

NEWSLETTER



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
12 - 16 June	R & KS1 After- School Sports 3.30-4.30pm	Year 4 & 5 River Taw trip KS2 After- School Tennis 3.30-4.30pm		LAMDA club 3.30-4.30pm Reception Starters Parents Meeting 5.00pm	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
19 - 2: June	Year 5 Greek Week R & KS1 After- School Sports 3.30-4.30pm	Tempest Class Photos KS2 After- School Tennis 3.30-4.30pm	World Music Day	LAMDA club 3.30-4.30pm	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

Key Dates		7 July	Year 6 leavers party
26 June	Year R & 6 Childhood Measuring	11 July	Move Up Day
	Programme	13 July	Year 2 trip - Northam Burrows
27 June	Year 4 & 5 River Taw Project Day 2	13 July	Reception starters parent meeting
3 July	Year 5 taster day at college	14 July	Summer Fair
3 July	R & KS1 Sports Day	17 July	Talent Show
4 July	KS2 Sports Day	19 July	Leavers assembly
5-6 July	Year 6 performance	21 July	Last day of term

Dear All.

Welcome back to second half of the summer term already! I would like to warmly welcome the new children and families who have joined us this week – welcome to the Chulmleigh Primary family.

Year 6 Residential:

I have been told it has been very quiet in school with Year 6 not in for 3 days! I know they have had a fantastic time away as I have had the privilege of joining them from Monday afternoon until early Wednesday morning. As ever, their behaviour, conduct and teamwork have been impeccable. All staff (including the Rock and Rapid adventure leaders) have noted how well they have supported, encouraged and helped one another to face the many challenges they have had over the 3 days. Some members of the public even commented on how polite and well behaved they were when at the campsite. Well done Year 6 – we are really proud of you and seeing your smiling faces and hearing your laughter throughout the residential has been wonderful. A massive thanks also to the Year 6 staff who gave up their sleep and evenings to be on residential.

The following photos show you some of the exciting adventures Year 6 got up over their 3-day residential.













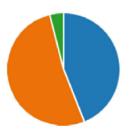
Not only have year 6 been busy, but all classes have excelled in the last couple of weeks. Highlights have included a poet visiting Year 4 and 5 to discuss their exciting river poetry sessions by the river next week, visiting Exmoor Zoo and seeing how relaxed and happy the Year Fours were completing their Multiplication Check. As ever, each class have also been keen to tell me how they are 'Making Every Minute Count' when I have visited classrooms. Some children have also received my new 'Make Every Minute Count' postcards in the post and have been keen to share these with their classes.

Parent Survey:

A massive thank you to the 76 parents who spent time completing the parent survey that was sent out recently. All the results have been compiled and analysed to further improve school based on your feedback. Pleasingly, most responses were overwhelmingly positive and included comments such as "The staff are all fantastic" and "The teachers have been amazing and supportive, and my children have come on leaps and bounds since joining the school this term." Importantly, 96% of parents said their child/ren were happy at school and felt safe and over 90% of parents would recommend the school to other parents. Areas for further development from the survey include more school trips, more sporting events with other schools and more knowledge of what is being taught in class every term. Thank you for this valuable feedback; it will really help us to further improve our practice and your voice is truly appreciated.

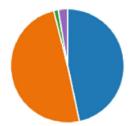






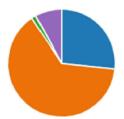
2. My child feels safe at this school





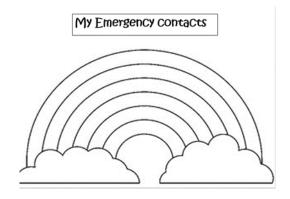
17. I would recommend this school to another parent





Safeguarding Updates:

Before half term, the children were reminded of how to stay safe in the holidays and how to contact the emergency services if needed. The children completed an emergency contact rainbow which contained numbers of people, services and organisations they could contact over the holiday if they needed some help. Additionally, the children also learnt what they can do to stay safe at the beach due to us living so closely to some of the best beaches in the UK. This included what the different flags mean when they see them flying at the beach.





Uniform:

Just another reminder about uniform in the warmer weather. The children have been given reminders about ensuring they still look smart and to take pride in their appearance even when the weather is hot. This means not tying jumpers around their waists and putting them into their bags so they hopefully don't get lost! Please can you ensure that your child has a hat to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes and that suncream has been applied before they come to school. We really appreciate all your help in ensuring our children look smart and are ready to learn. As I have mentioned before, we are always happy to have any good quality school jumpers, polo shirts, shoes, summer dresses or PE kit that you are happy to donate to school so we can give them a good home. These can be left with Abby in reception.

Attendance:

As you are aware, our Trust has an unwavering commitment to improve attendance and punctuality at school as we know what a difference it makes to the children's attainment and progress. I have spoken to many parents recently and conducted attendance meetings explaining how we have to follow the guidelines from the Government's 'Working together to improve school attendance' publication. The guidance focuses on the link between absence and attainment at the end of key stage 2 (KS2) and key stage 4 (KS4). Their findings concluded that:

- Pupils with higher attainment at KS2 and KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.
- Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.
- Pupils who did not achieve grade 9 to 4 in English and maths GCSEs had an overall absence rate of 8.8% over the key stage, compared with 5.2% among pupils who achieved a grade 4 and 3.7% among pupils who achieved grade 9 to 5 in both English and maths.
- Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.

Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.

More information can be found at: Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Our current attendance rate of 94.7% is still slightly behind the targets set by the Department of Education and the Trust which is 96%. This week, the year group attendance is:

Reception: 98.61%		
Year 1: 94.66%		
Year 2: 94.28%		
Year 3: 96.06%		
Year 4: 93.11%		
Year 5: 92.96%		
Year 6: 94.66%		

School Improvement Update - Subject Monitoring:

All teachers in school are also curriculum subject leaders. This means they have to monitor their subjects by completing learning walks across the school, conducting pupil voice, completing scrutinising books and looking at planning and curriculum coverage. Once the teachers have done this, they feedback their findings to the whole team which identifies key strengths in their subject and areas that can be further developed. This information is then recorded onto a Subject Leadership Review Form (below) and actions are then identified of what needs completing next and when this impact will be reviewed.

ACTIVITY	Review of outcomes in books	Lesson drop-ins Review of subject planning	
(circle / highlight)	Pupil voice		
Note: Each activity should be completed once each half term.	Moderation (year group/phase/school/trust)	Review of provision for the key 20% or SEND	
EVIDENCE What evidence have you found during the activity which links to our objectives?			
FOR DISCUSSION What will you need to discuss	What approach will we take for intervention? Why does some intervention not seem to be effective for some children? How many times do we try intervention before investigating if something else is going on?		

with staff before planning actions for improvement?	What are the next steps for children who, despite intervention, still don't seem to be able to remember their phonics?
ACTIONS What actions need to be implemented to ensure improved impact?	Precision Teaching approach to be rolled out across the school. Training for all staff on Precision Teaching approach. Speak to SENDCO/Head of School about next steps for children who have had intervention but are still not achieving. Phonics lead to have time to read with some of the lowest 20% for each class. Phonics lead to observe Phonics/Decision Spelling lessons across the school.
IMPACT REVIEW	Date of impact review:

Special Education Needs (SEND) Update:

Last half term, all primary staff from across our Trust completed the 4 training sessions in 'Good Practice for Speech, Language and Communication - Developing Talk' from Devon's Communication and Interaction team. Staff have deepened their understanding in the ages and stages of speech and language development. The following link is really useful for you to know what Speech and Language UK deem as the 'typical' stages of speech and language development in babies, children and young people. Ages and stages (speechandlanguage.org.uk)

SEND Forum:

Huge thanks to the parents who attended the SEND Forum this week. Theresa shared what is happening in school, Devon developments and then the rest of the forum was open for questions. A purposeful discussion then followed, and I know that this was appreciated by many that attended. These forums will continue as it is great to capture your voice and for us to explain what is happening with SEND provision in school. Please let us know if you would like certain areas to be focussed on for future forums.

With warmest wishes,

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Cubs & Tigers

Look who is our 'Star of the Week' this week! It's Una and she got this award for always being so helpful at tidy up time, and for helping others too! Well done!

Our topic this term is Under the Sea, and this week we started off by reading the story of the Rainbow Fish. We had lots of discussions around the story, and the importance of sharing with our friends. The children also painted some colourful rainbow fish for the display.







Lions

We were delighted that our butterflies emerged before half-term. We were able to give them some fruit and observe them in the butterfly garden for a few days. We then had great fun setting them free on the school field. They were very friendly and did not want to leave us!

We also enjoyed using the kudo robots in our ICT workshop. The children learnt about algorisms, in the form of giving step by step instructions. They started by working in pairs, with one being the robot and the other the controller. They had to use step by step instructions to direct their robot around the playground. They then had to move a kudo robot using different arrows around an animal safari.

This half-term we are learning about the beach and creatures which live in the sea. Our focus will be on exploring plants and animals that live at the seaside. This week the children have been sharing their pictures of the beach and talking about the activities they like to do when visiting the coast.





Hedgehogs

We have a fun half term planned! We have started learning about Animals Including Humans in Science. The children are all very interested and excited to learn more about animals. At the time of writing this, we are really excited about our trip to Exmoor Zoo, but by the time you read the newsletter, you'll have heard all about it!

In Maths we are consolidating our previous learning on place value, so breaking numbers down into tens and ones, and now looking at numbers up to 100. In English we have started a new book that is all about the Ocean. The children are practising their reading and phonics really well. Those children who are using spellingframe.co.uk are making great progress with their spelling too, I can't recommend it highly enough for spellings!

Thanks for all your support and keep reading!

Dragonflies

It's great to see the children back in school, for the last half term of the year. This half term is always busy with events and as you know we will be going to Northam Burrows at the end – something we are all looking forward to!

We will also be working with the children to help them get ready for their transition into Year 3. In English we are going to be looking at a book called 'Orion and the Dark' by Emma Yarlett, which will give us an opportunity to talk to the children about their worries and fears.

Our new Maths topic is 'Time' and learning to tell the time using analogue clock faces. In Year 2 the children are expected to be able to tell the time using o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

Our new science topic is 'Animals including humans'. Children will learn about life cycles and what animals need to survive and what humans need to stay healthy and in DT children will be designing and making beach huts.

Before half term the children enjoyed a session creating, building and programming their own Lego models. They created models to help clean our oceans and came up with some fantastic designs, using coding to then make the model move. We were very impressed with their creativity and ideas.

Barn Owls

Barn Owls have had a very busy few weeks! We are working really hard at improving our times tables and have been having a weekly Battle of The Bands with Bumblebees – so far, we haven't quite managed to beat them but it is was extremely close this week!! Everyone has made a fantastic mosaic as part of our Roman Art topic. This week they have been grouted and are just waiting to be polished off.

We had a really exciting afternoon learning to code just before half term. Everyone made Roman Chariots out of Lego and then we used code to make them race. In English we are just starting our new book "Escape to Pompeii" and have been freeze framing the story this week — can you spot how we are feeling in our freeze frame?





Bumblebees

Bumblebees have had an amazing start to our final term together! We have launched our new science topic all about healthy living by looking at what a balanced diet means and why we need food. Children have been set the task of brining in some empty food packaging for us to explore product labelling and be more aware about the food we chose.

Just before half term, we had an amazing computing workshop all about pollinators and making our own Lego bee simulators using coding. We are continuing our theme in computing for the next few weeks with our Logo unit and using coded instructions to operate Tim the turtle. Bumblebees are fantastic coders!

In English this week, we looked at river poetry to immerse ourselves into the imagery and features of poems. This was even more fun when we had our first river poetry workshop with Katy from Courage Copse Creative (see photos on page 6. We are looking forward to our River Taw trips to work with her more in this exciting, collaborative project with schools in the area. Please make sure you have returned your letter slips!

Last but not least, a massive well done to Bumblebees who completed their Multiplication Tables Checker over the last week. They were all very mature and did there very best, which is all I could ask for!

Squirrels

Squirrels have had a busy week! As well as their regular lessons, we have also had our first river poetry workshop with Caty from Courage Copse Creative. Katy introduced the project and the work that we will be completing during our sessions, and the children started to look at some of the poetry that we will be writing. We have also started our collaborative poems which will be painted onto Katy's canoe once all the groups have taken part!

In Maths, we have started to look at position and direction, focusing on co-ordinates, translations and reflections. Mrs Evans has been really impressed with what the children have remembered from co-ordinates when we did them in Geography! In the afternoons, we have been focusing on our sprint technique in PE, acted out our own algorithms in Computing and researched city states in Topic. A very busy week!

This week in PSHE year 5 have started their new unit by focussing on feelings. After reflecting on the many feelings that everyone feels they looked at a range of vocabulary to show how each feeling may be described as it becomes more intense. In Science we started our new topic on Forces. Everyone is keen to learn more about air resistance water resistance and Gravity over the coming weeks.

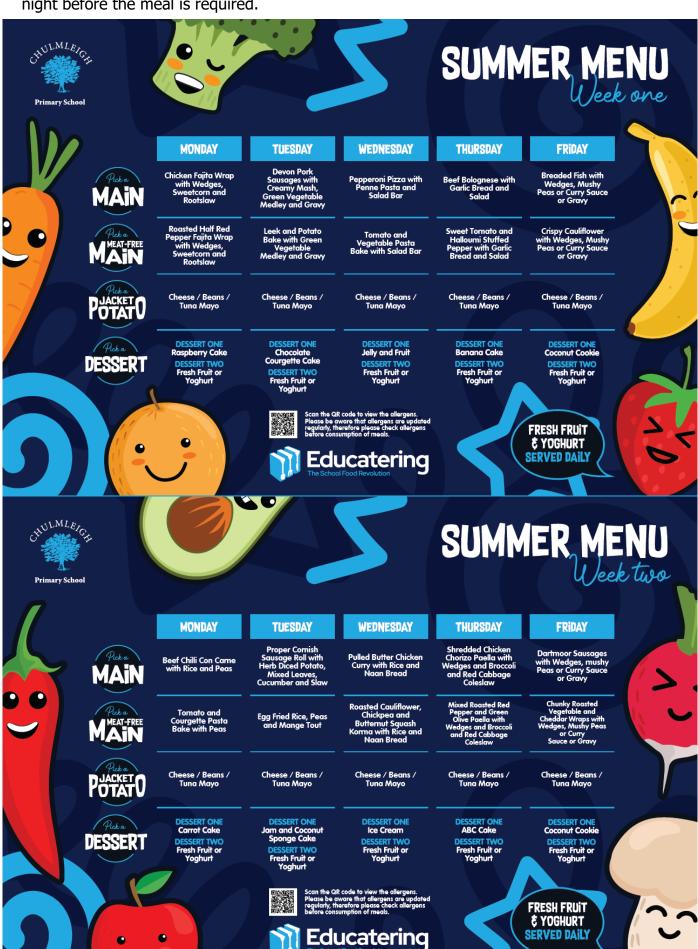
Foxes & Otters

What a week Year 6 have had! Hopefully you have had the opportunity to see some of the photos on facebook of the residential. The children had the most amazing experience with activities including: high ropes, low ropes, archery and climbing. The children worked well together in their teams, encouraging each other, supporting each other and some had faced their fears. They were complimented by a member of the public on how well they had behaved and how polite they were. They were fantastic ambassadors and we are very proud of each and every one of them -Well done Year 6!

All the children were given their scripts for our Year 6 production of Sherlock and Cinders. Please encourage your child to learn their lines as we will be having lots of regular play practice in the coming weeks and this will be made a lot easier if children are confident with their lines.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support.

We are please to share our Summer menus with you. 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.







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!





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!

Chulmleigh Cricket Club is a family oriented and friendly club and is looking to restart its kids team (girls and boys aged 6-11).

Cricket is great fun and improves fitness, stamina, hand eye co-ordination as well as team work skills.

In order for this to happen, we need some adult volunteers to help run the sessions and organise games.

Likely time commitment would be a couple of hours per week throughout the summer.

If you are able to help, please contact Rodney Davies (Chairman) on 07974 741792 or Andrea Summers on 07734 886709.

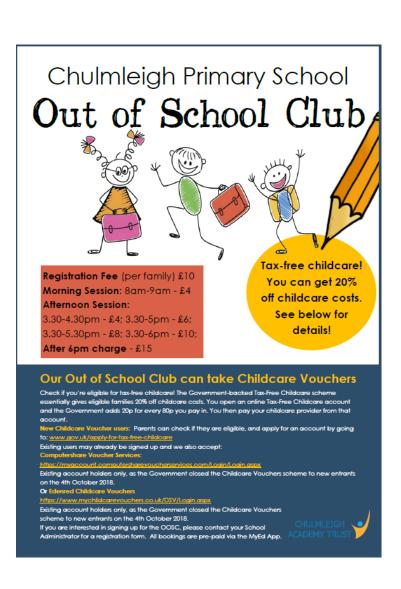


LAMDA

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









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.