

10th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

Another two weeks have flown by with many different events as usual.

Last Friday, school was a hive of activity with over 120 grandparents spending the afternoon in class, outside (even in the rain!) and enjoying a cream tea and cakes with their grandchild/ren. It was a joy and privilege seeing the children sharing their learning and pride they have for our school with their grandparents. I spoke to many of the grandparents who were able to attend and they all said how lovely it was for them to be invited into our school and for them to see their grandchildren's learning first hand. They also commented on how sensible and kind the children were and many said how polite and confident our Year 6 children were when taking them to their grandchildren's classes. This event would not have been possible without the help of our dedicated and hardworking PTA and volunteers.

As ever, a huge thank you to you all for making this event such a success and for giving up your time to run the many events that occur throughout the year. During the event, a few grandparents even went away with a volunteering pack as they are keen to become more involved in school life after experiencing what goes on which is great to hear!

Our first 'Golden Pen' awards have occurred with much excitement and anticipation of whose work was going to be shown to the whole school on the big screen! This award links to our school improvement priority of improving the writing progress and attainment throughout the school. The golden pen is awarded to writers from each class who are making outstanding effort with their writing and this in turn is leading to them making good progress as a result of the extra effort they are putting in. To further celebrate writing across the school, Ms. Keen (as English Lead) shared different poems and poets to coincide with National Poetry Week and she gave them ideas and suggestions of what they could include in their poems when their next poetry unit occurs.

Additionally, we know that some of our children have entered the BBC's 500 words competition and the Young Poet Laureate competition so we are keeping our fingers crossed to see if any of their entries have made it to the finals.

Good luck to everyone who has entered!

I do need to say a big thank you to Ms. Keen for leading these exciting awards and promoting these competitions to really encourage and instil the passion of writing.



We have celebrated harvest this week with a whole school assembly led by one of our local Reverend's Christine. During the assembly, Reverend Christine explained the importance of harvest, some traditional harvest songs were sung and she answered some of the thoughtful questions asked by the children. Reverend Christine also explained how the food donations kindly brought in by the children would make a massive difference to the families needing the support of the food bank. Thank you to everyone who donated items for our local foodbank – I know they are very grateful for any donations and support. More information can be found at Lapford Community Church : Lapford Foodbank, About Northern Devon foodbank | Northern Devon Foodbank and Crediton Foodbank and Support Hub

This week, the whole school have been having an extra special push on completing kind deeds as part of the NSPCC's Kindness Week. The children have been learning about the important work Childline do as well as learning how this brilliant charity links with our values of 'Compassion, Ambition and Teamwork'. The children have been keen to share what kind deeds they have undertaken during the school day and at home – we hope you have noticed these kind deeds at home as well!

Finally, a HUGE THANKS needs to go to Mark Jones who has raised the incredible amount of £460 over the summer holidays when he completed his coast to coast bike riding challenge for school funds. The school council are very excited to speak to their classes to decide what to spend the money on. We will keep you posted on what they have spent the money on once all the votes have been cast. Thanks again Mark – we really appreciate all the effort you put in to benefit all our children.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Martin Evely and all at Chulmleigh Primary School.

| Monday 13 th October | Tuesday 14 th October | Wednesday 15th October | Thursday 16th October | Friday 17th October |
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| Lunchtime Clubs Years 5 & 6 Boys Footballs | Lunchtime Clubs KS1 Multi-skills | Lunchtime Clubs KS2 Multi- skills | Lunchtime Clubs Years 3 & 4 Mixed Football | |
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| 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 20th October | Tuesday 21st October | Wednesday 22 nd October | Thursday 23rd October | Friday 24th October |
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| | Handball Tournament - Year 4 | Hedgehog Project School Visit | | Non Pupil Day Start of October Half Term |
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Cubs and Tigers

This week our Cubs and Tigers have been busy looking for signs of Autumn and collecting leaves and acorns.

We have also been busy learning to use paint brushes to make marks on the table and beginning to write our initial sound from our names!

We've had a fantastic time enjoying the sunny weather, singing silly songs in circle time and showing some amazing dance moves during music and movement on the carpet!



Reception

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.

The Lions have already started visiting the hall for their lunch and seem very confident moving around the school site (both inside and out).

Thank you to the PTA for a lovely grandparent afternoon. The Lions enjoyed making hearts for their grandparents during the week to share at the tea party. They loved showing their special people around the classroom and gave them a very detailed guided tour!



Hedgehogs

In Phonics, we have been recapping all of the new sounds we have learnt so far. The children are doing an excellent job at remembering them all as there are so many! We have been focusing on handwriting in particular this week, and have been practising the capital letters, as well as the lower case ones to match.

In English, we have been thinking about poems. We have read a poem called 'Noises off', which the children really enjoyed. At the start of the week, the children played a game to see if they could recognise sounds, without seeing any pictures/videos. It was very interesting to hear the answers they came up with! We have been writing simple 'I can hear' sentences too.

In maths, we have continued to compare numbers using the greater than/ less than symbols, and we have also now moved on to looking at number lines. The children have created their own correctly labelled number line and have started to look at how many jumps there are between two different numbers.

In art this week, the children have created some beautiful oil pastel rubbings of leaves. The children have been so creative, and thought it was magic when their leaf print appeared!

In science this week, the children created an outfit that they would wear in the winter, and what they would wear in the summer. They were also able to explain and write a sentence about why they chose these clothes.

In our geography lesson this week, we looked at national animals of the UK. The children labelled a map with the 4 countries and then added the national animal on to their map. They also did a great job at spotting the correct flags too.

We have also enjoyed raising money for the NSPCC this week, by being super kind. The children made kindness paperchains, which we have displayed in class. We also loved receiving lots of kind notes from other classes. On Thursday this week, we also had a lovely harvest assembly- thank you for all of your donations.

Dragonflies

Dragonflies are really enjoying continuing to explore different sketching and shading techniques in art and will be preparing for their final piece on the last Wednesday before Half term (22nd October)

Please could they once again bring in some autumn collected "debris" – leaves, acorns, conkers, twigs, cone, feathers, which they are willing to share on that day

The children have had a busy few weeks.

In maths, they have continued their place value learning, using number lines and the greater than and less than signs to compare numbers. Everyone has worked hard to explain their thinking and solve the maths challenges together.

In English, they have been busy writing their stories and have been working hard to remember all the parts and follow the pattern of the story. Alongside this, we have been learning all the long e sounds and developing letter formation.

In science, the children loved the Humpty Dumpty science experiment. There was lots of excitement (and a few cracks) as the children's eggs 'fell' from the staff room window.



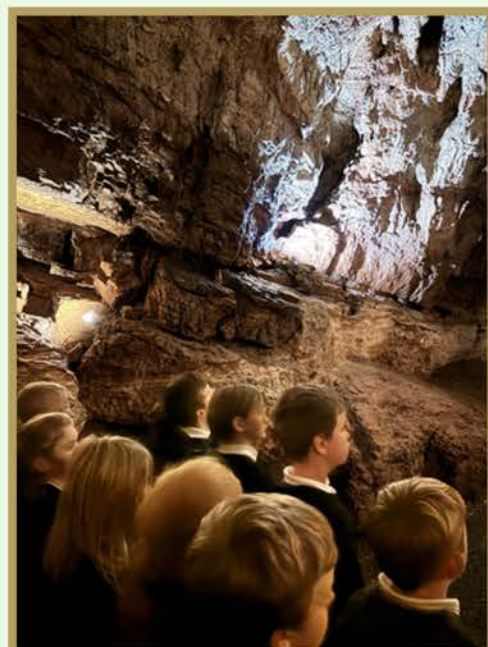
Barn Owls

Barn Owls had a fantastic trip to Kents Cavern to find out all about the Stone Age.

Everyone was brilliant in the cave and a lot of people faced their fears. We saw what light with a candle was like in Stone Age times and all the electric lights were turned out so we had to be super brave!

Our homework this week was to make sedimentary rock! We now need to leave it for millions of years to see the end result!

Barn Owls have also been very lucky to have our specialist teacher of the deaf visiting our class and teaching us sign language.



Bumblebees

Bumblebees have enjoyed finding out what happens to the shell of an egg when it is exposed to different liquids, such as squash, water, milk, coke and vinegar! The eggs were in place of teeth, so that we could find out how these liquids affect the enamel of our teeth and how brushing helps.

In English we have been finding out how everyday household items work, so that we can write non fiction version and funny fantasy versions about how they work.

In maths this week we have been recapping rounding and have moved on to learning our 6 times table.

The children have done really well at learning their fours and eights this term so far, and those who are practicing regularly on TTRS are making fantastic progress! We're also really loving our weekly Battle of the Bands on TTRS with Barn Owls!



Squirrels

Time is passing so quickly! I can't believe that we are already in October.

The children are continuing their learning about addition and subtraction by thinking about the inverse and how that helps them to check their answer. They have also looked at rounding to support this as well.

In English, they have made an amazing start to writing in Year 5 by very carefully drafting their stories. We have started a new unit which we are going to link to our history unit by writing about a king or queen that we think has made a real impact on life in our country. We will start with debating this to help us carefully think out our ideas and become secure in them before we write them.

We have been having a lot of fun learning Living on a Prayer in music which we have started to play along to using the glockenspiels.

In gym, the children are getting close to completing their routines. I have been really impressed by their fantastic work with their partners. They have been very supportive of each other. This week, we have been thinking about being kind and I have seen the children really helping each other and the adults.

Please remember to complete home learning for Thursday.

Thank you for all your support with this.



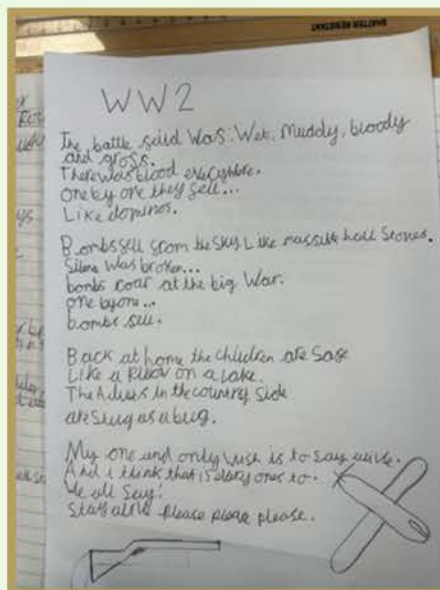
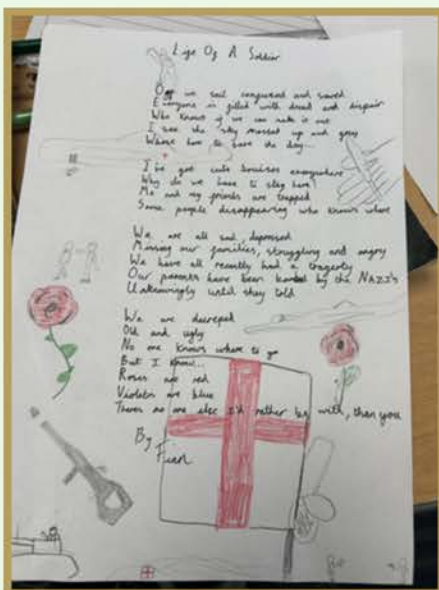
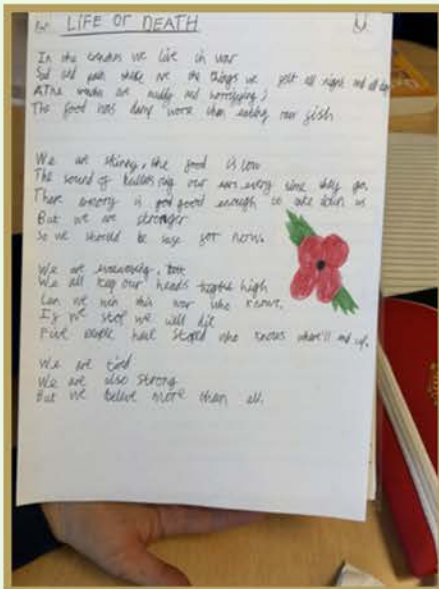
Otters

Year 6 have had another really positive couple of weeks. They are continuing to produce some amazing writing and have just completed some amazing War Poetry.

In maths, they are continuing to learn new skills in arithmetic and have been looking at the differences between squares, cubes, primes, factors and multiples.

They have embraced their first experience of assessment week where they have completed past SAT's papers. I am really proud how they have conducted themselves and tried their hardest. I will look forward to sharing with you how they have got on.

Thank you as always for your continued support.





HOME INFORMATION



October's Musician of the Month

JIMI HENDRIX





Watch and discuss the video 'Purple Haze'.

About: Jimi Hendrix was an American guitarist, singer and songwriter. Although his mainstream career spanned only four years, he is widely regarded as one of the most influential electric guitarists in the history of popular music, and one of the most celebrated musicians of the 20th century. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame describes him as "arguably the greatest instrumentalist in the history of rock music."

Genres: Rock, Psychedelia, Blues & R&B

Active from: 1962 - 1970

Origin: Seattle, U.S.A.

Books to read...



If you like Jimi Hendrix, try...

- Eric Clapton
- Led Zeppelin
- Carlos Santana

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Please contact the teacher directly if your child is interested in having music lessons. They can have taster lessons if they would like to give it a go before committing...

Violin and keyboard lessons with Louise Craddock - l.craddockmusic@btinternet.com

Guitar and brass lessons with Nick Davie - nick-davie1@hotmail.co.uk

Drum lessons with Tom – devondrumschool@gmail.com

Singing and piano lessons with Verity - V.stroudmusician1@outlook.com

Please email Mrs Jackson at rjackson@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk if you have any questions about music in school.

Our school choir is also on Fridays.

Puppet making!



Forest school has been super exciting as we have lit a fire with flint sparks and learnt the fire safe position. We toasted marshmallows and had hot chocolate.

We have also been learning how to saw and drill pieces of wood to make necklaces.

There are a lot of acorns in Forest School at the moment so we made acorn families and houses for them.





We hope the children have all settled well into the new school year and you are all enjoying seeing the change in seasons as we move into the Autumn.

We are now starting to plan for our Panto & Christmas Fayre on the 12th December so if you are able to help out in any way, we would be incredibly grateful. Please do let us know by emailing us or coming to chat with one of us at the school gates. As with all our events, your support helps to make these events happen and helps the PTA raise much needed funds for your school.

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@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk



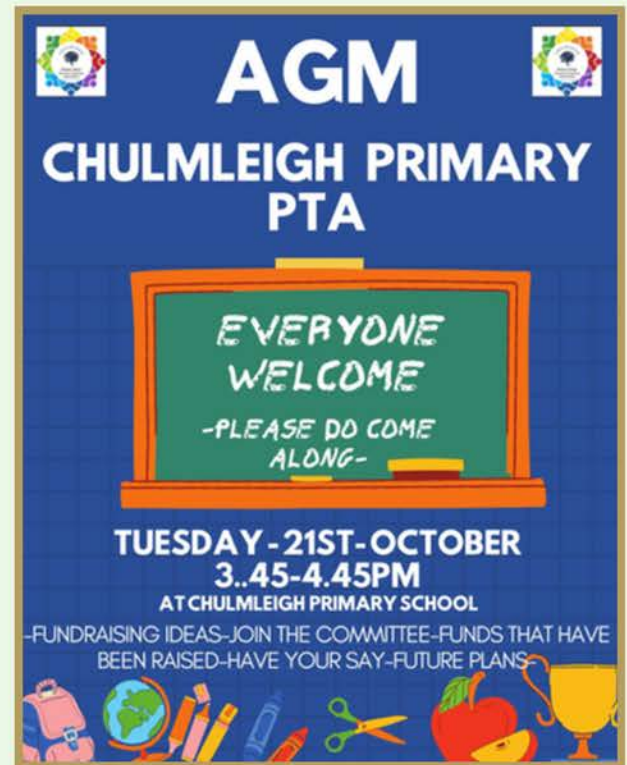
Grandparent's Day

Thank you to all the amazing support we had for Grandparent's Day. It was lovely to see so many of you there, we hope you enjoyed it. We raised an incredible amount.
Thank you

For the month of October, easyfundraising are running the "Free £2 App-eal" where we can receive a bonus £2 for each supporter who installs the app and sign up to support our cause by October 31st. We get extra bonuses for signing up more than 10 supporters this month.

Please do download the app and search Chulmleigh Primary School to make us money for nothing!
Thank you!





Key points from the PTA meeting of 20th September

- ✓ new lost property bin has been purchased and is in place in the bike shelter
- ✓ the PTA are looking at funding avenues to support with a kitchen project in the unused classroom
- ✓ the PTA considered suggestions from the children. There were lots of good ideas but a few popular ones that we shall take forward and make plans for.

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



Thank
you!

The words 'Thank you!' are written in a colorful, bubbly font. The letters are decorated with various colors and patterns. There are also several colorful flowers scattered around the text.

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

| | September | October | November | December | January | February |
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| College Week | 1 2 1 2 1 | 1 2 1 2 | 1 2 1 2 | 1 2 1 | 2 1 2 1 | 2 1 2 |
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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

Chulmleigh Primary School Wrap-around Care



Time Slots Available Between: 8 am - 9 am
3.30 pm - 6 pm

Charges: Registration Fee £10 (per family)
£6.00 per hour for 2 year olds
£5.50 per hour for 3-4 year olds
£4.50 per hour for Reception to Year 6
After 6pm Late Collection Charge - £15

Tax-free childcare!
Please follow this link:
[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

**For further information
please visit our website:**
www.chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

School Lunches




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, Hash 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 Yogurt Fresh Fruit | Meringue with Cherry Pie Filling Yogurt Fresh Fruit | Chocolate Mousse Yogurt Fresh Fruit | Chocolate Krispie Cake Yogurt Fresh Fruit | Lemon Drizzle Yogurt Fresh Fruit |

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AUTUMN MENU

Week 3

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 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 Yogurt Fresh Fruit | Waffle with Apple & Toffee Sauce Yogurt Fresh Fruit | Jelly and Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit | Flapjack Yogurt Fresh Fruit | Carrot Cake Yogurt 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

