

WEEK COMMENCING
Monday 10th November 2025



BLUE DINNER MENU

WEEKLY NEWS



THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break, full of rest, fun, and time with family and friends. It's lovely to see our classrooms and playgrounds filled with smiles and excitement once again. As we begin this new half of the term, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities, activities, and events planned for the weeks ahead. We can't wait to see the children continue to grow, explore, and achieve great things together.



A huge thank you to all our families for their generous donations of food for the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple. Your kindness and support have made a real difference to people in our local community who are in need. Our Harvest Day before the half-term break was a great success; the children took part in thoughtful activities and learning about the importance of helping others, sharing what we have, and being thankful for the food we enjoy each day. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate the harvest season with such enthusiasm and care. Thank you once again for your generosity and community spirit!



We are very excited for tomorrow afternoon, when the children will be heading to the Village Hall to enjoy a special puppet performance of The Misadventures of Thor! This fun and imaginative show brings the Norse god Thor to life through storytelling, puppetry, and plenty of humour. It promises to be an entertaining and engaging experience for all ages, full of adventure and creativity. We are very grateful to the FUS for kindly funding this performance, giving our children the opportunity to experience live theatre right here in our school. We're sure it will be a memorable afternoon filled with laughter, learning, and inspiration!

Best wishes, Miss Corrinne Smith



MONDAY 10th

- Breakfast Club
- Private music lessons, am

After School Club: - Drawing

TUESDAY 11th

- Breakfast Club

NO After School Club: - Football

- Y5&6 Football Match at Filleigh School - please collect from Filleigh at 4.30pm

WEDNESDAY 12th

- Breakfast Club
- Rock Steady music lessons, am

After School Club: - Choir

THURSDAY 13th

- Breakfast Club

After School Club: - Stay & Play





FRIDAY 14th - Children in Need Day!

- Breakfast Club
- 3pm - CIN Cake Sale


After School Club: - Lego

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Celebration of Achievement

<p>Squirrels</p> 	<p>In squirrels' class this week we have Esme M, the persevering parrot for really concentrating on her harvest pumpkin artwork. Arthur was a thinking tortoise in maths thinking really carefully about his learning in our harvest maths lesson and noticing patterns making number bonds. And Cora-May has been a walrus by working really well independently on her pumpkin painting.</p>
<p>Hedgehogs</p> 	<p>Congratulations to Malachi and Peggy for receiving the Thinking Tortoise for taking pride in their work and for beautiful presentation. Well done to Matthew for receiving the Curious Cheetah for imaginative ideas in English. This week's Top Doodler is Rowan. Well done to James L for receiving a 'You've Been Amazing' certificate for excellent manners and showing respect.</p>
<p>Foxes</p> 	<p>Well done to George. He has achieved 1000 stars on Doodle Spell. Rex has achieved 500 stars on Doodle spell. Arthur has achieved 4000 stars on Doodle spell. Harry is our Top Doodler this week; the most stars and time on Doodle. Rex, Millie, Freddie and Ernie have achieved their Hardey Rabbit reading award. Congratulations to Ernie, he is our curious cheetah. He has been furthering his RE learning during drawing club! Rex and Harry are our persevering parrots! They really persevered with making their corn dollies.</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Well done to Flora for earning 9500 stars on Doodle Spell. Well done to TJ for earning 2000 stars on Doodle Spell. Congratulations to Alfie Guymer for being our 'Top Doodler' this past week. Well done to Thomas for earning our Working Together Walrus learning power. Well done to James for earning the Curious Cheetah learning power.</p>

Golden Welly Award



Cleopatra



Misadventures of Thor Puppet Show – Friday 7th November

Beaford Arts are visiting us tomorrow to bring a puppet show for the children from Year 1 to Year 6 to enjoy at the Village Hall.

This has been very kindly organised by our lovely Friends of Umberleigh School, along with the Village Hall Committee.

This event will take place in the afternoon and you will need to collect children from the Hall at 3.30pm instead of school on this day. Parents of Reception children please collect from school.



Reminder to return Shoeboxes by Tomorrow – Friday, 7th November!

If you have taken a shoebox to fill for the Samaritans Christmas Child project this year please make sure it is returned to the school office by tomorrow, ready for collection.



Umberleigh
Academy

UMBERLEIGH JUMBERLEIGH JUMBLE SALE

All proceeds to Umberleigh School
Saturday 8th November 2025
12pm – 4 pm
ADMISSION £1



TOYS, CLOTHES,
BOOKS, BRIC-A-BRAC
and lots more

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Victorian School Day for Squirrel & Fox Classes

We are excited to announce that **Squirrel** and **Fox** classes will be having a **Victorian Day** on **Monday 10th November!** Get ready for a fun-filled journey back in time as the children experience what school life was like during the Victorian times. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of hands-on activities — from the famous “Three Rs” (reading, writing, and arithmetic) to drill exercises, traditional playground games, cooking, crafts, art, and singing.



To help bring history to life, we'd love the children to come to school dressed in simple Victorian-style costumes. These could include:

- Girls: Long skirt or dress. Could add a pinafore, simple blouse, or shawl
- Boys: Trousers or shorts with a shirt. Could add a waistcoat, or simple jacket
- Hats, bonnets, or caps could be added if you have one in the dressing up box!
- Clothes colours: black, white and neutral

It is going to be a fantastic, immersive day and we can't wait to see the children enjoy stepping back in time to discover what school was like over a hundred years ago.

North Devon Football League Match – Tuesday, 11th November

Our next football match is next Tuesday, 11th November at Filleigh Primary School.

We are planning on leaving Umberleigh at 3.15pm to hopefully kick off at 3.40pm.

We will be travelling to Filleigh in our TEAM mini bus driven by my-self and accompanied by Mr Brayley.

The match is roughly 20mins per half so we are aiming to finish by 4.30pm.

If your child would like to take part in this activity please consent via Arbor by Monday, 10th November.

Your child will need to be collected from Filleigh Primary School at the end of the match. All parents are welcome to attend; however, the school have asked for no photos to be taken by parents.



Football After School Club Cancelled

on Tuesday 11th November

due to ND Football League Match at Filleigh



Children in Need – Friday, 14th November

We're excited to be celebrating *Children in Need* on **Friday 14th November**! To support this wonderful cause, we'll be holding a **cake sale after school at 3:00pm** (cash only) on the main playground — we'd love your help by donating some delicious cakes to sell!



Children are also invited to **dress up for the day / own clothes / Pudsey themed** for a **voluntary donation** (£1 per child suggestion) with all proceeds going to this fantastic charity. Please see details below of our JustGiving Page to make your donations or if easier children can bring along cash to hand to class teacher on the morning of.

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You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here

https://www.justgiving.com/page/umberleighacademy?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

JustGiving sends your donation straight to BBC Children in Need and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference!



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Fox Class Trip to St. Anne's Chapel, Barnstaple

We are excited to inform you that the Fox Class will be visiting St Anne's Chapel in Barnstaple for a Victorian Workshop on Tuesday, 18th November.

This educational trip will give the children an opportunity to step back in time and experience what life was like during the Victorian era. The workshop will include hands-on activities, historical role play, and fascinating insights into Victorian customs, schooling, and daily life—helping to bring our current topic to life in a fun and memorable way.



Children will travel to and from St Anne's Chapel on our TEAM mini buses driven by Mrs Langdon and Mrs Cook. We plan to depart from school at 9:15am and aim to return by 3.15pm for a normal 3.30pm collection. Please ensure your child arrives at school promptly that morning.

Children should wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. If your child receives free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided by the school. Please can you inform Mrs Jones if you would like the school to provide this.

The cost of the trip is £2.86, which covers the workshop fees. **Please make payment and give consent via Arbor by 11th November if you have not already done so.**

UMBERLEIGH ACADEMY MENU - AUTUMN 2025

	Week 1: 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 10/11, 01/12	Week 2: 08/09, 29/09, 20/10, 17/11, 08/12	Week 3: 15/09, 06/10, 03/11, 24/11, 15/12
M O N	Bacon Mac & Cheese V – Mac & Cheese Green Veg Apple Cake & Custard	"Tiny Tree" & Sausage Pasta V – Sausage Pasta Sweetcorn Bakewell Slice	Toad in the Hole V – Sausages in the Hole Mash potato, Seasonal Veg Oat Cookie
T U E	Chicken Fajita's V – Quorn Nugget Fajita's Sweetcorn & Salad Lemon Drizzle Cake	Hunters Chicken V – Macaroni Cheese Rice & Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Honey Chicken Stir Fry V – Quorn Honey Chicken Rice, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Sticky Toffee Pudding
W E D	Roast Gammon V – Cauliflower Cheese Roast Potatoes & Fresh Veg Scotch Pancakes with Yogurt & Fruit	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce V – Vegetarian Roast Roast Potatoes & Fresh Veg Fruit Salad & Chocolate Pot	Roast Chicken V – Cheese & Onion Pie Roast Potatoes and Fresh Veg Fruit & Ice Cream
T H U R	Beef Pasta Bolognese V – Quorn Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread & Vegetables Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream	Homemade Meatballs & Spaghetti V – Quorn Meatballs & Spaghetti Garlic Bread & Seasonal Veg Fruit Muffin	Homemade Ham & Peperoni Pizza V – Margarita Pizza Veg & Salad Fruit Crumble & Custard
F R I	Cod Fishcake V – Cheese & Broccoli Bake Chips & Seasonal Vegetables Flapjack	Battered Fish V – Omelette Chips & Seasonal Veg Apple Tart	Fish Fingers V – Cheese Wheel Chips & Seasonal Veg Shortbread Biscuit & Milkshake

Main meal in **Bold** V = Vegetarian option **Available Everyday:** - Jacket potatoes with filling choices of tuna, cheese & / or beans. Yogurt pots & fresh fruit
Bumble Bees - £2.00 per day **Infant Children** – FREE **Junior Children** - £2.58 per day
Please make payments via Arbor

Dates for your Diary 2025-2026		
20 th November	Reception vision screening	11am
10 th December	Rock Steady Sharing Concert at Village Hall	9am – 9.45am
16 th December	Christmas Play Performance at Village Hall	2pm
16 th December	Christmas Play Performance at Village Hall	6pm
17 th December	Christmas Lunch & Party at Village Hall	pm
19 th December	Brumble Bees Danny Go Christmas Party – parents are welcome	2.30pm – 3pm
19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
22 nd Dec – 5 th Jan	Christmas Holidays	
6 th Jan	First day of Spring Term	
3 rd – 6 th Feb	Y5 London Residential	
16 th – 20 th Feb	Half Term	
1 st April	Rock Steady Sharing Concert at Village Hall	9am – 9.45am
2 nd April	Last day of Spring Term	
3 rd -17 th April	Easter Holidays	
20 th April	First day of Summer Term	
4 th May	Bank Holiday	
11 th May	Y6 SATs	
12 th May	Y6 SATs	
13 th May	Y6 SATs	
14 th May	Y6 SATs	
17 th May – 22 nd May	Y6 Bude Residential	
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term	
1 st June	Non-pupil day	
30 th June	Sports Day rescheduled from 7 th July	2pm – 3.30pm
8 th – 10 th July	Year 3 & 4 Wildside Residential	
15 th July	Rock Steady Sharing Concert at Village Hall	9am – 9.45am
17 th July	Leavers Assembly	2.30pm – 3.30pm
21 st July	Last day of Summer Term	
22 nd – 24 th July	Non-pupil days	



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Chittlehampton

Christmas Bingo

Wednesday 26th November
Umberleigh Village Hall
Eyes Down 7.30pm

UMBERLEIGH VILLAGE HALL

Christmas BINGO

Thursday 27th November
Doors Open 7pm
Eyes Down 7.30pm

RAFFLE
TEA/COFFEE/BISCUITS

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SCHOOL
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We currently have 3 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Trustee with Financial Expertise

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Team Multi-Academy Trust

TEAM Multi Academy Trust are seeking a Trustee with Financial Expertise - Help Shape the Future of Education in North Devon

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ Voluntary

55 Days Remaining - Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

Meal Time Assistant

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Umberleigh Primary Academy

The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.26 Hourly
- HOURS PER WEEK: 3 (12PM - 1PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH DAY) | Grade A | 38 weeks | Term time only

Expiring Tomorrow - Apply by Midday, Friday 7th Nov, 2025 - Job start: ASAP



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Cleaner

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Pilton Infants' Academy

The appointed person/s will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.65 Hourly
- Grade A | 10HPW (2 HOURS PER DAY TO BE WORKED AFTERNOON/ EVENINGS) | 41 WEEKS

Expiring Tomorrow - Apply by Midday, Friday 7th Nov, 2025 - Job start: ASAP



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