



Chulmleigh
Primary School
& Nursery

NEWSLETTER



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<u>21st-25th</u> <u>April</u>	Bank Holiday	Return to school 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 Year 5 Mini Police Visit Year 1 Rosemoor trip
<u>28th-2nd</u> <u>May</u>	After-school KS1 Football 3.30-4.30	Reception Class visit to Exmoor Zoo After-school KS1/ KS2 Multi skills 3.30-4.30	Year 1 & 5 Cricket Festival After-school KS2 Football 3.30- 4.30	After-school Girls Football 3.30-4.30	Celebration Assembly

Key Dates:

Easter holidays—7th April—21st April

Year 5 Mini Police Visit—25th April

Year 1 Rosemoor Trip—25th April

Reception Class Visit to Exmoor Zoo—29th April

Year 1 & 5 Cricket Festival—30th April



Dear All,

We cannot believe how quickly the Spring term has flown by! It might have been a short term, but we have definitely packed a lot in! When speaking to the children, they have commented that their most memorable moments from the term include: the fun filled NSPCC maths morning, the residential to Barton Hall, visiting Exmoor Zoo, the action-packed science workshop, the Bookery visit, the school disco, World Book Day celebrations, the girls' football tournament and the many sporting fixtures that have taken place again.

Last week, I had the great pleasure of accompanying Year 3 and Year 4 on their residential to Barton Hall in Torquay. All the staff, including PGL activity leaders and kitchen team, commented on their immedicable behaviour, wonderful manners and their team spirit. It was a joy and a privilege to see the children try new activities and to see the visible pride they felt when they tried an activity they were not sure about and then excel at. They truly did themselves proud and definitely lived and breathed our values of 'Compassion, Ambition and Teamwork' in every aspect of the residential including lugging their cases and bags up 3 flights of stairs!! Below are just a snippet of the fun they got up to over the 2 days. More photos can be found on our school Facebook page. Huge thanks go to Mrs Hancock, Mrs Panton, Charlotte and Ms Davis for attending the residential trip as without their support and time this would have not been possible.



On Monday, the PTA kindly paid for Devon Science to complete a 30-minute interactive, hands on workshop with each class as well an action-packed whole school assembly. The children were left in 'awe and wonder' of what they were observing, and I am sure this has helped to inspire many of them to become the next generation of scientist. Below show a sample of the great fun all the children had on the day.





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](#)

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. An interesting article I read in 'Schools Week' recently suggests that the research they have seen found the odds of year 6 pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths were 1.3 times higher among those whose attendance was 95 per cent or higher than those with 90 to 95 per cent attendance. They also found that missing just 10 days of year six reduced the odds of reaching the expected standard by around 25 per cent. The full article can be found at: <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/95-attendance-almost-doubles-chances-of-gcse-pass/>

Our current attendance rate of 95.18% 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: 94.9%
Year 1: 97.1%
Year 2: 97.2%
Year 3: 94.1%
Year 4: 96.1%
Year 5: 93.3%
Year 6: 95.1%

Finally, we wish you all a fantastic Easter holiday, and trust that the sun stays out for us all to enjoy! We hope that you enjoy your extra family time together. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 22nd April** for another action-packed term!

With Kind Regards,

Martin Evely and all staff at Chulmleigh Primary School.





Cubs and Tigers

We've had an amazing time in Nursery making lovely gifts for our mummies and we sang songs in a special Mother's day celebration assembly. The Nursery children were fantastic!

We also had a great time getting messy outside washing the bikes!

As part of our growing topic we had a special visit from the cute little chicks that hatched from eggs in the incubator in the Lion's classroom, it was very exciting.

To finish this term off ready for Easter we are making delicious chocolate nests and decorating Easter eggs.

This term has been so much fun!



Lions

We were delighted when the eggs started to hatch in the classroom! We had a lovely day observing and waiting for all the chicks to arrive. The children loved holding the chicks before they went back to the farm.

Our cricket sessions have been great. The children have really enjoyed learning new skills and playing mini games.

We have been growing our own beans and observing them over the last two weeks. The children have written their own bean diaries.

We learnt about 3D shapes this week and had fun finding different 2D and 3D shapes in our outdoor area. The children were very good at remembering the 3D shape names.

We enjoyed the Science workshop this week. The children looked amazed when watching the different experiments. They especially liked the 'elephants' toothpaste' experiment!

Have a great Easter.

Hedgehogs

I can't believe that we are at the end of the Spring term already!

We've had a lovely last couple of weeks together. The children really enjoyed the science workshop and had a go at some practical activities on their own! We even created a huge electrical circuit which ran through our bodies which was very interesting.

Another highlight was making our smoothies this week. The children had a go at practising some safe knife skills, by cutting strawberries and bananas. All of the children tried the smoothie, and it was nice to enjoy during our week of sun!

The children have been doing their independent writing this week, where they have been writing silly questions about penguins and using what they know to answer them. These included "Can a penguin be a rockstar?" and "Can a penguin drive a tractor?" They have been making us laugh throughout the week as they've come up with another question each day.

We have come to the end of our maths unit of work which was capacity and volume. At the start of the Summer term, we will be focussing on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and making equal groups (which is the start of multiplication and division).

We are also at the end of our humans and animals topic in science. The children finished this off by learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Our next topic for science is 'plants'!

We've enjoyed learning about homes in the past in History. At the start of the new term, we will be carrying on with History, but learning about Florence Nightingale and why she is important.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break, and thank you for all of your support during the Spring term. I am looking forward to hearing all of the Easter holiday fun when the children return.

Miss Johnson

Dragonflies

It's been another busy couple of weeks in Dragonfly class! We have been continuing our learning and unit of writing, using the book, 'Penguins' by Emily Bone. The children have been learning about the features of information texts and have enjoyed looking through a wide range of books to spot the different features.

As part of their design and technology learning, the children have been using simple tools, such as a grater and knife to make a simple dish. This involved them designing and making their own healthy wrap. Following this, then children wrote instructions, and we discussed the features of instruction writing.

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 5 times tables.

In history, we have been continuing our learning about castles and are looking forward to our trip to Tiverton Castle. Hopefully, this visit will help the children understand about life in the past by using the pictures, paintings and artefacts within the castle, along with our discussions and guided tour.

Also, we have been doing our termly assessments and we have to say how very proud of the children we are. They have been amazing and taken every task in their stride.

Thank you, to everyone who attended parents evenings on Monday and Tuesday. It was lovely to share your child's learning with you. Please, get in touch if you were unable to attend to arrange a convenient time.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing the children after the holidays.

Mrs Niejadlik and Mrs Haines



Barn Owls

The end of term has been a busy one and, of course, the big highlight for most of Barn Owls has been the residential in Torquay! The children amazed themselves with meeting many different personal challenges and new activities, whilst experiencing the adventure of being away from home – some for the first time. We were so super-proud of all of them!

We have finished our non-fiction information writing this week by producing a really high quality piece on fossils. The children took a real pride in creating interesting content, and artistic designs for their fact sheet – many believed it was one of the best pieces of writing they have ever done!

Mrs Leslie has been helping them learn about plants in science lessons, and the conditions needed for growing. Maybe they can do some more planting and sowing at home now the spring weather has finally arrived!

We have been finishing off our topics in history and RE - Our final RE lesson on Islamic festivals coincided with Ramadan coming to an end and Eid celebrations around the world last Monday, and in history the children have been quite surprised to learn about all the aspects of our lives which are linked to the legacy of the Roman Empire, two thousand years ago.

Thank you for all your continued support – I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter.

Bumblebees

Bumblebees have had an amazing couple of weeks!

The children who came on residential had an incredible time. They behaved impeccably (apart from sleeping!!) and showed excellent teamwork, courage and enthusiasm during all the activities.

Back at school we have been busy learning about Italy and in particular it's volcanoes. We learnt about what happened to Pompeii in the past and have also been researching volcanoes in the present day. The children have shown their excellent IT skills and have made PowerPoint presentations about volcanoes in their Computing time.

In maths we have been learning about fractions and decimals.

In English we have completed our final piece of writing based on the book "A River".

In science this half term we have had lots of fun investigating states of matter and what happens to liquids and solids when they are heated and cooled.

The children continue to work hard on learning their times tables ready for the check in June and on their spellings to make sure they know the year 3 and 4 spellings and use them in their writing.



Squirrels

Squirrels have really wowed everyone in the last few weeks with their amazing sporting prowess: fantastic swimming progress, amazing results at the Dance and Gym festival from those who went, and Tom who came third in Devon in the virtual gym competition.

We have also been working hard in other lessons. They have written their own traditional tale which we will share with Reception or Year 1. In English, they are also starting on their personal spelling lists to fill any gaps from the previous years' spellings. I have been impressed how independent they have been with this.

In maths, they have continued to learn all about decimals, fractions and percentages.

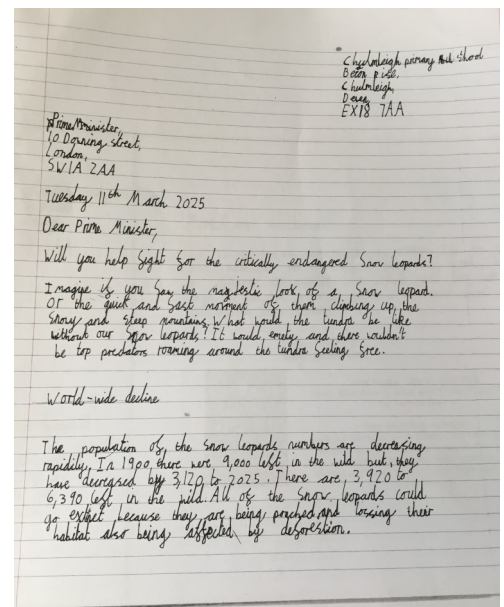
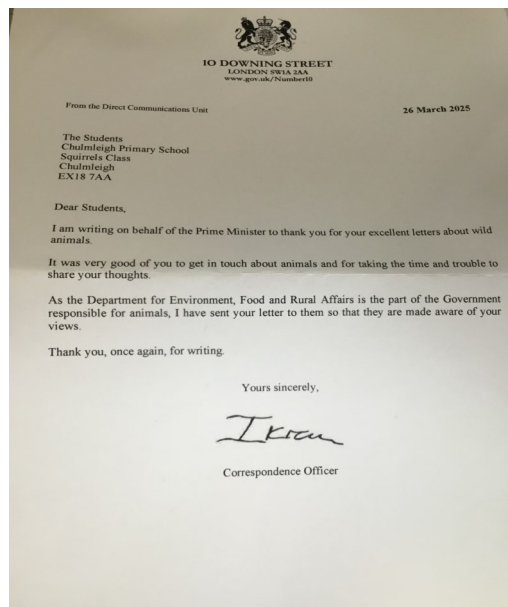
We have started our learning about the transatlantic slave trade and we will continue this after the Easter break.

The children have also learnt about air resistance and wind resistance in their science lessons.

In music, they have been composing their own piece of music based on reggae. It has been a pleasure to see how much they have developed this term.

I have attached some photos which show their letter writing and the letter which we received from the Prime Minister's Office.

Hope you have a great Easter.



Foxes & Otters

We are so proud of Otters and Foxes – they have completed another week of tests to prepare them for SATs and they really have taken it in their stride.

In English we have been writing letters from the Titanic and describing life on board the “unsinkable” ship.

In maths we have been learning about data and analysing graphs and pie charts.

We have been very lucky to be able to borrow some science equipment from the college for our work about light. We loved experimenting with light, refraction and reflection.

Have a lovely Easter break and thank you for all of your support.

Foxes continued...



Flashmobs

Wow! Our children who take singing lessons with the amazing Verity performed two flashmobs on Thursday lunchtime. One in the dinner hall and one outside on the field – they were absolutely fantastic although we weren't sure who they were as their costumes were also fantastic!

Thank you so much to Verity, our awesome singing teacher – please contact Verity Stroud V.stroudmusician1@outlook.com if you would like your child to start singing lessons. Our children absolutely love singing lessons – “Charlotte hasn't stopped talking about today and about how much fun she had doing it. She really does love your lessons.”



Year 3 & 4 residential trip to Barton Hall in Torquay.

A few snippets of fun!!



Sustainable Chulmleigh

With the amazing support of Sustainable Chulmleigh, we have created blue hearts for our areas that are being rewilded to enhance our wildlife and encourage pollinators for the bees and insects as well as the birds. Thank you Sustainable Chulmleigh and the Blue Heart Campaign.



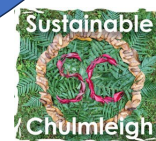
Blue Heart Campaign

Rewilding Britain
garden by garden
Bring your local area to
life with the BLUE
campaign

If you would like a Blue Heart for
your garden or private space,
please email Kelly
Vipond kelsterb@hotmail.com



- Let your grass grow
- Make more space for nature
- No poisons
- Then, use your blue heart to make a statement and encourage others.



www.sustainablechulmleigh.org.uk



PTA News & Events



We hope you are all looking forward to the Easter break and get the chance to enjoy some of the glorious sunshine we have had of late, with the longer evenings ahead of us.

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

Thank you for your incredibly kind donations for our Spring / Easter raffle.

As you will see below, we have some amazing hampers to be won, which have been wrapped beautifully by our PTA team.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4th April with winners announced that day.

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



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@chumleigh-primary.sch.uk or speak to a PTA member if you are available to help.

 Your PTA Team	 I'm Donna, the chair of Chumleigh 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!	 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.
 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 Chumleigh 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.	 I'm Kate, a member of the PTA here at Chumleigh 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, Chumleigh Youth Football Club and the PTA. I enjoy running and reading in my spare time!	Chair-Donna Treasurer-Kim Secretary-Laura Trustees- Kate, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hancock We're always looking for more people to join our team!



PTA News & Events



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

A big thank you to Harriet's Flower Room for helping us to provide every child with daffodils to take home. We hope you all enjoyed the flowers.

We are very lucky to have such a beautiful florist in Chulmleigh.



Thank you to everyone for their generosity in supporting the PTA events throughout the year helping us to raise funds. With your generous support it means we are able to pay for events such as Science Day, playground markings and the wonderful books available for the children in school we have purchased from The Bookery in Crediton this term.

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

Next Committee Meeting

Thursday, 24th April

Make Friends 😊
Support your School
Give Back
Make a Difference
Rewarding
Get Involved
Have Fun!
Feel Good

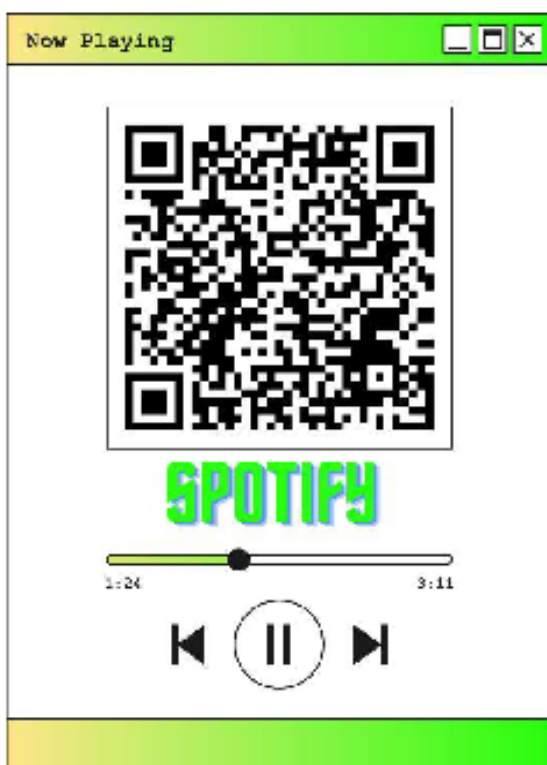


HOME INFORMATION



April's Musician of the Month

KRAFTWERK



Mark Jones, 2011 (https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/50/Kraftwerk_04.jpg) Image copied

About: Kraftwerk are a German electronic band formed in Düsseldorf in 1970 by Ralf Hütter and Florian Schneider. Widely considered innovators and pioneers of electronic music, Kraftwerk were among the first successful acts to popularise the genre. The group began as part of West Germany's experimental krautrock scene in the early 1970s before fully embracing electronic instrumentation, including synthesizers, drum machines, and vocoders.

Genres: Electronic & Synth-Pop

Active from: 1970-Present

Origin: Düsseldorf, Germany

Books to read...

If you like Kraftwerk, try...



- Daft Punk
- La Düsseldorf
- Vangelis



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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

Team Whizz Kidz London Marathon 2025

This year, our amazing Mrs Niejadlik is fundraising towards Whizz Kidz' vital services for young wheelchair users. Please sponsor her and help Whizz Kidz create opportunities for young wheelchair users to get the equipment, skills, and confidence to go further in life. It's unacceptable that young wheelchair users face so many obstacles in their lives. From inaccessible spaces to negative attitudes, it's time to change the status-quo urgently. With your support, we can create a world where every young person can reach their full potential.

You can donate to her fundraising page [here](#).

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. The more people that know about Whizz-Kidz, the greater the impact will be in helping more young wheelchair users become independent. Please spread the word by sharing Mrs Niejadlik's page far and wide, with your friends, colleagues and as many people as you can reach.

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.



Drum Lessons
Now offered
at school.

For more info contact Ben at:
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.