



Chulmleigh
Primary School
& Nursery

NEWSLETTER



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<u>5th –9th</u> <u>May</u>	Bank Holiday	After-school KS1/ KS2 Multi skills 3.30-4.30	After-school KS2 Football 3.30- 4.30	After-school Girls Football 3.30-4.30	Celebration Assembly
<u>12th-16th</u> <u>May</u>	After-school KS1 Football 3.30-4.30	After-school KS1/ KS2 Multi skills 3.30-4.30	After-school KS2 Football 3.30- 4.30	After-school Girls Football 3.30-4.30	Celebration Assembly

Key Dates:

Sports Day—Tuesday 20th May

Reception/KS1 9.20am-12.30pm (including a picnic lunch)

KS2 11.30am-3.15pm(including a picnic lunch)

Dear All,

We hope you enjoy the extra-long weekend this week and make the most of the sunshine we have been forecast. The Summer term is well under way, and as ever, we have certainly been 'Making Every Minute Count' since we have been back. Recent highlights from across the school have included: Lions visiting Exmoor Zoo, Year 5 having 'Mini police' sessions, Year 1 visiting Rosemoor, a cricket festival for Year 1 and 5 and our popular OPAL event for other schools.

OPAL Open Event:

Last week, we were asked to host over 30 visitors to school from across the Southwest to showcase our OPAL provision at playtimes and lunchtimes. Some of the headteachers, senior leaders and teachers had travelled as far as Penzance and North Somerset to see our OPAL in action. We had so many lovely comments from all the visitors who told us that they were truly impressed with the children and the different types of play they saw occurring between the different aged children. All observed how happy and immersed the children were in their play and how they could see the staff really cared for the children. We were left feeling immensely proud of our children as ever, and it was great to get this external recognition from other professionals. I know some of the schools want to send other staff to visit us so I don't think this is our last event! I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Johnson for leading on the day and for organising such a successful event as our OPAL leader.

Safeguarding Updates – the rise in online toxic masculinity:

You may have heard of the worrying trend of online toxic masculinity increasing in the media recently. As a school, if we hear any of this being said, we address it straight away in our lessons and in assemblies. The education provider 'The Key', which we are members as a Trust, have recently written some useful guidance for parents and carers as well as for professionals which I have shared below.

They recommend talking to your child/ren about the information they might hear or see on social media , or when online by:

1. **Reading recent news articles** about toxic masculinity and the most famous influencers, if you're not already familiar with them.
2. **Asking your child what they're getting up to online** – show genuine interest, don't judge them or tell them what they should and shouldn't be doing. Children are more likely to share if they feel you're interested, rather than trying to check up on them.
3. **Encouraging your child to question what they see online** – a child who is naturally sceptical about what they see online is less likely to be influenced by things that aren't true. Have conversations about why they trust certain influencers and how they can double-check the information they're seeing.
4. **Having open discussions about toxic masculinity** – don't tell your child how to think, but question their thinking and understanding. Ask if they believe some of the views being shared, such as that women "belong" to men, and how that might make the women in their lives feel, or they themselves feel.
5. **Being role models** – encourage your child to be open with their emotions. Show respect for women and girls, and encourage your child to model this behaviour.

For the full guidance and information, please follow the link: [Online toxic masculinity: parent/carers factsheet | The Key Safeguarding](#)

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update – Devon's parenting workshops.

Devon's SEND team have just released some new dates to provide support for parents and carers living in Devon whose child/ren are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism. I know a few parents and staff have attended these sessions in the past and have found them really useful. The aim of attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you the opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers. For all the date and booking details follow the link: [Autism and Us - Education and Families](#)

Newsletter survey findings:

Thank you to the 55 parents who took the time to complete our recent newsletter survey results. We have analysed all the responses and the main summary is:

- The majority of parents and carers said they find the newsletter helpful.
- Most read every edition but not all of the sections.
- Most still want the newsletter fortnightly.
- Many want local events, clubs etc to be promoted.
- The teacher updates of what has been happening in class was wanted by over 90% of parents and comments included
- OPAL updates and photos are wanted.
- Many said that they would like an Executive Head update as to what is happening across the Trust.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to look at bringing in some of these changes across the Trust ready for the new academic year.

Attendance Updates:

As you know, Chulmleigh Primary and the Academy Trust has an unwavering commitment to improve attendance and punctuality at school as we know what a difference it makes to every child's attainment and progress. The Education Hub have recently published a document about the importance of good attendance and the impact good attendance has on progress and standards. The document is titled 'Why school attendance matters, and what we're doing to improve it.' One of the findings based on research in the document highlights that "At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time." It also highlights what parents and carers can do "As a parent or carer, you have an important role in making school attendance a priority. Only keep your child off school when they are genuinely too ill to attend. Book medical appointments and holidays outside of school time whenever possible. And talk to your child's school if you're having difficulties with attendance." The whole article can be read at:

[Why school attendance matters, and what we're doing to improve it – The Education Hub](#)

Our current attendance rate of 95.1% 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:

Year R: 93.4%
Year 1: 95.5%
Year 2: 96.5%
Year 3: 95.3%
Year 4: 96%
Year 5: 95.3%
Year 6: 94.6%

Have a lovely long weekend and I hope you get to enjoy some extra family time.

With Kind Regards,

Martin Evely and all staff at Chulmleigh Primary School.



Reminder —if you are concerned about a child/ren or young person/s in Devon and want to speak to someone over the Easter holidays, contact the MASH on 0345 155 1071 and give as much information as you can.

You can also complete the MASH form <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/child-protection/> or <https://devoncountycouncil.outsystemsenterprise.com/MASH/homepage>

School Improvement Update – Parents' evening:

This week, I have had the pleasure and joy of speaking to many parents during our parents' evening week. It was lovely to hear from many of you that you have seen the children make good progress over the year and love coming to school. We too are immensely proud of the progress the children have made over the term and are delighted at what they have achieved. I know the Year 6 parents I spoke to also commented on how well prepared and unfazed the children are about the upcoming SATs in a few weeks' time which is music to our ears.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update – Family Health Devon articles.

Children and Family Health Devon has published a series of articles about invisible disabilities. The latest one focusses on their Equality Champions and hears from Toby, a parent who is ADHD and autistic. This article can be found at: [Invisible disabilities: Conversation on ADHD and Autism - Children and Family Health Devon](#)



Cubs and Tigers

We'd like to welcome back all our Tigers and Cubs to nursery after the Easter break. We've had a busy two weeks!

Our new topic is Wild Animals! We've turned our role play area into a zoo with lots of wild animals inside to look after and we've created a slimy swap using cornflour and water and we filled with snakes and crocodiles!.

We've also enjoyed the lovely weather and have eaten our snack outside for a little picnic.



Lions

We have had an amazing start to our 'Animal Safari' topic. Last week we looked after the school Guinea Pigs. Learning how to care for them and how to be a good pet owner. We also had a very special visit from the College therapy dog, Juno seemed very excited to meet the children.

This week we visited Exmoor Zoo. We were lucky that the sun shone which meant all the animals were outside and seemed very happy to see us. We had a great time meeting all the animals and even got our own 'Animal Encounters' sessions. The children had the opportunity to touch lots of animals, including a spider, stick insect and Barn owl. We were so proud of the Lions who represented the school with amazing manners and listened really carefully throughout the trip. A big thank you to all our lovely volunteers who joined us on the trip.



Hedgehogs

These last 2 weeks have been super busy and fun-filled in Year 1!

We have been continuing with our Phonics lessons every day, practising those common exceptions words and writing our sentences!

We've started a new unit in maths, which is multiplication and division. We have spend some time counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and we've moved on to thinking about equal groups. This week, we have been thinking of the different ways we can partition the numbers in to equal groups, and we have then thought about what the repeated addition number sentence might look like. We have used lots of manipulatives and visuals to help up.

In English, we have started a book called 'The Tiny Seed'. The children have really enjoyed reading this and are great at remembering what happens to the seeds as the wind blow them along. We have written captions for the pictures, as well as thinking about some adjectives for the different settings in the book. This also links with our science topic for this half-term which is 'Plants'.

The most exciting part of our first week back was our trip to Rosemoor! We did a workshop all about 'how plants grow', which consisted of planting our own radish seeds (that hopefully made it home to you in once piece!) and also collecting different parts of flowers/ trees to create a piece of art. We had a lovely picnic for lunch, followed by den-making, a walk through the gardens, observational drawings and then a play in the park before heading back to school!

In art, we have been thinking about the different types of lines that we can draw- straight, wavy, zig-zag, dashed...etc. The children have been getting creative with this and experimenting in their art books!

Our history topic this half-term is all about 'Florence Nightingale'. The children have already learnt about who she is, and what hospitals were like in the past, compared to now.

We are looking forward to lots more learning in the next couple of weeks!

Dragonflies

Since returning to school, the children have settled back in well and have been working hard. We have started a new unit of writing linked to the book, 'Traction Man is Here!' by Mini Grey. During this unit, the children will continue their learning linked to writing a story in a sequence of sentences, maintaining story voice and character, ensuring there is some story development linked to characters and setting and write their story in the present tense whilst developing their use of adjectives.

We are continuing our maths topic on multiplication and division. The children are quite confident about counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s and we are trying hard to learn our 2,5 and 10 times tables. We will be using this knowledge to solve a range of problems.

Our history topic is linked to our 'Big Question' - 'How has Chulmleigh changed over time and why has it changed?' During this unit, the children will continue asking simple questions to develop their understanding of life in the past, order of events along a timeline and use artefacts, pictures, paintings and accounts to investigate past events. The children will investigate when Chulmleigh was given a charter and what this meant, learn what happened in the fire and develop their understanding linked to how people used to shop compared to the present day.

In art, the children will be learning to use hands as a tool to shape clay, and to shape a pinch pot and join clay shapes as decoration. They will then make a clay tile from a drawn design and print designs into the clay.



Barn Owls

Barn Owls have settled back very quickly since Easter and are enjoying the new topics in our learning and, of course, the lovely weather for their breaktimes.

We have begun a geography topic about the continent of Europe, discovering the different countries and different features.

This week we have had a focus on Spain and some of the children have either been there or are looking forward to a holiday in the future. Learning about the warm temperatures and beautiful beaches has been very appealing, as well as the mountain range of the Pyrenees, bordering France.

In English we are using a fantasy animation story "Taking Flight" to understand how stories are structured, and how we can work out emotions and feelings of different characters.

Maths continues with multiplication and division in arithmetic and a new topic of volume and capacity with Mrs. Leslie on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs. Leslie has also begun a science topic on the human body, focusing on the skeleton structure, nutrition and diet. If you could collect and send in the nutrition label off food packets and jars for next week's lesson (Thursday 8th May) she would be really grateful. It's the bit where it tells you how much fat, protein, carbohydrate and what ingredients are included.

Thank you!

The lovely weather means that water bottles, sun cream and sun hats are really important every day so we can enjoy the summer weather.



Bumblebees

This half term Year 4 are learning about Ancient Egypt. The children have already been learning about the importance of the River Nile and how it brings life to Egypt.

In science our topic is living things and their habitats. We have been learning about grouping animals according to their characteristics and today we went outside to the woodland area and have been finding invertebrates and using a classification key to work out what they are.

In English we are studying the book Cinderella of the Nile and are noticing the similarities between this book and the original Cinderella story.

In music we have been playing the Glockenspiels which has been great fun.

In maths we have been learning about decimals and having a big push on learning our times tables reading for the check that is coming up in June.

Squirrels

It has been a great start to the term. The children have been writing a narrative piece about the Transatlantic Slave Trade in which they have thought hard about using suitable vocabulary, complex sentences, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. They have demonstrated real empathy as well.

In maths, they have made great progress in decimals and percentages. We are now starting a unit on area and perimeter.

The class has been doing athletics in PE in order to prepare for Sports Day. We looked at technique for sprinting last week and they have done some long distance racing this week. This Wednesday, they took part in - a very hot - cricket festival at the Cricket Pavillion. Everyone said that their behaviour was great.

Just a reminder that homework should be in on Thursday, please.



Foxes & Otters

Otters and Foxes have been training their brains super hard over the past few weeks.

Thank you to parents for all of the support with getting them to keep training on Spelling Frame and doing their homework.

Our main topic is Early Islamic Civilisation and we have started this week to look in to the importance of Baghdad. In Science we are learning all about the circulatory system and the importance of exercise and nutrition.

In art we are looking at portraits using different pencils.

We are really proud of how hard they are all working and the effort and resilience that they are showing.



Chulmleigh Old Fair

TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2025 – SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2025

Preparations are well under way for this year's Fair and it is now time to think about nominations for our 'Fair Queen' and 'Royalty'.

Fair Queen	Girls aged between 11 & 18 years
Attendants (2)	Girls aged between 7 & 10 years
Chief Herald	Boys aged between 8 & 9 years
Heralds (2)	Boys aged between 6 & 7 years
Crown Bearer	Girls aged 5 years

Names to Julia Bushell (07970 946014) or via email julia_bushell@hotmail.com
All nominations will be acknowledged so you know they have been received.

Important information:

Candidates should live in the parish of Chulmleigh or attend Chulmleigh Primary / Secondary School and live within the school(s) catchment area. Those elected receive a clothing allowance.

The Fair Queen and Attendants **must** be available on the evening of Tuesday 22nd July, all day Wednesday 23rd July, and the afternoons of Thursday 24th and Saturday 26th July.

Voting information:

Voting will take place in the Town Hall on **Saturday 24th May** between 9am and 11am.

Closing date for nominations is Saturday 10th May



PTA News & Events




We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are enjoying this glorious sunshine we are having of late. The warm weather looks set to continue so remember to wear your suncream children and keep hydrated.

We will soon start planning for our Summer Fair 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

WE NEED YOU!

...A NEW DJ FOR OUR TERMLY DISCO'S




Calling Mums, Dads, older brothers and sisters and anyone else you know!

Could you give an evening each term to be our DJ and continue our school discos? We can work with you on dates/times!

You absolutely do not have to have any DJ experience...just some kid friendly party tunes in your playlist and plenty of enthusiasm!

Contact Donna for a chat



 <h3>Your PTA Team</h3>	 <p>I'm Donna, the chair of Chulmleigh Primary PTA starting July 2023. I have 3 children here at the school in years 5, 3 and Reception. I'm a dairy farmer...which was never the plan but actually it's going ok! Please do catch me for a chat if ever you'd like to join the PTA or can help at any event or just to say hello!</p>	 <p>I'm Kim, I am treasurer of this amazing PTA and have been since September 2022. I have 2 children, Ashley who is in year 6 and Hannah who is at Exeter college. I run a business with my husband selling tractor & machinery parts, no two days are ever the same. I love playing rugby & am also a qualified rugby coach with the RFU.</p>
 <p>Hi I'm Laura. I'm mum to Dexter in Year 3 and Henry in Year 1. I'm the secretary for the PTA. I work part time as a receptionist at Chulmleigh College and with my family as Christmas Tree growers. My boys travel in on the school bus so you won't see me at school pickup but I'm sure I'll bump into you at an event soon.</p>	 <p>I'm Kate, a member of the PTA here at Chulmleigh Primary. I have 3 children, two in the Secondary and one in Year 6. Myself and my husband are self-employed, running three different businesses, Gymwarehouse Ltd, Devon Containers Ltd and some holiday cottages. I have several volunteering positions within Samartans, Marie Curie, Chulmleigh Youth Football Club and the PTA. I enjoy running and reading in my spare time!</p>	<p>Chair-Donna Treasurer-Kim Secretary-Laura Trustees- Kate, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hancock</p> <p>We're always looking for more people to join our team!</p>



PTA News & Events



Volunteers needed for this years...



Tuesday 20th May

Help needed for serving refreshments and cakes throughout the day.

30/45 minuet slots. We will ensure you can still watch your child/children take part.

Please email pta@chulmleigh-primary.sch.uk or speak to a PTA member if you are available to help.

Helpers needed for Sports Day

If any of you are available to help us just for a short while on Sports Day, we would be incredibly grateful. Thank you

Thank you for all your kind donations for the Easter Raffle, the hampers were amazing.

We raised an incredible £463 from the sale so a big thank you to all of you.



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

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**5TH-6TH
JULY 2025**

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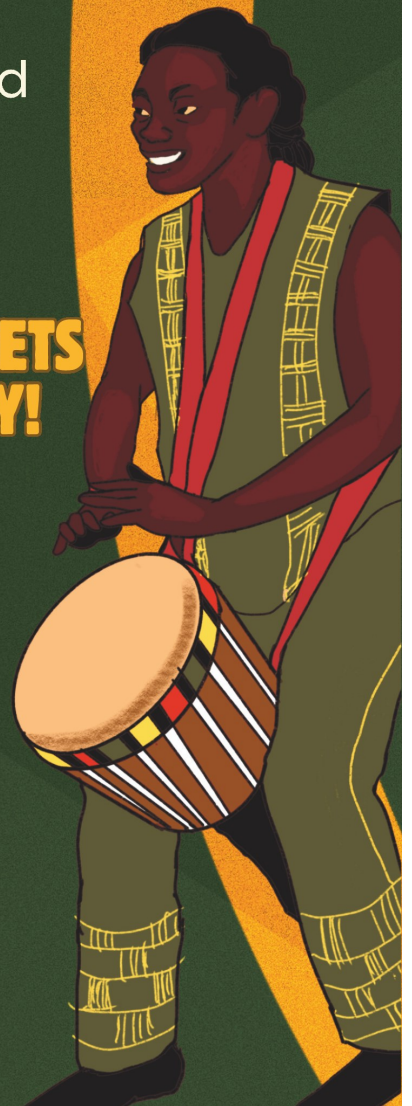
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HOME INFORMATION



May's Musician of the Month

Gamelan gong kebyar



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Genres: Traditional Indonesian Music

Began: Early 1900s

Origin: Indonesia, Asia

Books to read...



If you like Gamelan gong kebyar, try...

- Le group Anklung
- Gamelan Son of Lion
- Edi Bud



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Please visit the Trust website to see our latest vacancies:

[Chulmleigh Academy Trust - Join Our Team - Vacancies at the Trust \(chulmleigh.academy\)](https://www.chulmleigh.academy)



Travel Arrangements

Should your child travel by bus/taxi from school and your arrangements change, where you no longer require the bus/taxi on a certain day. Please email the school office on admin@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

LAMDA

My name is Antonia and I am writing to let you know that I run an after-school drama workshop for children attending Chulmleigh Primary School on a Thursday. The workshop takes place in the music room after school, and I wait with them until you collect them.

During the workshop we will concentrate on some group performance skills and games that encourage teamwork and build confidence. We will look to improvise and devise scenes as well as perform scenes. The workshop lasts 1 hour and costs £6 per session which is payable before the start of the term.

To let you know a little about me, I trained at Guildford School of Acting and RADA and spent several years with the Royal Shakespeare Company working on their innovative community projects and their Regents Park seasons. I work as a professional actor, mainly in theatre, but with additional television and radio work. I have been a qualified LAMDA instructor for 9 years.

If you would be interested in your child attending the workshop, please contact me at antoniawhittick1970@gmail.com or 07938956158.



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OUR SUPPORT:

Online Digital Chat

Parent Talk

For more information
Devon Family HUBS
website

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If you got any further questions or queries, please feel free to contact me!!

Jack Gaynor

East Cornwall & North Devon Holiday & Programmes Lead

E: Jack.gaynor@pafc.co.uk



Singing Lessons with Miss Stroud

Only 10 spaces left starting
September 2025!

- Students will develop in vocal skills, as well as grow in confidence, and most importantly, have fun!
- Students are split into small groups and will receive a 30 minute lesson once a week during term time
- Lessons are £5 each per student (Year1-Year 6 only)

Please contact Verity via email
v.stroudmusician1@outlook.com if
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devondrumschool@gmail.com
Tel:
07966-488481



Violin lessons for Years 3, 4,5 and 6 children

We have a few spaces left for shared violin lessons this term.

Shared lessons (2 pupils)

10 x 20-minute lesson - £54 per pupil

10 x 30-minute lesson - £80 per pupil

Lessons are on a Friday in school time and we have brand new violins that the children can use.

Please contact Louise at l.craddockmusic@btinternet.com if you are interested.