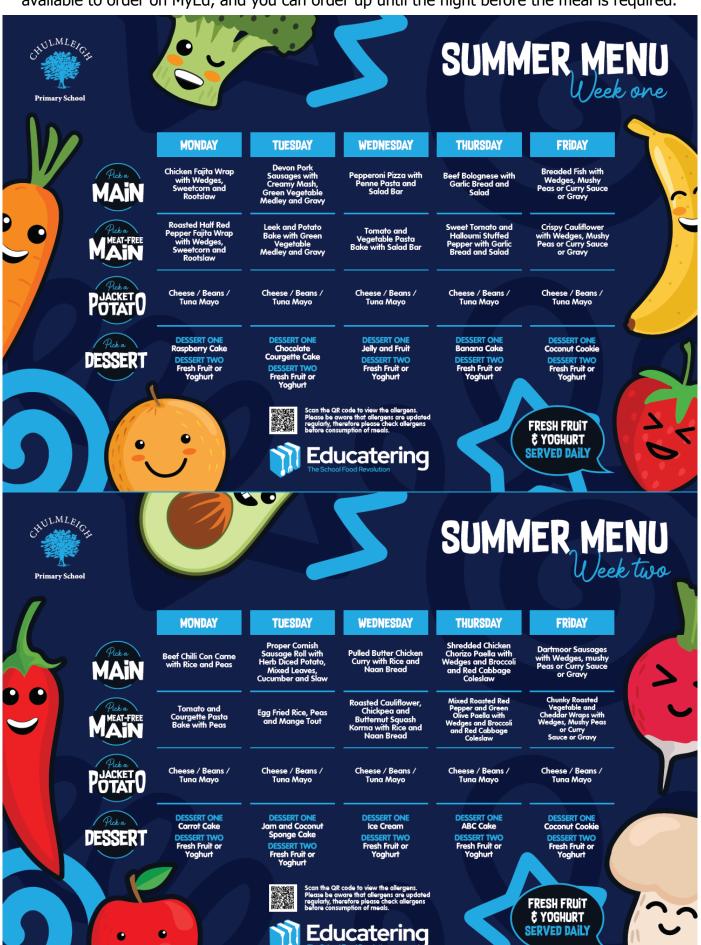


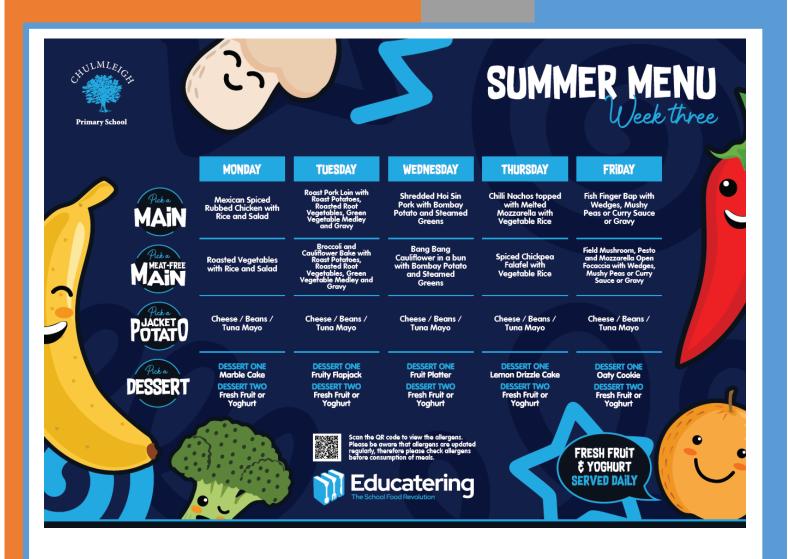






We are please to share our new Summer menus with you. These will be available after the Easter holiday. Please review the menus below if your child has any allergies. Meals are available to order on MyEd, and you can order up until the night before the meal is required.







We currently provide free milk every day to all children in Nursery, Key Stage 1 and those on Free School Meals. If your child isn't eligible for free milk, but you would like them to receive it, you can register online and pay per term. Please visit www.coolmilk.com for more details

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School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2022/2023 Academic Year

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Bank Holidays

- 26 December 2022
 27 December 2022
 02 January 2023
 07 April 2023 (Good Friday)
 10 April 2023 (Gaster Monday)
 01 May 2023 (May Day)
 08 May 2023 (King Charles Coronation)
 29 May 2023 (Spring Bank Holiday)
 28 August 2023 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days

Five days selected from within the term dates

Occasional Holidays

Two days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & ENRICHMENT



Mondays Multi Skills - Reception & KS1 Tuesdays Tennis - KS2



Tuesday lunchtimes: Digital Leaders with Mrs Evans



Thursday lunchtimes: Lego and Colouring club with Mrs Niejadlik

Chulmleigh Primary School

Out of School Club



Registration Fee (per family) £10

Morning Session: 8am-9am - £4

Afternoon Session:

3.30-4.30pm - £4; 3.30-5pm - £6;

3.30-5.30pm - £8; 3.30-6pm - £10;

After 6pm charge - £15

Tax-free childcare!
You can get 20%
off childcare costs.
See below for
details!

Our Out of School Club can take Childcare Vouchers

Check if you're eligible for tax-free childcare! The Government-backed Tax-Free Childcare scheme essentially gives eligible families 20% off childcare costs. You open an online Tax-Free Childcare account and the Government adds 20p for every 80p you pay in. You then pay your childcare provider from that account.

New Childcare Voucher users: Parents can check if they are eligible, and apply for an account by going to: www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

Existing users may already be signed up and we also accept:

Computershare Voucher Services:

https://mvaccount.computersharevoucherservices.com/Login/Login.aspx

Existing account holders only, as the Government closed the Childcare Vouchers scheme to new entrants on the 4th October 2018.

Or Edenred Childcare Vouchers

https://www.mychildcarevouchers.co.uk/DSV/Login.aspx

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If you are interested in signing up for the OOSC, please contact your School

Administrator for a registration form. All bookings are pre-paid via the MyEd App.







Should I keep my

child off school?



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
Scables	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



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.