



Chulmleigh
Primary School
& Nursery

NEWSLETTER



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<u>19th-23rd</u> <u>May</u>	Whole school photo 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
<u>26th-30th</u> <u>May</u>	<u>Half Term Week</u>				

Key Dates:

Whole school photo—Monday 19th May (school jumpers/cardigans required)

If it is a PE day for your child, please come to school in uniform and pack their PE in their school bag.

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,

As ever, it has been a busy couple of weeks in all classes. Year 6 have had a particularly busy week as they have sat their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in reading, maths, grammar, punctuation and spelling this week. We were so impressed with the way they conducted themselves all week. They all showed great resilience, determination and confidence when sitting each paper. We are extremely proud of them all and know that they have all done their best. We look forward to finding out how well they have achieved in early July and to celebrate the progress they have made throughout the year. I know they enjoyed the daily breakfasts and the smiles on their faces and empty plates says it all!



OPAL updates:

Last week, the children were captivated by our new playground markings being installed as part of our OPAL playtime and lunchtime provision. The children have loved using them as part of their playtimes. Some children have even told me that they are going to try and run over a mile a day before the end of term which is a fantastic target to set! I would like to thank our brilliant PTA for funding this amazing enrichment opportunity which will benefit every child in school. I would also like to thank Mrs Welch as PE Lead for planning, designing and liaising with the company who installed this to enhance our PE and playtime provision.



Safeguarding Updates – 10 top tips for encouraging open discussions at home.

The National College is now home to world-renowned resources for parents, carers and educators, including their free 'Wake up Wednesday' guides, offering expert guidance on challenging issues such as online safety, mental health and wellbeing. I have attached one of their 'Wake up Wednesday' guides on how to encourage open discussions following some conversations I have had with a few conversations recently. For more information, please follow the link [The National College - Family Toolbox](#)

School Improvement Update – Parent Member visit:

We recently had a parent member visit who spent the morning in school talking to myself, staff and children. Some of the comments from the visit form are below which is some lovely feedback to receive:

I learnt that CPS is a really happy school with a strong sense of supportive team between staff.

Pupils say they are happy and enjoy school, and that there is also someone to help if they are feeling sad.

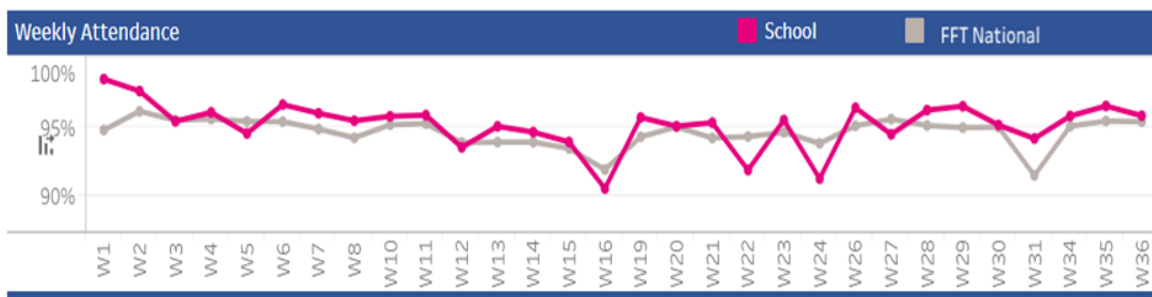
The children said that they love to play outside and love all the equipment and OPAL resources.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update – IDL Wellbeing resource.

This half term, we have just purchased the IDL wellbeing resource after trialling it for a few weeks. IDL Wellbeing is an interactive resource designed to integrate with a whole-school approach to mental health, resilience and mindfulness. Following 2 years of development alongside a psychologist, IDL Wellbeing has been developed using contemporary theories and mindfulness practices. Studies have proven that teaching resilience and emotional literacy can reduce incidents of poor mental health later. IDL Wellbeing adopts an integrated approach to support children, aged 7+, to understand and address unwelcome emotions as well as encourage positive ones. Over the next few weeks, all classes will start to use this resource as part of their daily routine either individually, in small groups or in whole class situations.

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. Pleasingly, this year when analysing our school attendance against National averages, there have only been 5 weeks where we have been slightly below the National average this academic year. The graph below shows this data for the weeks we have been in school so far.



Our current attendance rate of 95.4% 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: 94.1%
Year 1: 95.7%
Year 2: 96.6%
Year 3: 95.3%
Year 4: 95.9%
Year 5: 95.4%
Year 6: 94.8%

Have a lovely weekend and I hope you get to enjoy some of the promised good weather!

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>

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

Our lovely Tigers and Cubs have enjoyed the sunshine over the last couple of weeks!

We've been making the most of the weather and have been learning and playing outside instead of the classroom. The children have worked really hard at practising their mark making, learning to write their names and counting!



Lions

This week the children have been learning about the story 'Dear Zoo.' We had fun learning how to sign the story in Makaton and we learnt a rock 'n' roll version of the story! Once we had learnt the story the children started to write their own versions. We had lots of interesting original ideas including "They sent me a cow. He was too stinky. I sent him back."

We have been embracing the sunshine and looking for signs that summer has arrived. The children love exploring our outdoor area and have become experts in noticing the changes that have taken place throughout the seasons. Our new scooter track has been very popular. They do have a few interesting parking manoeuvres, but it seems to work and I can report we have had no traffic collisions to date! Thank you to the PTA for funding our amazing scooter track.



Hedgehogs

We are nearly at the end of the half-term already!

In Phonics, we are learning new alternative sounds, and practicing those CEW. The children are showing so much progress with their writing, trying hard to remember all of the elements in a sentence when we are doing our dictation.



The children have really enjoyed the 'Tiny Seed' book this half-term. Over the last 2 weeks, the children have been thinking of their own places that the seed could land, and they came up with some very interesting ideas! They then planned their own version, and have just finished their final write. The children have included lots of describing words too! We are all so please with them.

In maths, we have moved on to recognising and finding halves and quarters. We have been doing this with shapes, and quantities. We have been using our knowledge about equal groups to help us and we will continue with this next week too.

In art, the children have been exploring how we can use different lines and colours to emulate different moods. This week, we went on a hunt for natural materials to paint with, including sticks and rocks. The children had great fun painting with these, and the final outcomes look very impressive!

In science, the children are continuing to think about what plants need to grow, and have been specifically thinking about the cycles of bulbs and seeds.

We are nearly at the end of our Florence Nightingale topic! The children learnt about Mary Seacole this week, and we looked at the similarities and differences between the two nurses. The children also thought about the significance that the two figures have to this day.

With half term fast approaching, Hedgehogs class are looking forward to the next week at school with Sports Day and all sorts of fun lie ahead! Thank you for your continued support.

Dragonflies

During the week, the children have been busy writing their own versions of the story, 'Traction Man is Here!' by Mini Grey. Our next class text is 'Orion and the Dark' by Emma Yarlett. The story is around 'facing your fears' and the children will write a story linked to overcoming a fear. They will continue developing knowledge linked to using capital letters for names of characters and the personal pronoun 'I', using adjectives in noun phrases and commas in lists.

In maths, we are continuing our learning linked to multiplication and division and we are nearly at the end of this unit. Following this, we will move on to learning about fractions and length and height.

During history learning, the children have enjoyed finding out about the history of Chulmleigh. They have researched when it was built, when Chulmleigh was given a charter and what this meant. We have also discussed the fire in 1803. Following on from this, we will discuss how Chulmleigh has changed over time, including how people used to shop compared to the present day.

We are looking forward to our upcoming trips to Rosemoor on Tuesday 17th June and Northam Burrows on Thursday 10th July. Both of these trips are linked to our current and future learning. During our Rosemoor visit we will take part in a workshop linked to 'How Plants Grow'. The workshop covers the life cycle of a plant, plant processes from germination through to pollination, fertilisation, seed development and dispersal. Our trip to Northam Burrows is linked to our Summer Term topic of 'Coastlines'. More information for both trips will follow shortly.

Barn Owls

As always, Barn Owls are very busy in and out of the classroom and very much looking forward to Sports Day next Tuesday. Mrs. Leslie and Carwyn, from Plymouth Argyle, have been practising their skills in PE lessons and I am sure it will be a day to remember, their first Key Stage 2 Sports day!

The geography learning about Europe has taken us from Spain to France. The children are very good at sharing knowledge and have learnt a lot about Paris, the capital, and the Parisien way of life for many families. They know about some key landmarks in the city, and other important places in France, such as Provence and Mont St Michel – which is like a larger version of St. Michael's Mount in Cornwall. We have been feeling very hungry when we have learnt about the food – cheeses, salads, pastries and bread are just a few things to get our mouths watering!

This has linked into their work on nutrition and diet in science, and Mrs. Leslie was impressed by their learning last week on the different nutritional values of foods.

As a class we are immersed in story writing, continuing with Charlotte's Web, our class reader, and writing our own version of the "Taking Flight" animation film. The children are getting proficient at using paragraphs, and more imaginative sentences and vocabulary!

We are coming to the end of our maths work on multiplication and division, but please keep the hard work going on times tables, they need this for their topic on Fractions which they will be starting after half-term.

Speaking of which, I do hope you all have a lovely few days over the next Bank holiday and half term break when it arrives.



Bumblebees

Bumblebees have been working really hard on their times tables ready for the check after half term and WOW what an amazing job they are doing, just goes to show how much difference practice makes!

In maths we have been learning about decimals and fractions and have just moved on to money.

In English, the children did an amazing final write of their own version of Cinderella. We had a big focus on trying to write to meet the Year 4 standards and they did so well.

We are loving learning about Ancient Egypt and writing in Hieroglyphics and in science they have learnt about classification keys. Art has been a lot of fun, continuing our learning about sculpture and we made our own sculptures out of wire!

Squirrels

What a busy couple of weeks! We have been starting to practise for Sports Day in our PE lessons. The children have practised sprinting, long distance running and throwing which they have all worked hard at.

In maths, we have completed our statistics unit which included looking at line graphs and tables. We have started our new unit which is shape and will include using a protractor and measuring angles.

In English, we have started our Chulmleigh unit. The children have been asked to write all about Chulmleigh by Mr Evely. The writing will be displayed in the town towards the end of term. We have been learning all about the history of Chulmleigh as well as thinking about important landmarks and what you can do in Chulmleigh. We have enjoyed looking at some old photos of Chulmleigh taken by James Ravillious.

For science, the children have been learning all about puberty and the changes that the bodies undergo. They have learnt how the embryo becomes a foetus in the womb and enjoyed comparing its size to all sorts of different type of fruits. On a Friday afternoon, we have started Mini-police with a local police officer who is teaching the class all about how to behave responsibly in the community (photo below). We have also started our art unit on Friday during which the children enjoyed trying out different shading techniques.

In music, the children have been learning a Motown song and making their own compositions. Hope you have a good weekend and, hopefully, see you for Sports Day.



Foxes & Otters

Wow! What a couple of weeks it has been! Year 6 have been absolutely incredible in the lead up to their SAT's tests. They have crammed in revision, taken part in many SPAG and maths quizzes and creating some very interesting team names!

Then the actual week has arrived and they have taken each day at a time, shown amazing positivity and taken them all in their stride, some have said they were easier than the mocks they have done, so we will take that as a good sign!

Their resilience, determination and positivity shows how amazing they all are and we are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Hopefully you have all received a letter to give you more information about the upcoming residential. Don't forget that on Tuesday 3rd June we will be inviting you to a meeting so please come with all your questions and we hope we can answer them!

Thank you again for your support – especially over the last few weeks. It is always greatly appreciated.



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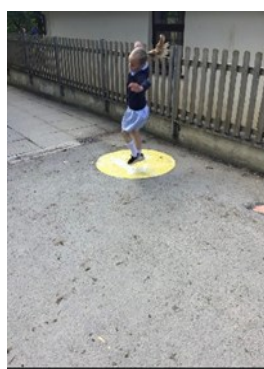
PTA News & Events



The children have been busy working hard at school since half-term and we hope they are enjoying this lovely weather we have had of late and getting to enjoy the new playground markings which have been put in place. Please see some images below.

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



Helpers needed for Summer Fair BBQ

Monday, 21st July

Would there be anyone willing to run the BBQ at the Summer Fair for us please? We would be incredibly grateful for anyone who would be able to do this for us, we really do need your help.

Thank you

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 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!</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 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.</p>	<p>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 Samaritans, Marie Curie, Chumleigh 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



SPORTS DAY

Your PTA will be at Sports Day providing cream teas and refreshments throughout

If you are able to donate a cake/bake for our cake sale please leave this in reception.

ALSO IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP SELL ON THE DAY PLEASE DO EMAIL TO LET US KNOW OR CATCH ONE OF US AT SCHOOL, YOU CAN PITCH UP NEXT TO OUR TABLE AND STILL ENJOY THE DAY.

Thank you for all your help and support



Helpers needed for Sports Day, Tuesday, 20th May

If any of you are available to help us just for a short while on Sports Day to cover the refreshments stall, we would be incredibly grateful. Or any kind donations of cakes/bakes for the day, would also be much appreciated.



Please do come along and join us for the Summer Fair Planning Meeting, all welcome. It will be held in school from 1.30 – 3pm on Thursday, 12th June.

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





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**9AM -
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LOCATION: KINGS NYMPTON PARISH HALL

Accommodation: Tangled Bank Holidays
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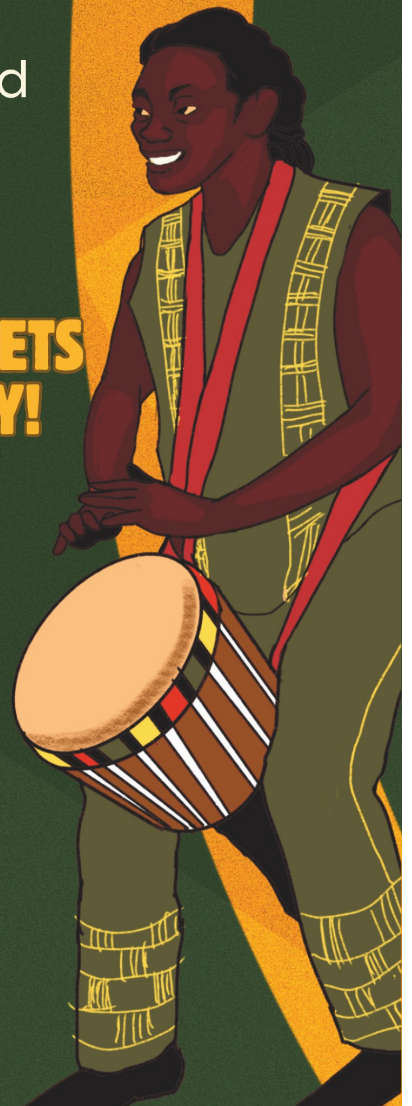
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HOME INFORMATION




May's Musician of the Month

Gamelan gong kebyar




Now Playing



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About: Gamelan gong kebyar was first documented to exist in North Bali in the early 1900s. The first public performance was in December 1915 at a gamelan gong competition in Jagaraga, North Bali. It is a style or genre of Balinese gamelan music of Indonesia. Kebyar means "to flare up or burst open", and refers to the explosive changes in tempo and dynamics which are characteristic of the style.

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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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.