



NEWSLETTER

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
19-23 Feb	Lunchtime Recorder Club* Library open after school Primary Sports Football Club 3:30—4:30pm	Breaktime Library open Lunchtime EYFS/ KS1 Multiskills Club* Lunchtime KS2 Chess Club*	Lunchtime Skylarks/ Kingfishers Fitness Club*		
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*Children can sign up for Lunchtime Clubs at school. Click [here](#) for information on how to book a place for Football Club

Dates for your Diary

27 February	The Bookery visit
1 March	Year 6 Secondary School Offer Day
	Years 3/4 Netball at Chulmleigh College
6 March	Skylarks trip to Exmoor Zoo
7 March	World Book Day
8 March	9:15am Robins Mother's Day Assembly
11 March	Years 3/4 Netball at Haywards Primary School
16 March	PARENT POWER DAY
	7:30pm FLS Bingo Night
18 March	Parent Consultation Week. Dates to be confirmed...

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The final week of the half term saw a whole host of enrichment activities for all the classes.



On Thursday, Kingfishers set off to Pixie's Holt, Dartmeet for a one night residential. This is the first time that Year 3 and 4 children have had the opportunity to take part in a residential visit and it is safe to say it was a resounding success. Despite some fairly awful weather, the children enjoyed a night walk across Dartmoor (in the pitch black), scrambling and weaselling across Hound Tor and orienteering. As well as all the activities, this experience really helped the children to develop their independence as they had to take care of their kit, keep their rooms tidy and help with making lunches and clearing the dining hall. It was also a whole lot of fun!

Skylarks also had an end of term treat as they went back in time to 1666 for a Great Fire of London Day. The children dressed up as children from that time and spent the day immersing themselves in activities that would have been popular - learning to weave, writing with a quill, creating clay candle holders and scent bags and designing and making a copper plaque. They had a fantastic day and it was a super finale to their Great Fire of London topic.



Not to be left out, Robins and Herons also had a very special visitor. As part of their learning about Chinese New Year, the children had been busy learning to write Chinese numbers and creating lanterns. Their learning was really brought to life when they were visited by a community member, Yoyu, who brought in pictures, decorations and some delicious Chinese dumplings for the children to sample.

What a wonderful end to the half term for all our pupils.

Forest School returns!



This half term, Forest School sessions are back! Having rested the forest for the past few months, we are ready to get back out and enjoy our fantastic grounds.

Forest School sessions will take place each Thursday for all classes, so please ensure your child has named wellies and a waterproof coat to wear. Wellies can be stored in our boot shed at the bottom of the ramp and

will also allow children to make use of the field, digging pit and water play during break and lunchtimes.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is coming up next month, and children are warmly invited to dress up that day as their favourite book character.

The Bookery visit and Book Sale (CASH only)

Next Tuesday (27th February) we are looking forward to a visit from Crediton based independent book shop, the Bookery. They will be bringing their top new titles to share with the children. These will also be available for the children to purchase at a heavily discounted price of £6.00 for one book or £10.00 for two.

If you would like your child to purchase a book/s, please send cash in with your child in a clearly named envelope.

Siblings can purchase books, using £10.00 between them. Again, please clearly indicate this on the envelope so that the money can be passed to the other class teacher/s.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Wright



Skylarks Spotlight



Great Fire of London Day - 9th February 2024

We had a great morning learning to weave and write with a quill, create clay candle holders and scent bags and design and make a copper plaque!



In the afternoon, we used cereal boxes to create 17th Century houses. We used Lego people to role play what happened during the Great Fire with art resources to show the flames!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DAINGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people: compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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WORLD BOOK DAY®

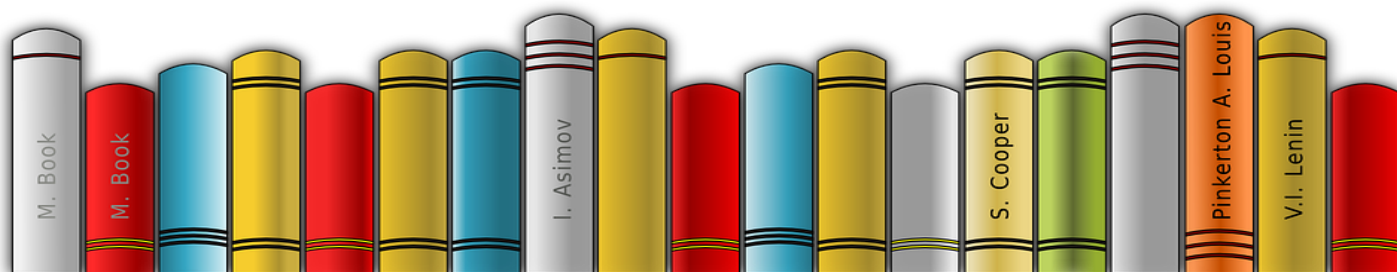
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World Book Day is nearly here!

In preparation for Thursday 7th March, there are many resources going live to encourage children to read. The World Book Day organisation have released some free audiobooks that can be accessed online via <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>.

They group their audiobooks accordingly: Beginner Reader, Early Reader, Fluent Reader & Independent Reader and provide a range of fiction and non-fiction titles. Some examples include: '5 Minute Sleepy Stories', 'Maggie Sparks & The Monster Baby', 'Meet the Ancient Egyptians', 'The Solar System', 'Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths' and many more.

Why not introduce them to your child at bedtime, whilst driving or when cooking dinner to get them listening and loving more books?



LAPFORD PRESENTS 10

BINGO NIGHT

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IN AID OF FRIENDS OF LAPFORD SCHOOL

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

DOORS OPEN 6.30 P.M.
EYES DOWN 7.30 P.M.

LAPFORD VICTORY HALL

Donations of raffle prizes welcome
and can be dropped to the
school reception or contact
Stacey on 07891 556884

LICENSED BAR
RAFFLE AND
GREAT PRIZES

WINKLEIGH YOUTH FOOTBALL

Come Join Our Club !

**U6 & U7 (Yr 1 & Yr 2) Sunday training,
9am @ Winkleigh sports centre**

**U8 (Yr 3) Monday training, 5 - 6pm,
@ Winkleigh sports centre**

**U9,10,11 (Yr 4, 5 & Yr 6) Monday training,
6.15 - 7.15pm, @ Winkleigh sports centre**

FREE !
For all players 19.02 - 25.03
(£2.50 PER SESSION AFTER OFFER PERIOD)

Training Starts w/c 19/02/24

Contact winkleighyfc@outlook.com to book!

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LOTTERY**

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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Join our weekly lottery from just £1 a week
- It's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds
- 40% of ticket sales go straight to our school funds
- There's a guaranteed winner every week as well as the chance to win £25,000

[Click Here to Buy A Ticket](#)

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2023/2024 Academic Year

	September					October					November					December					January					February						
College Week	1	2	1	2		1	2	1		2		1	2	1	2		1	2				1	2	1	2	1		2	1	2		
Monday		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
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26 December 2023
01 January 2024
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01 April 2024 (Easter Monday)
06 May 2024 (May Day)
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Non-Pupil Days

Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

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