



NEWSLETTER



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
4-8 Dec	Lunchtime Mindfulness Club <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; color: red; text-align: center;"> LAST SESSION: Yrs3-6 swimming/PE </div>	Lunchtime Multiskills Club	Lunchtime Chess Club Lunchtime Homework Club	Lunchtime Coding Club (Skylarks)	Lunchtime Recorder Club Lunchtime Library Club Lunchtime Ball Games Club 3:00pm Celebration Assembly

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
11-15 Dec	3:30pm FLS Cake Sale		Robins trip to Dear Santa at Northcott Theatre, Exeter	2:30pm Key Stage 2 Christingle Service to parents/carers - Lapford Congregational Church	Christmas Lunch Over 60s lunch at Victory Hall

Dates for your Diary - please see page 4 for a full list of our Christmas Events

6&7 December	Years 5&6 Bikeability course at school for those pupils who have consent from parents/carers to participate and have brought their bikes and helmets
6 December	2:30pm Nursery/ Reception Nativity to parents/carers
	6:00pm Skylarks Nativity to parents/carers
7 December	Christmas Jumper Day. Voluntary donation of £1.00 can be made through MyEd towards Save the Children
8 December	5:00—6:30pm FLS Christmas Disco
11 December	3:30pm FLS Cake Sale
13 December	Robins Dear Santa trip to Northcott Theatre, Exeter
14 December	2:30pm Years 3-6 Christingle Service to parents/carers at Lapford Congregational Church
15 December	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Christmas Lunch here and Over 60s lunch at Victory Hall
3 January	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents/ Carers

Multiskills Festival

We have had a fantastic last week of November and have officially welcomed in December and the start of the Christmas chaos! On Tuesday we were joined by all the Year 1 & 2 children from across the Trust, who came to Lapford to take part in a multiskills festival, expertly led by Miss Sloman and Mrs James from Primary Sports. The event saw the children participating in twelve different activity stations where they worked alongside their peers from our Trust schools to really develop their teamwork and gross motor skills. All the children involved reported what a great time they had, and members of staff commented on how well our children engaged - giving their all to every activity and supporting their peers enthusiastically. Well done Skylarks!

Staff ASD training

Each academic year, staff are provided with in depth training on a specific area of SEND. This year our focus is on Autism and after school on Tuesday, staff attended their second training session on supporting children with autism in the primary classroom. This was delivered by Laura Matthews, advisory teacher from the Devon Education Services Autism team and was exceptionally interesting and useful. As well as helping staff understand more about autism and the challenges that autistic children face, she also armed us with a wealth of strategies and toolkits to use with our ASD children.

Music Lessons



On Thursday we were lucky enough to be serenaded by Jemma Bloch and Mr Pooley. Jemma is a local flute teacher who we are welcoming to school to offer peripatetic music lessons to any interested children. She gave us a short introduction to the flute, demonstrating the instrument and also showing the children the Kinder Flute and Fife. Mr Pooley is also offering instrumental lessons and wowed us with his



demonstrations of Spanish, Acoustic and Electric guitars. It was a real treat to hear live music in our school and many children took away letters about lessons. If your child is interested and has not brought home a letter, please collect a copy from the office.

Nativity Time!

This week, we are looking forward to both the EYFS and KS1 Nativities. Both are taking place on Wednesday, with Robins at 2:30pm and Skylarks after school at 6:00pm. The children have been practising hard and their singing has been ringing out in the corridors! I am sure these performances will help to put you firmly in the festive mood.

Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 7th December

Unfortunately, we did not receive any donations of Christmas jumpers therefore we will not be able to run the swap shop as previously hoped. However, we are looking forward to seeing the children in their festive jumpers on Thursday this week.

Have a great week.

Mrs Wright

Christmas Carols on the Green

Led by

The Hatherleigh Town Band

Supported by

Lapford Handbell ringers

14th December 2023

Lower Town Place (Victory Hall if wet)

From 7.00 pm



Refreshments available

Donations to Crisis at Christmas



Lapford Community Church



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<https://creditonrfc.rfu.club/>

CALLING ALL YEAR 6 AND YEAR 7 GIRLS NEW PLAYERS NEEDED!

UNDER 12 GIRLS RUGBY AT CREDITON RFC



Do you want to have fun?

Do you want to keep fit?

Do you want to be part of a team?

Do you want to make new friends?

Join us on **THURSDAY NIGHTS** for Training and **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS** for Matches!

For more information, contact:

Chris Jackson on 07854 784881 or jackson.2008@hotmail.co.uk

TEAMWORK ~ RESPECT ~ ENJOYMENT ~ DISCIPLINE ~ SPORTSMANSHIP



Opal Gold Award



Congratulations to Theo for winning our
OPAL Gold Award this week for showing
compassion during playtimes.



Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

Call 01237 879233, email fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk
or scan the QR code to request a call back



**citizens
advice**

Torrige, North,
Mid & West Devon



Registered charity number: 1068496



Christmas Services and Events run by the Three Churches of Lapford

SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 17th December
6 p.m. @ Lapford Congs

Christmas Eve Crib Service
at 4 p.m. @ the Parish Church

Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m.
@ the Parish Church & @
Lapford Community Church

Events

1st & 2nd Dec
Christmas Fayres
@ The Ark

Host of Angels workshop
@ Lapford Congs 10-12.00
2nd December

Christmas Fayre
@ the Parish Church 10-12.00
9th December



Festive Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 6th December

2:30pm Nursery and Reception Nativity to parents/carers

6:00pm Skylarks Nativity to parents/carers

Thursday 7th December

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Friday 8th December

5:00—6:30pm FLS Christmas Disco

Wednesday 13th December

Robins class Dear Santa trip to Northcott Theatre

Thursday 14th December

2:30pm Years 3-6 Christingle Service at Lapford Congregational Church

Parents/carers are warmly invited to attend

Friday 16th December

Christmas Lunch





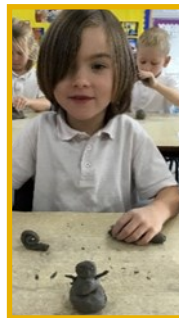
Skylarks Spotlight



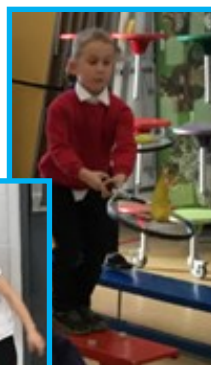
Despite seeing an end to our Forest School sessions this term, we have continued to take our learning outside and enjoy the fresh air while the weather permits! We have been observing our school grounds and creating maps in Geography, whilst recognising and recording signs of Autumn and Winter in Science!



We have also enjoyed making clay sculptures to represent things we find in nature during Autumn.

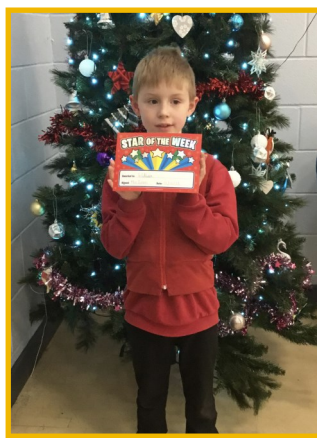
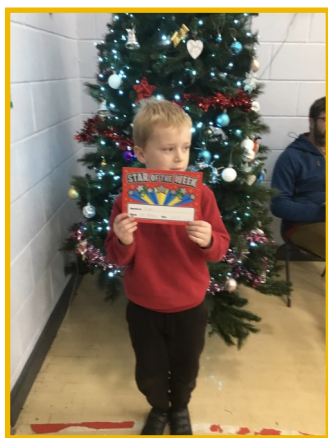


On 28th November we were joined by our friends from Chulmleigh Primary School and East Worlington Primary School for a KS1 Multisports Festival! We had lots of fun developing our skills of balancing, rallying, dribbling, running, throwing and racket control.





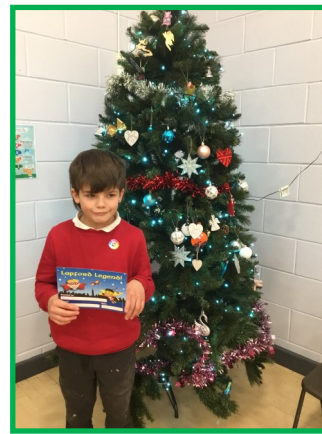
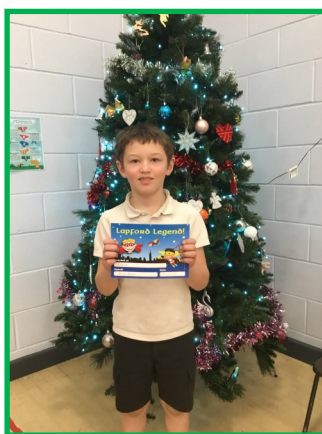
Stars of the Week - 1st December



Congratulations to Oliver, Eileidgh, William and Noah!



Lapford Legends—1st December



Congratulations to Havyn, Reece and Ewan !



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**

1

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2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



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- 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

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



JOB ADVERTISEMENT
FOR THE PERMANENT POST OF
CARETAKER and CLEANER at
EAST WORLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cleaner: 12.5 hours per week x 41 weeks per annum
Grade A £11.59 per hour

Caretaker: 2.5 hours per week x 41 weeks per annum
Grade C £12.18 - £12.59 per hour (depending on experience)

Chulmleigh Academy Trust is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Caretaker and Cleaner to join the Academy Premises Team. The successful candidate will be based at East Worlington Primary School where key duties will include site maintenance, Health and Safety, portage and keyholder duties.

East Worlington Primary School, for children aged 2-11 years, is situated in the village of East Worlington, which is between Chulmleigh and Crediton and close to Witheridge. It is part of the Chulmleigh Academy Trust, a group of three primary schools (East Worlington, Lapford and Chulmleigh) and Chulmleigh College.

East Worlington is the school of choice for many families from the surrounding villages, who are attracted to the friendly community feel of the school and the excellent standards of behaviour.

The successful candidate will be highly motivated with a 'can do' attitude. You will have an eye for detail and an ability to act on your own initiative. The Academy is seeking an individual committed to the provision of high-quality cleanliness, maintenance and security of the school buildings and grounds to ensure a comfortable, well-maintained, and safe working environment for all users.

Candidates should demonstrate their commitment to high standards of Health and Safety and show their determination to contribute to the future success of the school.

The hybrid post covering the roles of cleaner, and caretaker is offered for 15 hours per week x 41 weeks per annum. The working pattern is Monday to Friday 3:30pm to 6:00pm covering 41 weeks per annum which includes a two-week period (30 hours) to allow for a deep clean during the summer holidays.

The job description, application form and information about our dynamic and exciting Academy are available on our [website](#). Please download and complete the application form and email it to personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk by 10 am on Friday 8th December. All applications will be acknowledged. Should you require any assistance to fill out the application, please give us a call on 01769 580215.

As employers, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and in that regard, we have appropriate policies and procedures. All staff undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and interviews will include questions about safeguarding children.

In line with Government guidance, we may carry out online searches against shortlisted applicants' names as part of our due diligence checks

Closing date: 10 am Friday 8th December 2023

Interview Date: week commencing 11th December 2023



CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2023/2024 Academic Year

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26 December 2023
01 January 2024
29 March 2024 (Good Friday)
01 April 2024 (Easter Monday)
06 May 2024 (May Day)
27 May 2024 (Spring Bank Holiday)
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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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