



NEWSLETTER



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
25-29 Apr	PE: Years 2 & 3 FIRST DAY OF TERM	PE: Nursery, Yrs R & 1 After School: Multi Sports KS1 3.30pm – 4.30pm	PE: Years 4 & 5 After School: Multi Sports KS1 3.30pm – 4.30pm	PE: Years R, 3, 4, & 5 After School: Football 3.30pm – 4.30pm	
2-6 May	PE: Years 2 & 3 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	PE: Nursery, Yrs R & 1 After school KS1 Phonics meeting with parents After School: Multi Sports KS1 3.30pm – 4.30pm	PE: Years 4 & 5 After School: Multi Sports KS1 3.30pm – 4.30pm	PE: Years R, 3, 4, & 5 After School: Football 3.30pm – 4.30pm	

Key Dates

11-22 Apr	Easter Holidays	20 May	Bikeability for Year 5
25 Apr	First day of Summer Term	27 May	Last Day of Term
02 May	May Bank Holiday	30 May - 3 June	Half Term
3 May	KS1 and Phonics meeting with parents	6 June	Back to school
13 May	Bikeability for Year 5		



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Letter from Mrs Wilmott

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Lapford Community Primary School,

I have written many letters to you over the years, but this feels like the most important. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your wonderful support over the past eight and a half years.

I have truly loved my time at Lapford Community Primary School, and it has brought me more joy than I could ever have imagined.

I have been blessed to have worked with a team of staff who are, without doubt, the best team I have ever worked with. Even through a pandemic, the wonderful teachers and staff pulled together and worked tirelessly to offer the best opportunities for our pupils. With some shared laughs and teamwork, we have faced the daily challenges and watched Lapford Community Primary School grow and go from strength to strength.

The best part of my job has, naturally, been spending every day with the children. Getting to know each individual child, with their own personalities, strengths and little ways is most rewarding. I wish them all the very best in their school journeys and hope to continue to hear how well they do!

Finally, an enormous and heart felt thank you for the wonderful 'farewell' and thoughtful gifts that I have received. They are very much appreciated. I will take with me many happy memories. Lapford Community Primary School will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Please find below a little message for your children.

Much love

Clare Wilmott

Dear children,

Thank you for the stories, the hugs, the questions and for remembering your full stops. Thank you for always trying your best and never giving up! Thank you for your smiles when you see me and for your 'please and thank you(s)'.
You have made my job absolutely brilliant every day!

You are so special.

Love from
Mrs Wilmott
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Robins and Fledglings

Robins have enjoyed learning about Easter, retelling the Easter story and exploring the reasons for our modern celebrations. We have also been learning lots about nature: we made bird feeders in the conservation area, planted sunflowers and have been learning about evergreen and deciduous trees.

We walked around the school site to explore the trees we have on the grounds, and looked at the changes an apple tree goes through during the four seasons.

Year 1 have been very grown up as they've completed their spring assessments. The teachers have been very proud of how hard the children have worked.

Jays' Class

Mrs Duhig and Mrs Nichols were particularly impressed last week with how well the Year 2 children adapted to being in with the Year 3 children in Jays class in the mornings, while Mrs Drake was off. They threw themselves into the learning tasks set and their behaviour was exemplary; well done Year 2!

Jays have completed their English persuasion unit, which focused on plastic pollution. They have used the facts and persuasive techniques they have learnt over the past few weeks to create a persuasive poster on the importance of reducing plastic pollution. They have created slogans, rhetorical questions and facts to support their argument. Can the children persuade you to use less plastic at home?

In Science, Jays have explored and observed the similarities and differences between different plant stems. We observed that all plant stems have tubes inside to transport water and identified that when we squeezed the stem we could see the water bubbling out at the ends. Just for fun, we each planted a runner bean seed in soil and are having a competition to see whose runner bean can germinate and start to shoot up above the soil first. Indeed, the children are taking this very

seriously and some have taken to talking to their plant and giving it love and attention in the hope it will help their seed win. Will this work, we wonder?

Kingfishers' Class

On Monday, Kingfishers completed their end of topic quiz. The children have gained a huge amount of knowledge and honed new skills throughout our 'Misty Mountain, Winding River' topic and should be really pleased with their retention of new and quite complex information! Questions included, 'What is the name of a feature where the river twists and turns through the landscape?' and 'Which type of mountain is formed when tectonic plates collide with each other, pushing one plate down and one plate up?' Do you know the answers to these questions?

In Science this week, the children completed an 'Escape the Safari Park' challenge, working through nine clues to discover a code to a locked gate. The children had to use their knowledge from our 'Living things and their Habitats' topic to solve clues and reveal digits. The children's understanding of classification, habitats, vertebrates, invertebrates, and branching keys was impressive! Well done, Kingfishers.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3rd May - Phonics screening and Key Stage 1 SATs meeting for the parents/carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2.

Mrs Tanner and Mrs Drake will be sharing information about these two statutory assessments that the children in Skylarks will be completing during the Summer Term. They will explain what the assessments involve and how you can support your child at home.



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Glow Sports Day

We had a bit of a party on Thursday afternoon, where Sporty Stars joined us at Lapford Community Primary School for some ball game fun with music and disco lights.

We all had tremendous fun and hopefully had an afternoon to remember!



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TEACHING ASSISTANT AT CHULMLEIGH COLLEGE Required from May 2022

30 HOURS PER WEEK X 39 WEEKS PER YEAR

**Grade C: £9.99 to £10.39 per hour
(depending on experience)**

**Closing date: 10:00am Tuesday 26th April 2022
Interview date: To be confirmed**

PERMANENT POST OF

CATERING ASSISTANT AT CHULMLEIGH COLLEGE Required from 25th April 2022

12HOURS PER WEEK, TERM TIME ONLY

Grade A: £9.50 per hour

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EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS

**AT CHULMLEIGH COLLEGE
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