

NEWSLETTER



Chulmleigh Primary School & Nursery

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
2 - 6 Oct	KS1 Multi- skills 3.30- 4.30pm	KS2 Tennis Club 3.30- 4.30pm	PTA Movie & Munchies Club after school		Celebration Assembly 9.15am Foodbank donations due in
9 - 13 Oct	OPAL Stay & Play Parent Event 3.00- 4.30pm KS1 Multi- skills 3.30- 4.30pm	Cross Country event 1.30- 3.00pm KS2 Tennis Club 3.30- 4.30pm		Reception Par- ents - Phonics workshop 5.00 -6.00pm	Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Key Dates

16 Oct	Black History Month begins	6 Nov	Paralympian visit
18 Oct	Oral hygiene visitor	9 Nov	Tennis event in Bideford
16-19 Oct	Parents Evenings	17 Nov	Children in Need
20 Oct	Non-pupil day	20 Nov	Dodgeball Tournament
23-27 Oct	Half term holiday	23 Nov	Flu vaccinations
30 Oct	Back to school	24 Nov	PTA discos
1 Nov	Movie & Munchies Club	30 Nov	PTA Wreath making
2 Nov	Vision Screening - Reception class	8 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
		15 Dec	End of term



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Erin's book & cake sale for Macmillan was a HUGE success on Friday! She has raised an amazing £191.75! Many thanks to all of you who supported Erin, and her Mum Amy has asked us to pass on her thanks too. She was blown away by everyone's support.



Massive thank you to our dedicated PTA team who put on such a fabulous afternoon for our Grandparents! Your generosity has raised a staggering £452.75 for school funds! We can't thank you enough!





On Thursday 28th September we were visited by authors Jenny McLachlan and Suzie Laverty as part of the Appledore Book Festival. The children had a fantastic time and all children who took part were given a free signed book. We are also offering their books for sale via MyEd for this week only. Thanks to Waterstones in Barnstaple, these books will be offered at a 25% discount.



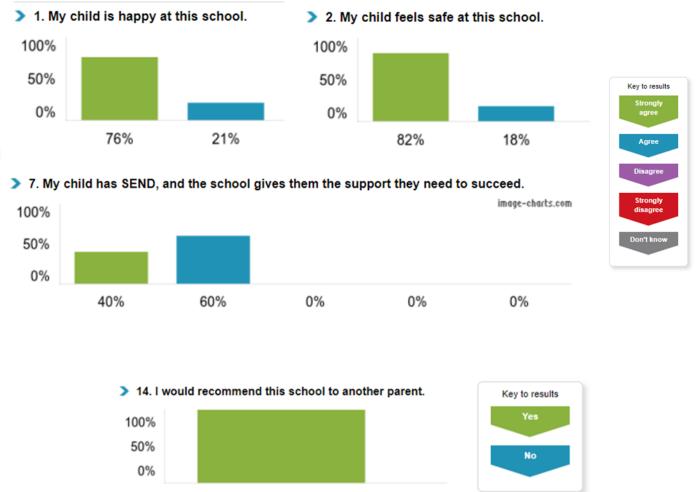
Dear All,

We have had another couple of busy weeks at school and our enrichment school priority has already started with: Year 3 visiting Kents Cavern to enhance their history learning; Year 6 attending Lapford Primary with all Year 6 children from across the Trust to play boccia and kurling; and some of our Year 5 and 6 girls representing us brilliantly at a local football tournament. At each of these events, the children were really enacting our values of compassion, ambition and teamwork. We had some members of the public tell us how well behaved and kind the children were which is always lovely feedback to receive.

<u>Ofsted</u>

Last week, as you are aware, we had our two day Ofsted Inspection visit at school on Wednesday and Thursday. We were incredibly proud of how the children conducted themselves in their lessons as usual. They spoke to the inspectors about the behaviour, learning and the staff at school with real pride and love which we are delighted about as this is what we see happening every day as well. We were very pleased with the final feedback we received. A final copy of the report will be available in about six to eight weeks' time after Ofsted have written the draft report and then had it quality assured following their final publishing procedures. We will then publish the inspection report for you on our website and email this to you so you can read it for yourselves. We would like to thank all the parents who took the time to complete the OFSTED parent survey. Your opinions are valued greatly and will, as ever, contribute to our school priorities.

Below, are some of the fantastic headlines from the Ofsted Parent view that you can see for yourself at <u>Of-sted Parent View</u>



100%

Grandparents' afternoon.

'What a fantastic afternoon' and 'It has been great to see what my grandchildren have been learning' were among the many comments our grandparents said to me as I spent time talking to them on Friday afternoon. It wasn't only the grandparents who loved them visiting, so did the children. I know the cakes were very popular with everyone! This will become an annual event to celebrate National Grandparents Day and to celebrate the important role grandparents play in their education. I would like to thank our dedicated PTA volunteers once again who kindly made this event such a success and raised vital funds that benefit **every child** in school.

School Improvement Update - Student Outcomes:

At the end of last week, we had the delivery of KS2 grammar, punctuation and spelling targeted question books for every child from Years 3 to 6. These books will be used in lessons to support the children with their retrieval of knowledge and skills and to help staff understand which concepts need more explicit teaching to help narrow the gap between reading and writing outcomes. To see what these books look like please follow the link:

KS2 English Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers) | CGP Books

Safeguarding Updates- OPAL Feedback:

We were very lucky to have Kate our OPAL Mentor visit this week and she observed the whole lunchtime and spoke to many children about playtimes and lunchtimes. Below, are some of the positive improvements she recorded in her report:

"Frankly, I do not have enough time or paper to do justice to the change in your playtimes - absolutely amazing. Even though you are only part way through the OPAL programme, you have already used the guidance and resources thoroughly to inform the changes you have started to make. You have very obviously worked very hard to improve your lunchtimes and it was incredibly uplifting to see the obvious enjoyment of your children."

"Wellies for all - meaning that every child can access all of the grounds all of the year and move around a lot more. Also, systems in place to get rid of the mud to avoid it migrating inside."

"Music - lots of active children dancing and doing gymnastics in this area as well as helping towards a generally optimistic vibe."

"Bubbles - I saw a lot of children of all ages trying to catch these, either just in passing on their way to somewhere else or staying a while."

"Role play/imaginative play - with loose parts, prams and older children. I was informed by staff that this was linked to their WWII work in school."

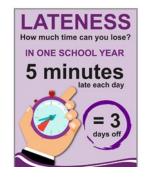
"Even though I observed your whole lunchtime, I did not see one child that looked bored - everyone was busy."

"I know there are still improvements that you would like to make and more training and discussion opportunities to be found for staff but so far: an absolutely magnificent job all round, really well done."

Attendance Updates:

As ever, across all classes we continue to work on improving attendance and punctuality at school. At Chulmleigh Primary, we know that 'Every Minute Counts' and being in school on time really helps with maximising our learning every day. Our extra additional provisions occur at 9.00am so it is vital all children are in before that. These additional provisions include: extra one to one reading, spelling practise on IDL, handwriting and number or times table facts are practised at the start of the school day so being in class by 9.00am ensures that 'Every Minute Counts'. Just a reminder that being late to school after 9.00am affects your child's attendance percentage. All the lateness minutes can add up to missing whole days off. I know I have shared this statistic before but as a reminder, being 5 minutes late a day can add up to the equivalent of <u>3 whole days</u> off in the year which is why it is vital your child is in class by 9.00am every morning.

Our current attendance rate of **94.89%** 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: 100%
Year 1: 98.91%
Year 2: 98.67%
Year 3: 96.53%
Year 4: 98.04%
Year 5: 97.45%
Year 6: 95.28%

Thank you all for your for your continued support.

With Kind Regards,

Martin Evely and all staff of Chulmleigh Primary School.



October's Musician of the Month

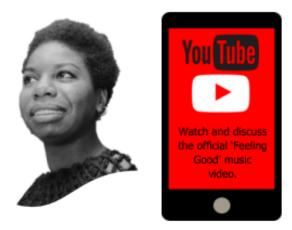




Books to read...







About: Eunice Kathleen Waymon, known professionally as Nina Simone, was an American singer, songwriter, pianist, and civil rights activist. Her music spanned styles including classical, folk, gospel, blues, jazz, R&B, and pop.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Jazz

Active from: 1954 - 2002

Origin: North Carolina, U.S.A.

If you like Nina Simone, try...

- Sarah Vaughan
- Billie Holiday
- Miles Davis



E1.50 PAY VIA MYED +PAY INCLUDES DRINK, POPCORN/ CRISPS AFTER SCHOOL, FINISHING TIMES WILL BE CONFIRMED EACH MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE FILM. CONSENT FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND HANDED IN.



PTA News & Events.

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely summer. We have some exciting events planned for this first term!

Friday 27th September: Grandparents Day!

We look forward to welcoming all the children's Grandparents or special persons into the school. ± 3 per Grandparent will include a cake and a drink with their Grandchild. Please make your booking through MyEdd or cash payments to a PTA member.

Wednesday 4th October: Movie and Munchies Club!

We are bringing back this popular after-school club! Taking place on the first Wednesday of every month. £1.50 per child will include popcorn or crisps and a drink. Film title and finishing times will be released one week prior due to licensing.

Bookings can be made soon through MyEdd for children in Year 1 - Year 6 (Reception to be reviewed further into the academic year)

Tuesday 17th October: PTA AGM Meeting!

Your PTA needs you! Please come along to our annual meeting. This meeting is your chance to hear all about the money you and your children have helped to raise, how it has been used and to collectively share ideas for the upcoming academic year. Think you'd like to join or lend a hand, we would love to have you! More information will follow.

Friday 24th November: Autumn Term D.I.S.C.O!

Dancing Shoes ready! More information to follow.

Thursday 30th November. Rustic Wreath Making!

Join us for a fun evening of rustic Christmas wreath making, mulled wine and mince pies. Bookings to be made on MyEdd. More details to follow.

We are always looking for helpers and greatly apricate anything you can offer. If you would like to get involved with the PTA please email chulmleighpta@gmail.com or find one of us around school. Keep a look out for more information on all our upcoming events and as always thank you for all your support.

The PTA Team

Make Friends Support your School Give Back Have Fun!



Cubs & Tigers

On a windy day the Tigers and Cubs like to come out and play.....

This week in Nursery we have started our Autumn topic and the children went out to gather leaves to paint and make prints with.

Next week we will be going on an Autumn walk around the grounds, collecting interesting objects for our sensory corner and talking about the different colours, etc. We will also be exploring colour mixing using a variety of painting techniques.

Please may I ask parent/carers to send in a photograph of their child's grandparents to add to our Marvellous Me Let's Talk display.

If it's easier you can email them to me for printing grandall@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk



Lions

Another very busy and fun filled learning week! We are delighted with how well the children have learnt the routines of the day and are fully embracing every minute of school life.

We have been learning about the special people in our families, in particular our grandparents. We have discussed the special times we have spent with our family and we were really looking forward to our grandparent tea party on Friday. We have learnt lots of songs, in particular the song 'I love you' which we have learnt using Makaton signs.

We have started to use our segmenting and blending skills to read words. The children have played lots of games including phonics splat! This involves jumping on the different sounds and putting them to-gether to make the different words (sat, pat, in, pan).

In maths the children have been continuing and making their own repeated patterns. They have practised these in many different ways (stampers, autumn natural resources, vegetables, blocks, pegs). We also learnt about subitising (saying the amount without counting) to three. We looked at how a threedot pattern could be arranged in different ways and this made it easier to subitise numbers to three.

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have had a great couple of weeks. Today we had a fantastic visit from the author of Betty Binoculars. We had great fun making our own magical binoculars. The children really enjoyed the story telling and asked some very thoughtful questions about being an author.

In Maths we have been learning about place value, in particular comparing numbers using the vocabulary greater than, less than and equal to. In English we're continuing with the Three Little Pigs and making sure we remember our capital letters, FINGER SPACES (!!) and full stops in our writing. We also learnt what a verb is this week! In Science we have been learning about our senses, so far we have learnt about our senses of sight and touch. In Geography so far this term we have learned the names of the continents and the oceans. In PE this term we are doing multi skils and learning about working together as a team. In PSHE we are learning about what good learning behaviours look like and how they help us to learn and in RE we are learning about what Christians believe God is like.



Dragonflies

We were really excited to be welcoming the children's author Suzie Laverty to Chulmleigh Primary School this week. This event, linked to the Appledore Book Festival, is a great event in our calendar, and this year all children in the class received a free book from their author ! We are sure these events will really inspire and motivate our writers and illustrators !

The children have also continued their learning linked to habitats in Science, our local area in Geography, place value in maths and in English we are continuing to look at the story 'The High Street'.

The children have really been enjoying the outdoor learning opportunities and experiences linked to our new outdoor play and learning provision. It has been lovely watching them access the new areas and hear them talk excitedly about their playtimes.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Niejadlik and Mrs Haines



Barn Owls

Barn Owls have had a fantastic trip to Kents Cavern. They really enjoyed handling artefacts and finding out about Stone Age weapons and tools. The cave was really dramatic and it was great to feel the atmosphere and for the class to really sense what it would have been like in the Stone Age. They were particularly wowed by the candles that were used in the Stone Age and how much better they are than our candles. In other news, Barn Owls have been working really hard on Place Value and learning their times tables – well done, Barn Owls.



Bumblebees

Another busy week in Bumblebees class this week.

We have started a new book to write from called 'A Beowulf tale- Monster Slayer'. The children are really enjoying this gruesome tale of the monster Grendel. The children have been writing some amazing descriptions of the settings in the book and the gruesome monster. We have also been learning to edit and improve our writing using a range of resources.

In Music everyone is making great progress in playing the recorder. Even after 2 lessons everyone could play a song with 3 notes- BAG.

In science we have started an experiment to look at the effect of different liquids on the surface of our teeth. We used hard boiled eggs to simulate our teeth and put them in water, coffee, tea, coke and vinegar. The children have made predictions about what they think will happen to the eggs and we have started to look at them and think about the results. We have also been talking about why we have different kinds of teeth.



Squirrels & Otters

Squirrels and Otters have had a very busy couple of weeks. One of the highlights was the visit by the author Jenny McLachlan, who has written books such as Land of Roar and Stink, which are really popular! She has inspired our children to write their own fantasy stories this week and illustrate them in a variety of artistic ways! We are very grateful for the involvement we have with Appledore book festival, making these occasions possible.

The year 6's have been involved in PE trips, including a really enjoyable afternoon at Lapford with the Year 6's from East Worlington joining them.

Both classes were treated to some imaginative role-play last week when we were learning about the English Civil War. Oliver Cromwell put in an appearance and the children were able to begin to answer their key learning question about the events which changed monarchy into the style of monarchy we have today.



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!



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



COST OF LIVING SUPPORT Struggling to make ends meet?

Chulmleigh College is working with Chulmleigh Parish Church, & the Little Dart Mission Community, to offer support to all

- FREE CC School Uniform
- FREE children's clothing
- 0-5
- FREE food parcels

*Completely confidential service *Browse available items, or we can deliver *Uniform items include sports kit & footwear {when available} *No referral required *Open to all

The Lists Dart Hision Community

Call Elaine Cook, Licensed Lay Minister 01769 572525 or Tony Rockey, Team Rector 01769 581712

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 telephone call if the arrangements are different to usual or if they will vary throughout the coming week. We will confirm that we have received your message.

Messages in the home-school diaries can unfortunately get missed if classroom staff are absent, whereas messages online or by phone 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!







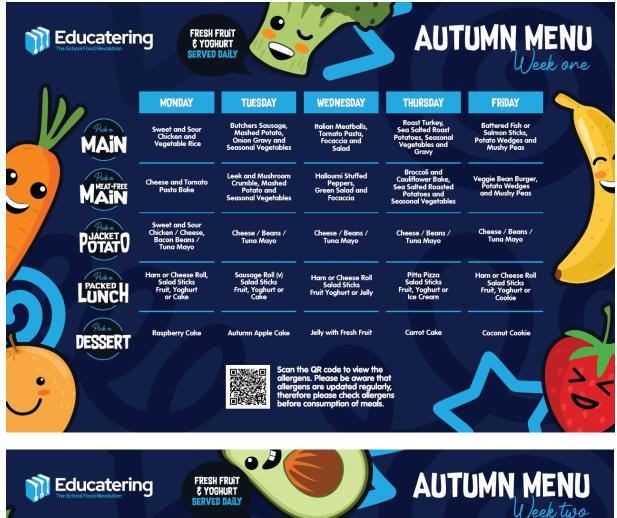
After-school LAMDA drama workshops held each Thursday have proved to be a great success and children are going in confidence and their knowledge of performance skills week by week. We will eventually work towards a performance for parents and through drama games and script reading and lots of ensemble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



We are please to share our Autumn menus with you. Please review the menus below and scan the QR code for a list of allergens. Meals are available to order on MyEd, and you can order up until the night before the meal is required.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Picka	Pulled Pork Bap, Herby Diced Potatoes and Root Slaw	Hunters Chicken, Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn	Beef Bolognaise Pasta Baked, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Honey Roast Ham, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, and Gravy	Fishcake, Pommes Noisettes, and Peas
Meat-Free Main	Crispy Mac "n" Cheese, Garlic Focaccia and Root Slaw	Quom Burger, Potaro Wedges and Sweetcom	Tomato, Mozzarella and Pesto Focaccia, Diced Potatoes, and Salad	Vegetable Bake, Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Halloumi, Pommes Noisettes, and Peas
PJACKET POTATO	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Packed	Ham or Cheese Roll, Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Cake	Sausage Roll (v) Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Cake	Ham or Cheese Roll, Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Flapjack	Pitta Pizza Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Froyo Pot	Ham or Cheese Roll, Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Cookie
Pute DESSERT	Chocolate Krispie Cake	Carrot Cake	Pink Raspberry Flapjack	Froyo Fruit Pot	Oaty Cookie

\mathbf{P}	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRiday
Pieka MAIN	Chicken Katsu Curry Vegetable Rice, and Naan	Bacon Mac "n" Cheese, Focaccia and Salad	Mild Chilli, Rice, Sweetcorn and Nachos	Roast Loin of Park, Rosemary Roasted New Potatoes, Apple Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Chicken Bites, Potato Wedges and Peas
Meat-Free Main	Roasted Cauliflower Curry and Vegetable Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake, Focaccia and Salad	3 Bean Casserole Rice, Sweetcorn and Nachos	Leek and Potato Bake, Rosemary Roasted New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese and Bean Slice, Potato Wedges and Peas
PJACKET O	Katsu Curry / Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
PACKED H	Ham or Cheese Roll, Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Sponge	Sausage Roll (v) Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Cake	Ham or Cheese Roll, Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Cake	Pitta Pizza Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Cake	Ham or Cheese Roll, Salad Sticks Fruit, Yoghurt or Cookie
Pick a DESSERT	Jam and Coconut Sponge	Banana Cake	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fresh Fruit Platter	Chocolate Cookie

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2024/2025 Academic Year

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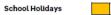
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Bank Holidays

25 December 2024 26 December 2024 01 January 2025 18 April 2025 (Good Friday) 21 April 2025 (Goad Friday) 05 May 2025 (May Day) 26 May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday) 25 August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days

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





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

Autism and Us parent programme and autism-themed workshops (summer/autumn term 2023)

Support for parents/carers of Devon's primary and secondary children who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme and themed workshops delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the summer/autumn terms for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post-diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of children and young people (CYP)) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the Autism and Us parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approximately 2 hours each) related to the following topics or themes:

Autumn Term:	Programme 1	Programme 2
Autism overview	14th September 10am – 12pm	31st October 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Communication	20th September 10am – 12pm	7th November 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Understanding and supporting behaviour	5th October 10am – 12pm	14th November 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Sensory	12th October 10am – 12pm	21st November 4.30pm – 6.30pm

To secure a place on any of the above programmes, or to express your interest in forthcoming programmes, please send an email to <u>educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk</u>. We will confirm your booking and provide you with a direct link to the event. Events will be delivered online 'live' using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Additional topic-based workshops autumn term 2023

The following topic-based workshops will also be available for parents/carers of children and young people (CYP) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. You can choose from these based on the relevance to you and your family. Dates and times to be confirmed.

To secure a place on any of the above programmes, or to express your interest in forthcoming programmes, please send an email to <u>educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk</u>. We will confirm your booking and provide you with a direct link to the event. Events will be delivered online 'live' using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Date	Time	Торіс	
1st November	10am -12pm	Autism – vulnerability and online safety	Paul Lamanna
8th November	9.30am -12pm	Autism and girls	Robert Good
15th November	10am -12pm	Autism – managing stress and anxiety	Alison Cann
16th November		Autism – sensory processing and inte- gration	Kevin Jones
22nd November	10am -12pm	Autism – communication (pre or non- verbal – support strategies)	Laura Matthews
6th December		Autism – demand avoidance and patho- logical demand avoidance	Robert Good
12th December		Autism – communication (verbal – sup- port strategies)	Laura O'Shea & Melissa New

Useful autism resources

Finding a school for your child Working together with your child's school – Autism Education Trust Raising a child with autism : Carrie and David – Nip in the bud