

12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back!

An extra special welcome to our new children and families from across the school who have just started with us.

We are delighted that you have joined the CPS family.

Please do ask any member of staff if you need any support or help – we are more than happy to help in anyway we can.

Pleasingly, all children (and staff!) have settled back really well into their new classes and the routines of learning are well established again. As expected, the children have come back with enthusiasm, determination and are living our values of 'Compassion, Ambition and Teamwork' in all aspects of school life.

Based on last year's parental newsletter feedback, we are making the newsletter shorter and more concise this year- this includes my section which I will work hard on providing a summary as suggested by a few parents.

Additionally, we are changing the format of the newsletter to have more of a consistent format and feel across all the Trust primary schools.

Please bear with us as there may be teething problems and we thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we try to get it right!

Thank you all for your for your continued support.

Martin Evely and all staff at Chulmleigh Primary School



During the two Non Pupil Days at the start of term, all Trust staff and many volunteers completed their safeguarding refresher, GDPR and Health and Safety training to stay up to date and knowledgeable about current practices.

At CPS, we also completed additional SEND training so all staff are aware of current needs across the school and we discussed the three school improvement priorities for the year. For 2025-2026, the 3 school improvement priorities for Chulmleigh Primary School are:

Student Outcomes - To improve attainment and progress in writing attainment in all year groups so the gap between reading and writing continues to narrow.

Culture – To ensure that learning environments are consistent across the school so they are motivational and ambitious for all. (Autism Education Trust guidance, working walls, language, tidiness)

Accessible to all – To close the language gap in EYFS and develop our 2-year-old provision.

Work has already begun on all three priorities including staff training, whole school assemblies and expanding the nursery. Throughout the year, I will update you on the progress we are making on the three priorities. Over the summer, our dedicated EYFS team and caretakers changed the nursery around so we could expand our 2 year old provision which means they now have a dedicated room and provision just for them. This means we can now offer more sessions for children in the local area and our waiting list has shrunk considerably as a result of expanding.

In order to get our nursery ready, it took a lot of time, dedication and vision from the whole EYFS team and I would like to thank them all for all their hard work and devotion in making this possible. I know our youngest children are so fortunate to have them as their first teachers.

Next week, there will be an opportunity to attend our ‘Welcome to their new class’ meeting after school. During this meeting, your child/ren’s class teacher will go through the routines, curriculum topics and be able to answer any questions you have about the year ahead. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the information will be sent out via email and you can always contact the office for more information.



We continue to work on improving attendance and punctuality at school for all classes. At Chulmleigh Primary School, 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, grammar examples and number or times table facts

Being in class and ready to start learning by 9.00am ensures that 'Every Minute Counts'.

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. Being 5 minutes late a day can add up to the equivalent of 3 whole days off in the year which is why it is vital your child is in class by 9.00am every morning.

We thank you all for your for your continued support.



Monday 15 th September	Tuesday 16 th September	Wednesday 17 th September	Thursday 18 th September	Friday 19 th September
		Science Fair Years R - 6		Forest School
Lunchtime Clubs Years 5 & 6 Boys Footballs	Lunchtime Clubs KS1 Multi-skills	Lunchtime Clubs KS2 Multi- skills	Lunchtime Clubs Years 3 & 4 Mixed Football	
After School Football Years R, 1 & 2	After School Multi-shills Years R - 6	After School KS2 Football	After School Girls Football Years R - 6	



Monday 22 nd September	Tuesday 23 rd September	Wednesday 24 th September	Thursday 25 th September	Friday 26 th September
		Tempest Photography (Family & Individuals)	Appledore Book Festival - Years 3,4,5 & 6	Appledore Book Festival Year 1 & 2
				Forest School
Lunchtime Clubs Years 5 & 6 Boys Footballs	Lunchtime Clubs KS1 Multi-skills	Lunchtime Clubs KS2 Multi- skills	Lunchtime Clubs Years 3 & 4 Mixed Football	
After School Football Years R, 1 & 2	After School Multi-skills Years R - 6	After School KS2 Football	After School Girls Football Years R - 6	



Tigers & Cubs

We would like to welcome our new and existing friends at Nursery!

We've had a lovely time playing and getting to know each other.

Our topic this term is 'Marvellous Me'. We are making new friends and finding out all about each other.

Please feel free to send in photos of your families and pets so that we can have a lovely 'lets talk' time and make a fantastic 'All about me' display.



Reception

What a start to the term!

We have been amazed by how well they have settled and how nicely they have been working together. The children have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and getting used to their new routines.

We have learnt lots of new songs and dances.

The children loved their first PE session in the school hall this week. They listened really well and enjoyed learning some throwing and catching skills.

We made our own self-portraits this week and used our craft skills to make our own frames. They have certainly added some extra sparkle to the classroom.

We also started our phonics journey, getting to know Kipper, Chip and Biff and learning the s and a sounds.

We are very proud of our lovely lions for completing their first week at school.

We can't wait for all the fun and excitement we are going to have together this year!



Hedgehogs

The Hedgehogs have had a busy, first full week in their new class!

In English this week, we have started reading the 'Three Little Pigs', learning the order of the story and drawing and labelling the characters. As well as this, the children came up with some great describing words for the wolf!

In Phonics, we have spent this week recapping the sounds that they learnt in Reception. The sessions have included practising to segment and blend, sound out when writing words, practise writing Common Exception words (also previously known as tricky words), as well as writing short, simple sentences.

In maths, we started the week by sorting objects based on different categories, such as colour and shape. We have also practised counting to certain numbers, along with counting a specific amount from a larger group of numbers.

In science this week, the children have been thinking about the 4 seasons, and the types of weather that we get during these times. In Topic, we have been learning about the 7 continents and where they are in the world. In our PSHE lessons, we have been discussing who keeps us safe, and the children have drawn who they feel they can talk to if they have a problem.

The children are coping really well with all of the change, and are growing in confidence each day. We are looking forward to the next few weeks of learning!

Dragonflies

Welcome back to school and the start of a fun-filled term of learning!

Next week, we will be launching our Let's Explore the World topic with a quick flight to Norway! The children will check in for their flight with Evely Airlines and enjoy some on-board entertainment and a drink. After landing, we will spend part of the day learning about the city of Tromsø. (Last year, the children commented that Captain Evely's landing was rather bumpy – we're hoping for a smoother arrival this time!) This activity will serve as the starting point for our geography learning this term.

In science, we will be exploring materials. The children will learn about different everyday materials such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, rubber, rock, fabric, paper, and brick. They will identify the properties of these materials and conduct investigations to explore how different materials are better suited to different objects, using well-known stories as context. They will also explore how some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting, or stretching them.

In English, we will be looking at a book called The High Street. The children will write sentences linked to the story, using their knowledge of the local area to inspire their writing.

In art we are studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy, creating art out of items from the natural world. If your child is able to make a small collection, such as leaves, fir cones, twigs, shells, pebbles, and bring them in for next week's lesson, Wednesday 17th September, that would be great! Thank you.

Barn Owls

Wow – what a fantastic start to Year 3 we have had in Barn Owls!

We are really excited to have started our topic on The Stone Age and are looking forward to our trip to Kents Cavern on Thursday 2nd October. Please can you send back the forms for this as soon as possible.

The children have been learning our new routines and are becoming amazing at knowing when it is listening time and when it is talking time! Everyone now has a library book and a reading AR book – please can these be brought to school every day and kept in the plastic zipped wallets.

We have a weekly Battle of the Bands on TTRockstars against Bumblebees class so it would be great if everyone can spend 15 minutes on this whenever they have time so that we can win!! Please can everyone also go on Numbots and SpellingFrame for at least 20 minutes each week.

Bertie Barn Owl has enjoyed his visits home with children and loves hearing stories being read to him.

In science, we have just started our topic of Rocks and fossils to link in with our Stone Age topic. If anyone has any fossils at home, we would love to see these in school.

As always, please email Mrs Jackson at rjackson@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk if you have any questions about anything.

I look forward to meeting you all at the Meet The Teacher evening on Tuesday 16th.

Thank you for all of your support at home – it is really appreciated!



Bumblebees

Bumblebees have settled into year 4 really well!

We have been busy with our learning already and had fun learning about Viking runes. Each child made and took home a Viking rune necklace with the first letter of their name on.

I am really impressed with their writing already and excited to see what they can do by the end of Year 4!

Times tables will be our big focus throughout Year 4 and we have already been practising our four times tables in lots of different ways. The children are excited about using Times Tables Rock Stars to see if they can beat other classes in weekly challenges.

In science we have started learning about the digestive system in mammals, which the children really enjoyed.

PE this half term is Handball and we have seen some fantastic teamwork already.

Mrs Davis will be teaching the children on a Wednesday morning and will be teaching them music and RE.

We are all really excited to begin Year 4 together!

If you have any worries or concerns, please do get in touch via Class Dojo, arrange a meeting after school, or just catch me at pick up time.

I'm happy to help. 😊



Squirrels

It has only been a week and a bit but this new Squirrel class has really impressed me with their energy and enthusiasm for learning in school.

We have started our Place Value unit by learning about Roman Numerals.

In English, we have read *The Tear Thief* and written up questions which they had about the book. Then, we all answered the questions together. We are learning how the structure of the book works and will also look at the sentences structure and vocabulary to inspire us to write our own stories.

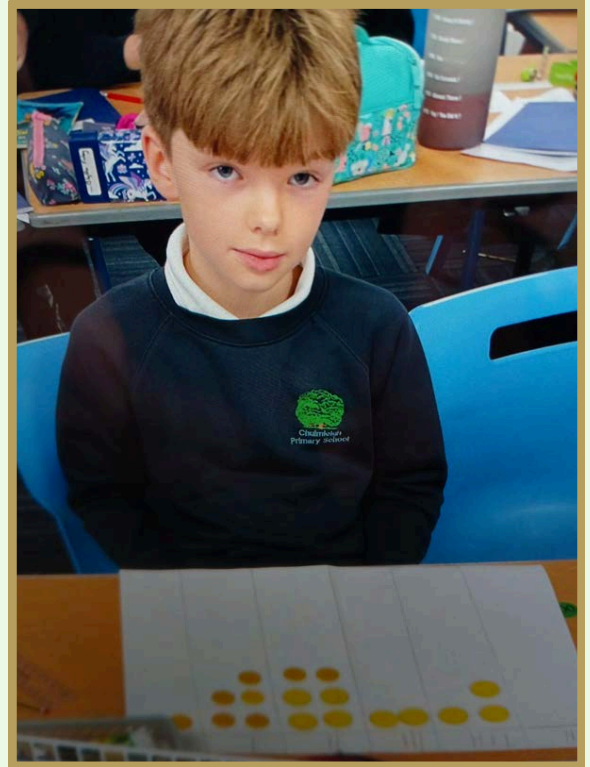
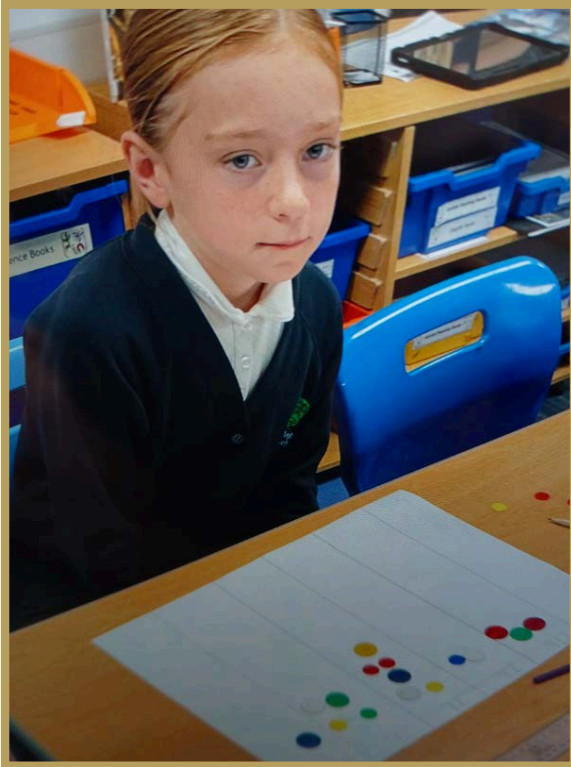
Our science has started with the children investigating the properties of different materials and thinking about how that helps us decided which materials to use for different purposes.

We have also used the sports hall in the College for PE on Monday and started learning some basic gym shapes, rolls and jumps ready for learning routines to enter in the Devon Gymnastics Competition.

The children also displayed a lot of prior knowledge about William the Conqueror at the start of our Kings and Queens unit.

They have all made a fantastic start to Year 5 and we look forward to the rest of the year.





Otters

Year 6 have been amazing at settling back into the new routines of being at the top of the school! They have been working hard and are being introduced to our topics on World War Two and Classification in Science.

In English, we have been studying a short film called Beyond the Lines where they have been creating imagery and developing their use of language to be emotive.

In maths they have started a unit on place value and are already beginning to learn new methods for solving calculations in their arithmetic sessions.

PE is on Wednesday and Thursday.

Boys' Football Club is on Monday's – please can they bring in their PE kit separately to change into.

Homework: will be handed out on a Friday, due back the following Wednesday. Our library day is Thursday.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead and all the exciting things that comes with Year 6.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your support.

Forest School Timetable 2025-26

**Friday mornings from 9.45am (or as soon after
celebration assembly) – 12**

Year 3	12.9.25 – 17.10.25
Year 4	7.10.25 – 12.12.25
Year 5	9.1.26 – 13.2.26
Year 2	27.2.26 – 27.3.26
Year 1	24.4.26 – 22.5.26
Year 6	5.6.26 – 10.7.26





We hope you have all had a wonderful summer, the weather was certainly wonderful throughout the holidays. May we take this opportunity to welcome all our new starters across the school and wish you all a fantastic start to the new academic year.

We will soon start planning for our Christmas events so please do let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions. Be sure to like our Facebook Page to keep up to date with PTA news!

Please follow us on social media or keep an eye on our newsletter or posters around the school for more information. As always, keep your ideas and requests coming in to
PTA@chumleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk



THANK YOU so much to everyone that came to our (not so sunny) **SUMMER FAIR** and to all our parents and volunteers that baked, gave time and donations to make it happen.

ALONGSIDE OUR SUMMER RAFFLE
**WE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE...
£1838 !!!**

Special thanks go to...

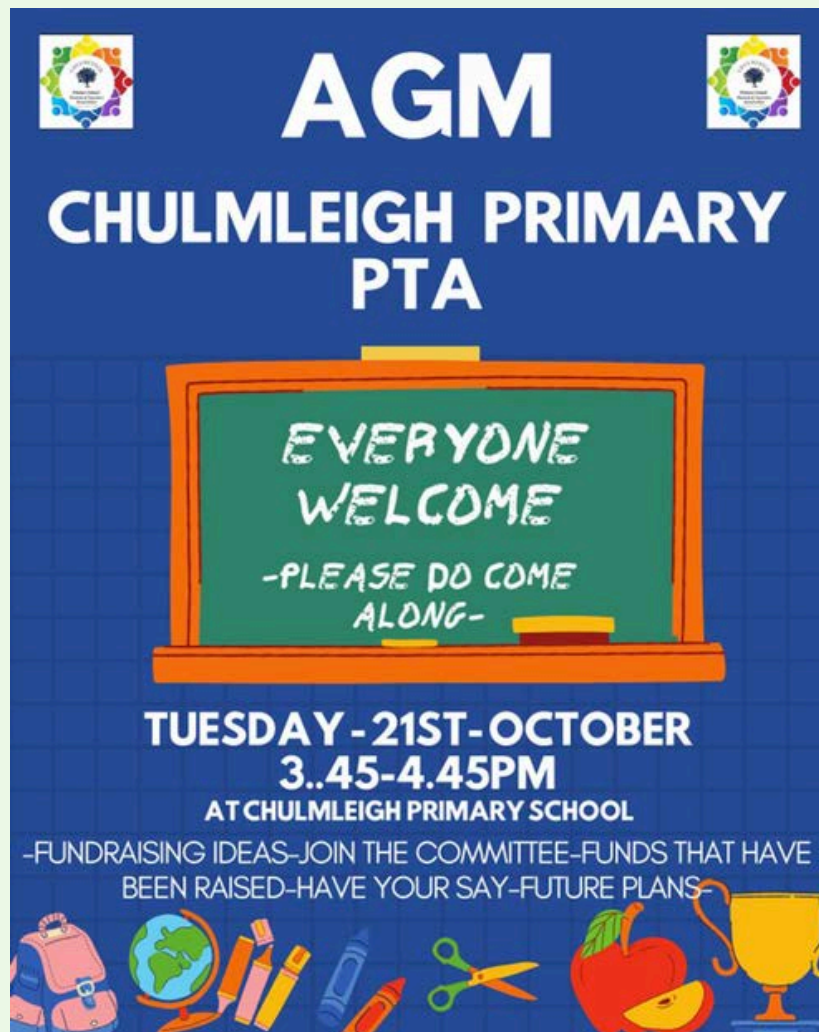
- Kelly at Class Cuts
- Chulmleigh Fire Station
- Hog & Hedge
- Rock & Rapid
- Planet Play
- Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park
- Yeatheridge Farm Caravan & Camping Park
- The Castle Inn, George Nympton
- Relax & Renew Massage
- Kents Cavern
- Exmoor Zoo
- North Devon Wake Park
- Quince Hay Farm
- Rosemoor Gardens

**AN AMAZING AFTERNOON
REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER**



Pre-loved school uniform

You will notice a box outside of school filled with pre-loved uniform. Please do take a look and see if there is anything of interest to you. Please help yourself. If you wish to make a donation to the PTA please scan the QR code on the box.
Thank you.



Any comments or suggestions are welcome from you ahead of the meeting. Please do let your PTA team know by either catching one of us at the school gates or emailing PTA@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

We are always on the look out for helpers and greatly appreciate anything you can offer. If you would like to get involved with the PTA, please email PTA@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk or find one of us around the school. Please keep a look out for more information on our upcoming events and as always thank you for your all your support. We look forward to a fun filled spring and summer!

The PTA Team

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

	September					October					November				December					January					February											
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1				
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	March					April					May				June					July					August														
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Bank Holidays



- 25 December 2025
- 26 December 2025
- 01 January 2026
- 03 April 2026 (Good Friday)
- 06 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- 04 May 2026 (May Day)
- 25 May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
- 24 August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days



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

School Holidays



Occasional Holidays



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

REQUEST FOR CONTACT

Devon Family HUBS

0-19
(25 WITH SEND)

SCAN ME

Action for Children are supporting Devon Family Hubs. Family Hubs are a developing network of services and community groups that are working together to support families and their children to find opportunities that meet their needs. Please see our website for more details.

OUR SUPPORT:

Online Digital Chat

For more information
Devon Family HUBS website

Family HUBS Advice & Guidance Line - Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm
0800 538 5458



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Primary School
& Nursery

School Lunches



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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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FRESH FRUIT
& YOGHURT
SERVED DAILY

AUTUMN MENU

Week 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Breakfast Brunch with Bacon, Sausage, Mash Brown and Beans	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage	Chicken, Ham & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes, Carrots & Peas	Fish Finger Sandwich with Roasted New Potatoes and Garden Peas
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Quorn Sausage with Hash Brown, Beans & Tomatoes	Vegetable Soft Shell Taco with New potatoes & Garden Peas	Chickpea and Sweet Potato Bake, with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Cheese and Onion Quiche with New Potatoes and Peas	Veggie Finger Sandwich with Roasted New Potatoes and Peas
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Ham or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Tuna Mayo
Pick a DESSERT	Fruit Platter Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Carrot and Courgette Chocolate Brownie Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Jelly with Mandarins Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Banana Cake Yogurt Fresh Fruit	Oaty Cookie Yogurt Fresh 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.



School Lunches

Chulmleigh Academy Trust

FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT SERVED DAILY

AUTUMN MENU Week 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Beef Chilli with Rice, Nachos & Sweetcorn	Steak & vegetable Pie with Mash, Carrots and Peas	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage	Chicken Burger with Wedges and Peas	Breaded Fish with Roasted New Potatoes and Beans
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Vegetarian 5 Bean Chilli with Rice, Nachos & Sweetcorn	Falafel Wraps with Mash, carrots & Peas	Homity Pie with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Plant Based Burger with Wedges and Peas	Vegetable Fajita with Roasted New Potatoes And Beans
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Tuna or Ham	Cheese or Tuna	Cheese or Ham	Tuna or Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Iced Sponge	Meringue with Cherry Pie Filling	Chocolate Mousse	Chocolate Krispie Cake	Lemon Drizzle
	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt
	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

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AUTUMN MENU Week 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pick a MAIN	Pepperoni Pizza with Wedges & Salad	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Cabbage	Chipolata Sausage with Mash, Gravy, Carrots & Peas	Fish Fingers or Salmon Bites with Diced Potatoes & Beans
Pick a MEAT-FREE MAIN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges & Salad	Singapore Noodles	Broccoli and Cheddar Quiche with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage	Vegetarian Sausage with Mash, Gravy, Carrots & Peas	Halloumi Stuffed Pepper with Diced Potatoes & Beans
Pick a JACKET POTATO	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Beans	Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Tuna mayo	Cheese or Beans
Pick a SANDWICH	Cheese or Ham	Tuna Mayo or Ham	Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cheese or Ham	Tuna Mayo or Ham
Pick a DESSERT	Fruit Platter	Waffle with Apple & Toffee Sauce	Jelly and Fruit	Flapjack	Carrot Cake
	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt
	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

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OCTOBER ROADSHOWS

27-31 OCTOBER | 9.30AM-3.30PM
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15



Football Roadshows

EAST CORNWALL / NORTH DEVON

Football Roadshow unless stated

Monday, 27 October
Lanivet Community Hub
St Joseph's School, Launceston

Tuesday, 28 October
Holsworthy Youth Football Club
St Teath Football Club

Wednesday, 29 October
Dobwalls Football Club

Thursday, 30 October
Chulmleigh Primary School - Multi-Sports
Saltmill 3G, Saltash

Friday, 31 October
Callington 3G
- Halloween Special Football Roadshow
Polperro Football Club
- Halloween Special Football Roadshow
Bude Football Club
- Halloween Special Football Roadshow





TEACHING ASSISTANT at Chulmleigh College

Temporary, 30 hours per week, term time only

Required from October 2025

Closing date:

10 am Monday 22 September 2025

Interview Date:

Monday 29 September 2025

The candidate pack and application form are
available on our website:

www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

To be emailed to:

personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk