



**Chulmleigh
Primary School
& Nursery**

NEWSLETTER



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
24th-28th March	Swimming Year 5 After-school KS1 Football 3.30-4.30	Years 3 & 4 Resi- dential Trip After-school KS1/ KS2 Multi skills 3.30-4.30	Years 3 & 4 Resi- dential Trip After-school KS2 Football 3.30- 4.30	After-school Girls Football 3.30-4.30	Celebration As- sembly Years Reception, 1, 2, and 3 cricket session
31st-4th April	Swimming Year 5 After-school KS1 Boys/Girls Foot- ball 3.30-4.30	After-school KS1/ KS2 Multi skills 3.30-4.30	After-school KS2 Boys/Girls Foot- ball 3.30-4.30	After-school Girls Football 3.30-4.30	Celebration As- sembly Years Reception, 1, 2, and 3 cricket session

Key Dates:

Every Monday—Swimming Year 5 up until Easter Holidays.

Last day of term—Friday 4th April

Great Chulmleigh Bake Off and Sale—Friday 4th April.

First day back—Tuesday 22nd April.

Great Chulmleigh Bake Off and Sale!

The School Council are having the Great Chulmleigh Bake Off and Sale again. It will be happening on Friday 4th April. It is free to enter and there will be a prize for the best cake (large or small) for each class from Reception to Year 6. The school council are doing this to raise money for IT resources so it will go towards computers and IPADs for the children to use.

Please send your child with their cakes to school on the morning of Friday 4th April. Please ensure that their name is clear and that all cake tins etc are named. The cakes will then be displayed in class and judged during assembly. The cakes will be sold off after school for a donation. Please follow the usual rules so that the cakes don't contain nuts. Good luck, Chulmleigh Bakers!

Many thanks

School Council - Chulmleigh Primary School



Dear All,

The last two weeks have certainly flown by again. It does not seem possible that we only have weeks left of the Spring term! As usual, we have had lots of great events and learning opportunities occurring. Highlights from across the school in the last two weeks include: 2 Chulmleigh girls football team competing in a local tournament, more cricket sessions for Years 4, 5 and 6, Lions and Nursery visiting the Trust farm, celebrating science week and some children participating in the 'Future Musicians' workshop with Chulmleigh College children at the College.

An extra special thank you needs to be said to Mrs Welch for organising such an amazing local football tournament for the girls last week. Chulmleigh United and Chulmleigh Town played their hearts out at the girls football tournament at Chulmleigh Pavillion. There were a total of 8 local teams and their team work and determination in every game was something to be proud of. All the staff and parents who were able to watch commented on how they demonstrated our school values of compassion, ambition and teamwork brilliantly and in all games. We also received some lovely feedback from local schools and parents which included:

"Just a little message to say again, well done for today Mrs Welch and all involved. I know organising these things are never easy but without good ones like you taking it on these opportunities simply wouldn't happen. I hope you have given yourself a pat on the back. Thank you for all that all of you do, above and beyond."

"I just wanted to say a big thanks for organising the tournament today. Our girls had a wonderful time and said how great it was to get an opportunity to play proper football."

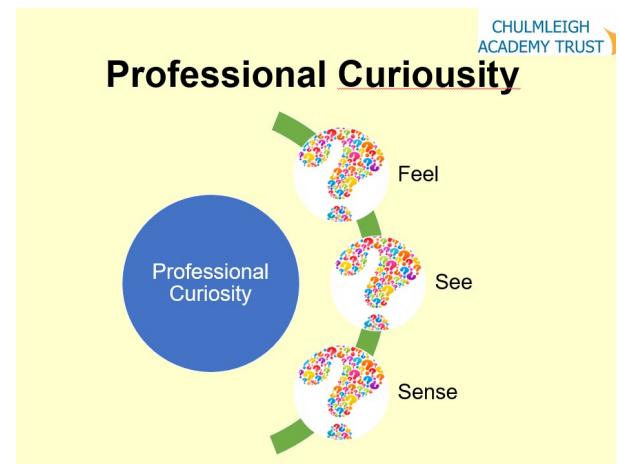
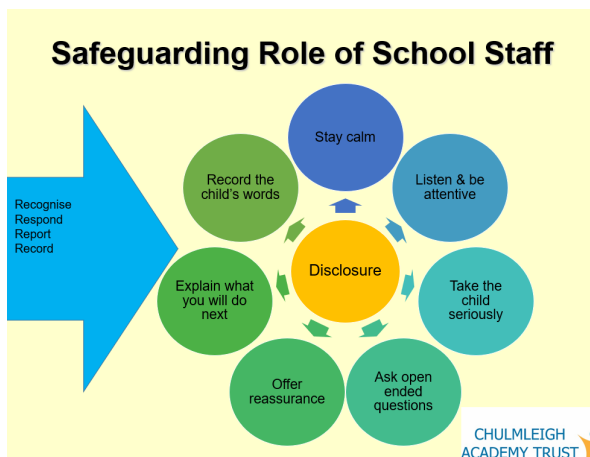
"I just wanted to thank the organisers of yesterday's football tournament – my daughter had an amazing time! It was lovely to see so many girls enjoying football!"



WELL DONE!

Safeguarding Updates – volunteer training:

Recently, I have trained some new volunteers in safeguarding as part of their induction into the school. During the 90 minute training session, I explain about the different types of abuse, what roles they play in safeguarding children when volunteering in school and what they should do if a child discloses any kind of safeguarding concern to them whilst inside or outside of school.



We are lucky to have some amazing volunteers in school already but we would always welcome an extra pair of hands in school. If you have some spare time and would be happy to come into school to hear children read or help out in the classrooms, we would be thrilled to hear from you. Volunteer packs can be collected from the school office. Once returned, the Trust admin team will process the information and apply for a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check for each volunteer. This check can take up to a few weeks. You can begin volunteering after an induction and safeguarding training has occurred. We will be grateful for any support you can provide to help raise attainment for our children and giving them an even better chance of success. Please pick up a pack from Rachel in the office if you can help!

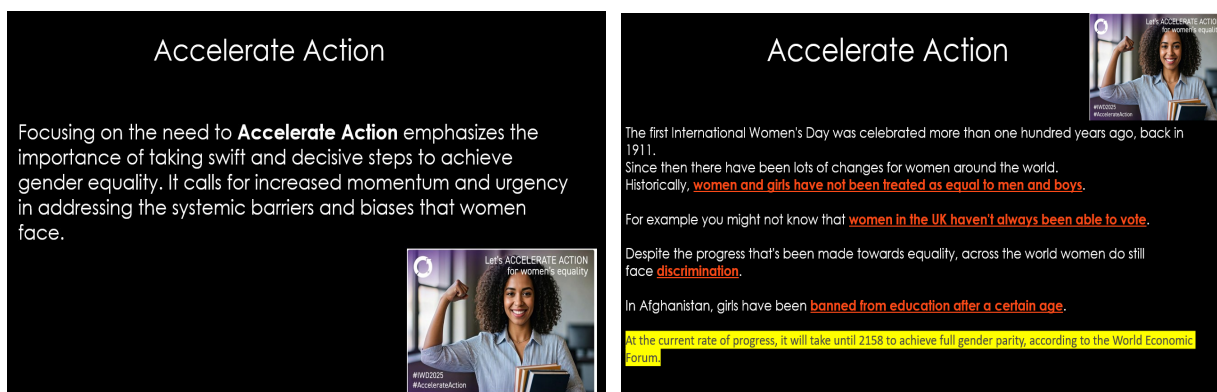
For more tips and guidance on the DBS process for volunteers, visit [DBS check application process for volunteers - GOV.UK](#)

School Improvement Update – Devon Reading Fluency Programme:

Since September, some children in Year 6 have been taking part in the Devon Reading Fluency Project which focuses on raising the achievement of Year 6 pupils in reading. The project supports children who are currently below the expected standard in reading and/or who may have difficulty accessing the reading required in the wider Key Stage 2 curriculum. We trialled the project last year and were really pleased with the progress the children had made compared to their starting point. The project has been designed to address this issue, offering strategies that will have a swift and powerful impact on pupils' reading achievement in a short space of time. Devon County Council's English team has been running the Reading Fluency Project since 2020 and nearly 700 pupils from 87 schools have taken part. We trialled the project last year and were really pleased with the progress the children had made compared to their starting point. So far, our children have made on average a 10 scaled score improvement which is incredible reading progress in only six months – we are very proud of them all! More information can be found at: <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/ks2-reading-fluency-project-2024-25-trial>

International Women's Day:

We celebrated International Women's Day with a whole school assembly focusing on how women have helped to change society for the better. The children were taught about the 3 colours (purple, green and white) and what they represented. They were taught about the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) and how they campaigned for equal rights and votes. Shockingly, the children were presented with facts to show that women across the world are still not treated fairly and worryingly, at the current rate of progress, it will take until 2158 to achieve full gender parity, according to the World Economic Forum. Assemblies throughout the month will continue to focus on inspirational women.



Accelerate Action

Focusing on the need to **Accelerate Action** emphasizes the importance of taking swift and decisive steps to achieve gender equality. It calls for increased momentum and urgency in addressing the systemic barriers and biases that women face.

Let's ACCELERATE ACTION for women's equality

#WomensDay #AccelerateAction

Accelerate Action

The first International Women's Day was celebrated more than one hundred years ago, back in 1911. Since then there have been lots of changes for women around the world. Historically, **women and girls have not been treated as equal to men and boys.**

For example you might not know that **women in the UK haven't always been able to vote.**

Despite the progress that's been made towards equality, across the world women do still face **discrimination.**

In Afghanistan, girls have been **banned from education after a certain age.**

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The following video clip was shared and discussed with the children during the whole school assembly: [Primary assemblies: International Women's Day - BBC Teach](#)

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update – Devon’s new Neurodiversity advice:

Recently, I was made aware that ‘MyHealth Devon’ have launched a new website aimed at parents who have a neurodivergent child/ren. The website aims to be a one-stop shop for key information about neurodiversity and has been developed to support parents, carers, children and young people, and those working with children and young people with Neurodiversity, in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth. The website includes a range of resources, videos and information about what is available in our local area, and nationally, for children, young people and families

The website can be found at: <https://myhealth-devon.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people/neurodiversity#:~:text=There%20are%20a%20range%20resources,if%20it%20is%20an%20emergency.>

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. A very recent article in ‘Schools Week’ highlights the link between disadvantaged absence rate and their attainment gap. The report concludes that at all key stages, at least half of the attainment gap is explained by gaps that open at an early age due to lower attendance. The full report and findings can be read at: <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/poorer-pupils-higher-absences-entirely-explain-growth-in-attainment-gap/>

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: 93.3%
Year 1: 95.8%
Year 2: 96.4%
Year 3: 95.4%
Year 4: 96%
Year 5: 95.2%
Year 6: 94.8%



We know that children will become ill and this means they need to be kept off of school. NHS Devon have produced a useful APP which gives you advice on how to treat common childhood conditions. This can be found at: [HANDi Paediatric app: advice for common childhood conditions - One Devon](#)

Thank you all for your continued support.

With Kind Regards,

Martin Evely and all staff at Chulmleigh Primary School.



Lions

What a busy few weeks we are having!

We are looking forward to some little fluffy chicks arriving this week. The children have been waiting and watching, hoping that the eggs will start to hatch! They have even started thinking of names for the chicks!

We planted our own bean plants and watched a time lapse video clip to show what will happen to our plants as they grow. We decided to place our beans next to a window and give them some water.

We enjoyed a visit to the College farm last week. John kindly introduced us to the chickens and sheep. The children were very careful and quiet when they were around the animals. This meant that the sheep and chickens were very friendly and happily came to say hello. The children enjoyed feeding the sheep and chickens.

Cubs & Tigers

We have been enjoying the Spring sunshine in Nursery and painting magic beanstalks for our 'Growing' display board.

The children have been learning about height and talking about tall and short when comparing the beanstalks growing in Nursery.

We also had a visit to the school farm!. We looked at the sheep and helped to feed the chickens!.



Hedgehogs

We have made it halfway through the term!

The children have been enjoying a new book called 'Could a penguin ride a bike?' This book makes us all smile and is full of cool facts about penguins. In the next few weeks, we will be working towards creating our own fact files.

We have been continuing to recap our sounds in Phonics, as well as our common exception words and thinking about those spelling choices.

In Maths, we have been looking at length and measurement! The children have enjoyed measuring lots of items with cubes and also rulers. We've enjoyed some sun this week so we took our maths learning outside. We have moved on to capacity and volume. The children loved filling different containers, cups and jugs with water whilst coming up with sentences to describe how full they were.

In their Wednesday PE sessions, the children have been loving the tri-golf sessions. We definitely have the next Tiger Woods in our class!

As it gets closer to Easter, we are also learning about the Easter story and why it is celebrated as well as what the Easter Eggs represent.

In History, we looked at lots of different Victorian houses and were able to spot some similarities and differences between them and our own homes. They then drew their own Victorian homes and included lots of detail.

Thank you all for your continued support and I am looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening!



Dragonflies

In Year 2, we are continuing our History learning linked to Castles and life in the past. We have been comparing medieval life to present day, learning about the sections of castles and their importance and thinking about the different jobs people had during this time. The children have also spent some time building castles out of Lego and other building materials.

In science, we have continued our learning linked to animals and their habitats. We have looked at how animals have adapted to their environments over time, the children sorted statements linked to individual animals and then produced their own information page.

In maths, we have started learning linked to multiplication and division. In this block, children make the connection between repeated addition and multiplication. They start to make this

connection by recognising equal groups. We have explored both equal and unequal groups, so that they are able to identify when groups are or are not equal and explain why.

We are looking forward to our trip to Tiverton Castle and are hoping for a dry day.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Niejadlik and Mrs Haines

Barn Owls

The weeks are flying by, as we prepare for our residential next week in Torquay. This has meant that we have been undertaking our assessments this week – and the children have been working really hard. We are grateful that the lovely bright weather has continued, even though it is cold, so we can enjoy our break times outdoors, to burn off some energy and enjoy OPAL to the full.

In Maths we are covering multiplication and division – Barn Owls are now more confident at their times-tables but it really would help if you can practise with them (especially 3x and 4x and understanding how 8x relates to 4x), and the division – “how many 4’s in 36?” and so on. On Thursdays and Fridays Mrs. Leslie is teaching them length and perimeter, and exploring how different units of length (mms, cms and ms) all relate to one another.

The class have been learning to play glockenspiels as an accompaniment to the main piece in Music – the Dragon Song by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. It was written to help focus on kindness, respect, friendship and acceptance – values which link into our PSHE lessons, too.

Tri-golf continues on a Wednesday and this week we begin three weeks of Cricket on a Friday, which I am sure the class will love – it was a great hit with everyone last year!



Bumblebees

Bumblebees completed some amazing writing using subordinating congratulations. Their work was really neat as we really focused on presentation.

In maths we have been learning about fractions and are about to move on to decimals.

The children have really enjoyed learning about volcanoes, with a particular focus on Italy and Mount Vesuvius. We were fascinated by the story of what happened in Pompeii in AD 79.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our extra PE sessions of cricket on Friday afternoons and discovered some future star players!

In science we are continuing our learning about state of matter and how solids can become liquids or gases or vice versa.

Squirrels

Another amazing few weeks for Squirrels this week. The children have enjoyed learning all about forces in science and today, we spent some time exploring friction. We had been seeing which surface had the most friction and using newton metres to measure it. In music, the children have started learning the song Three Little Birds. They enjoyed singing and playing along to it and are going to use what they know about reggae music to compose their own songs. We have used role-playing in PSHE to understand why people volunteer to support their community.

In English, we have written up our letters and decided who we are going to write to. The children have chosen a diverse group of people from King Charles to David Walliams and Jamie Smart. I will send the letters this week. We have started a new unit about modern-day fairy tales. The children have been thinking about traditional tales and their features. We will then be putting our own modern spin on them when we write our own. We have now finished our second fractions unit and have started percentages and decimals.



Otters & Foxes

Otters and Foxes have been amazing this week. They have been learning how to write a letter and we have been reading the last letters from the Titanic.

In maths, they have been learning about area, perimeter and volume as well as really practising hard at arithmetic. A great discussion was had about fact and opinion and what we should believe in the media – is it all fact or is there a lot of opinion? In science, our topic is light so this week has been all about creating periscopes and looking at how light travels – thank you for the cereal boxes! Our topic continues with finding out more about the Titanic and the timeline of events. As always, thank you for your support at home.

Please keep encouraging your child to complete Spelling Frame at home as this really helps with revising spelling patterns as well as completing their homework.

Thank
You

**A HUGE thank you to
RGB for your incredible
donation to our school!**

**The children are so grateful
and have put them to good
use already!**



Chulmleigh Primary School

Future Musicians Event

Our Year 6 trombone players along with some of our keyboard and violin players took part in the Devon Music Education Hub "Future Musicians" event at Chulmleigh College.

They played brilliantly and really enjoyed the experience of taking part in a large orchestra. They only had 1 hour to rehearse as part of the large orchestra that was made up of children from other primaries and children from the College.

At the end of the rehearsal, the newly formed orchestra then performed to parents.

If your child would like to start instrumental lessons, please refer to the letter that was sent out earlier this week with all the information.





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Chulmleigh
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School Lunches

MyEd + Pay

£2.50

Please order by midnight the day before

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**If you miss this deadline please provide
your child with a packed lunch**

www.chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk





PTA News & Events



We hope you are all back into the swing of the new term and are enjoying the joys of Spring. Thank you all for your support as always with our Discos and Wonka Bar purchases. 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-primardevon.sch.uk.



 <p>Your PTA Team</p>	 <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 old! 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>
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PTA News & Events



**Next Committee Meeting
Thurs 24th April**

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

Wonka Bars

We had a fantastic amount of sales this year selling over 300 Wonka Bars and we had a great time distributing hundreds of Chocolate Bars containing 14 Winning Golden Tickets on World Book Day.

Thank you to all who purchased one and well done to our prize winners!
Without generous donations from local businesses this would not have been possible.

A very special thank you to:
Class Cutz & The Beauty Room, Chulmleigh
The Craft Room Workshops and Supplies, Chulmleigh
Central Stores, Chulmleigh
Waie to Play, Zeal Monochorum
The Fox & Hounds Hotel, Eggesford



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HOME INFORMATION




March's Musician of the Month

FREDDIE MERCURY




Now Playing



SPOTIFY

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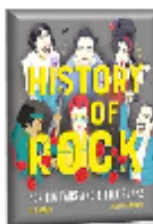
About: Freddie Mercury (born Farrokh Bulsara) was a British singer and songwriter who achieved worldwide fame as the lead vocalist and pianist of the rock band Queen. Regarded as one of the greatest singers in the history of rock music, he was known for his flamboyant stage persona and four-octave vocal range. Mercury defied the conventions of a rock frontman with his theatrical style, influencing the artistic direction of Queen.

Genres: Rock and Pop

Active from: 1969-1991

Origin: Zanzibar, Tanzania

Books to read...



If you like Freddie Mercury, try...

- Led Zeppelin
- Stevie Nicks
- Meat Loaf



Remember - if you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, contact the MASH on 0345 155 1071 and give as much information as you can. If you would prefer to complete an online form, you can do so here: [Child protection - What to do if you're worried about a child's safety? \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/child-protection-what-to-do-if-youre-worried-about-a-childs-safety)

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 the need for your child(ren) travel arrangements to change and they no longer need the bus on a certain day, we would ask all parent(s)/carer(s) to email Chulmleigh Primary School office admin@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk to inform us of the amendment.



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

After-school LAMDA drama workshops held each Thursday have proved to be a great success and children are going in confidence and their knowledge of performance skills week by week. We will eventually work towards a performance for parents and through drama games and script reading and lots of ensemble work the children are learning to work confidently as a team.

If you think this is something that your child would be interested in please email for further details to: antoniawhittick1970@gmail.com



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.