

**WEEK COMMENCING**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

THIS SCHOOL IS A  
 **BLUE DINNER MENU**



# WEEKLY NEWS




**THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We're excited to share that our playing field now features brand-new climbing equipment designed to support active, imaginative play. The structure includes a variety of fun challenges that help children build strength, coordination, and confidence; all while having a great time with friends.



Safety remains our priority: the equipment meets all current standards and is surrounded by soft-fall surfacing. Our staff will guide children as they learn to use the new features safely.

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Breakfast Club
- Private music lessons, am

**After School Club:** - Drawing

**TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Breakfast Club

**After School Club:** - Football

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Breakfast Club
- Open the Book
- Rock Steady music lessons, am

**After School Club:** - Choir

**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club

**After School Club:** - Stay & Play

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club

**After School Club:** - Lego

**Life, Love & Learning  
to the Full**



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We're pleased to announce that swimming lessons will begin next term for all students. As part of the school curriculum, these sessions help children develop confidence in the water, learn essential safety skills, and build their swimming ability in a supportive environment. Lessons will take place during school hours at South Molton swimming pool with qualified swimming instructors. More information, including schedules, what children need to bring, and any required forms will be shared before the end of this term.



Best wishes,

Miss Corrinne Smith


## Celebration of Achievement

<p>Squirrels</p> 	<p>Congratulations to Esme for being our persevering parrot this week in maths and to Scarlett for being a thinking tortoise in our history lesson about the Victorians. Well done to Eli for achieving 40 merits and to Ruarri and Arthur for achieving 50 reads on their reading rainbow. Well done to Hunter for being Freddy Frogs reader of the week, you have been listening really well and joining in with our lessons brilliantly.</p>
<p>Hedgehogs</p> 	<p>Congratulations to Mal and Tom for receiving the Working Walrus this week for working really well independently in history this week. Congratulations to Arnie for receiving the Curious Cheetah for showing creativity when making his canopic jar. Top Doodler this week is Mal. Well done to Mal for reaching 2500 stars on Doodle Spell and Orla for 2000 stars.</p>
<p>Foxes</p> 	<p>Congratulations to Freddie for achieving his Mosey Mole Reading award. Harry has achieved his 500 stars on Doodle maths. Junior is our Top Doodler this week :)</p> <p>Rosa is our Curious Cheetah; she is always asking questions and is inquisitive about everything we learn about.</p> <p>Frida is our Thinking Tortoise; she has remembered so much about the Victorians and that really showed on our class trip.</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Well done to Toby for earning the Curious Cheetah learning power. Toby has been involving himself more in our class discussions and is becoming more confident at answering questions or reading out loud in front of others.</p> <p>Well done to Alfie G for earning 2500 stars on Doodle Spell.</p> <p>Congratulations to Cece for earning RR6, Emily for RR2, Ella for RR5, TJ for RR3, Dylan T for RR3 and Alfie W for RR2!</p> <p>Well done to our Top Doodler this week, Alfie G!</p>


**20 Merits**

Matthew, Tom, Lily  
Alfie G, Ella, Arthur,  
Ernie, Esme D,  
Esme M, Scarlett,  
Marley, Bessie, Willow,  
Cora-May, Milo

**Golden Welly Award**



Charlie & Fiachra





# CHRISTMAS JUMPER FRIDAYS

We would like to invite all children to wear their Christmas jumpers every Friday in December to support the Save the Children charity.

**FRI 5TH, FRI 12TH AND FRI 19TH DEC**



Suggested donation £1 per child

Thank you for your support in helping us raise money for a wonderful cause!



**Save the Children**

**JustGiving™**



## Christmas Play

Please continue support your child in learning their lines and song words at home.

Reminder to provide a costume for your child – We do have some items in school that we can allocate, and if you need help with any part of the costume, please let us know. Please bring costumes into School week commencing Mon, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec in a carrier bag with your child's name clearly marked on it! **Dress rehearsal is planned for Fri, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.**



Like last year, we need to ticket both performances to ensure that we don't break any fire regulation rules at the Village Hall. Tickets are **FREE** of charge but with increased pupil numbers we encourage

family members to only attend one performance each please! **Tickets are available from the school office via Mrs Jones (mornings only).**



## REQUEST FOR PRINGLE TUBES / GRAVY GRANULE TUBE

We are planning an exciting art project next week and would be very grateful for any empty Pringle tubes or gravy granule tubes you may have at home.

These will be used by the children to create canopic jars, and we will need at least 20 in total.



If you are able to send any in, please bring them early next week.



Thank you so much for your support!

**OWL CLASS**

## OUR SQUIRRELS CLASS NEEDS YOUR MILK BOTTLE TOPS!



We use clean plastic milk bottle tops for our junk modelling projects, and we'd love your help collecting them.





Freedom Community Alliance  
The Freedom Centre  
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www.freedomcommunityalliance.org.uk



Freedom  
Transforming Lives

21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Mrs Corrine Smith  
Umberleigh Primary School  
Umberleigh EX37 9AD

By email: admin@umberleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

Dear Mrs Smith,

We have been incredibly blessed again here at Freedom by the amazing generosity of so many individuals, churches, schools and other organisations including yourselves who have chosen to support us as part of our Harvest appeal.

So, I wanted to take this opportunity to write on behalf of the whole team here to express our heart-felt thanks to you all at Umberleigh Primary School for your wonderful donation of tinned and dry food.

The environment in which we work, can be incredibly challenging, so to know that you and so many other wonderful supporters are willing to stand with us in this way, really means a lot. Please be assured of our commitment to use your donation well within our Day Centre in supporting so many individuals who are finding life difficult in so many ways.

This year, we are enclosing with this letter, a copy of our most recent newsletter to our supporters, for those who would like to know more of our work. We send these updates out twice a year and if you, or someone from your group/organisation, do not currently receive a copy, but would like to on an ongoing basis, please do drop an email to: info@freedomcommunityalliance.org.uk and we will be glad to add you to our circulation list.

Once again, thank you so much for your continued and faithful support. We think you are amazing!

God bless you.

*RP Mandy Noble*  
Roger Bartlett  
Operations Manager

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## 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	<b>Bacon Mac &amp; Cheese</b> V – Mac & Cheese Green Veg <b>Apple Cake &amp; Custard</b>	<b>“Tiny Tree” &amp; Sausage Pasta</b> V – Sausage Pasta Sweetcorn <b>Bakewell Slice</b>	<b>Toad in the Hole</b> V – Sausages in the Hole Mash potato, Seasonal Veg <b>Oat Cookie</b>
T U E	<b>Chicken Fajita’s</b> V – Quorn Nugget Fajita’s Sweetcorn & Salad <b>Lemon Drizzle Cake</b>	<b>Hunters Chicken</b> V – Macaroni Cheese Rice & Sweetcorn <b>Chocolate Sponge &amp; Custard</b>	<b>Honey Chicken Stir Fry</b> V – Quorn Honey Chicken Rice, Broccoli & Sweetcorn <b>Sticky Toffee Pudding</b>
W E D	<b>Roast Gammon</b> V – Cauliflower Cheese Roast Potatoes & Fresh Veg <b>Scotch Pancakes with Yogurt &amp; Fruit</b>	<b>Roast Pork &amp; Apple Sauce</b> V – Vegetarian Roast Roast Potatoes & Fresh Veg <b>Fruit Salad &amp; Chocolate Pot</b>	<b>Roast Chicken</b> V – Cheese & Onion Pie Roast Potatoes and Fresh Veg <b>Fruit &amp; Ice Cream</b>
T H U R	<b>Beef Pasta Bolognaise</b> V – Quorn Pasta Bolognaise Garlic Bread & Vegetables <b>Fruit Jelly &amp; Ice Cream</b>	<b>Homemade Meatballs &amp; Spaghetti</b> V – Quorn Meatballs & Spaghetti Garlic Bread & Seasonal Veg <b>Fruit Muffin</b>	<b>Homemade Ham &amp; Peperoni Pizza</b> V – Margarita Pizza Veg & Salad <b>Fruit Crumble &amp; Custard</b>
F R I	<b>Cod Fishcake</b> V – Cheese & Broccoli Bake Chips & Seasonal Vegetables <b>Flapjack</b>	<b>Battered Fish</b> V – Omelette Chips & Seasonal Veg <b>Apple Tart</b>	<b>Fish Fingers</b> V – Cheese Wheel Chips & Seasonal Veg <b>Shortbread Biscuit &amp; Milkshake</b>

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

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# Community News

Any articles which appear in the school newsletter, that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only



UMBERLEIGH VILLAGE HALL

# Christmas BINGO

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Doors Open 7pm  
Eyes Down 7.30pm



Umberleigh  
Academy

RAFFLE  
TEA/COFFEE/BISCUITS

FUNDS RAISED IN AID OF  
UMBERLEIGH PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

The poster features a festive design with a green Christmas tree on the left, decorated with red baubles and a yellow star. At the top, there are colorful string lights and a pine branch with three round ornaments (pink, orange, and green). The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts to create a celebratory feel.

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# flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

## 1. Protect yourself

The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

## 2. Protect your family and friends

Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

## 3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

## 4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record

## 5. Avoid lost opportunities

If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy



For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

Flu **i**mmunisation  
Helping to protect you against flu

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## School aged vaccinations

# Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ FLU - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ MMR - Catch-up
- ✓ HPV - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - Year 9 - Year 11



## Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school



For further information scan the QR code or please speak with a member of the team

Call us on

**01392 342678**

[Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net](mailto:Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net)

# Parent & Carer Advisor

Children and Family Health Devon (CFHD) provides NHS physical and mental healthcare services for children and young people in Devon.

CFHD are looking for parents and caregivers who have used their services to share their ideas. Parental Minds C.I.C are working with CFHD to support parents to take part.

## As a Parent & Carer Advisor you could be:

- Interviewing candidates for jobs in CFHD (as part of a panel)
- Helping improve communication (e.g. commenting on webpages, letters, leaflets)
- Helping staff better understand the experience of families
- Commenting on policies, strategies, changes in services

These opportunities could be online, in-person, via email or via whatsapp. You'll become part of a panel who will hear about different opportunities to take part. Dip in or out depending on your interests and available time, with no obligation.

## Interested?

If you take part in a meeting or event you'll receive

- £12.21 per hour
- Travel expenses
- Preparation and support

For more information email: [hello@parentalminds.org.uk](mailto:hello@parentalminds.org.uk)  
or message: 07907 614 516

Further details will be sent when you sign up to register your interest.

Register here: [forms.office.com/e/ZfhadNZYcC](https://forms.office.com/e/ZfhadNZYcC)

If for any reason you decide not to sign up, we'd love to know more about your reasons why, so that we can understand barriers for parents to get involved. Briefly share your thoughts here: [forms.office.com/e/Hrgw4DV0us](https://forms.office.com/e/Hrgw4DV0us)



PARENTAL MINDS C.I.C.  
Mental Healthcare - Exploring Pathways



Children & Family Health Devon

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# Wreath-Making Evening



Join us for a festive evening  
of creativity and cheer!

Thursday 4th December, 7.00 PM  
Umberleigh Village Hall

Enjoy mince pies and mulled  
wine as you craft your own  
beautiful Christmas wreath.

£25 PER PERSON



Please contact Jenni 07584221108  
to book your place



# Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born  
between 1 September 2021  
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:  
[devon.cc/admissionsonline](https://devon.cc/admissionsonline)

or scan the QR code. Applications open from  
**15 November 2025** to the **15 January 2026**

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk) or call our Education Helpline on:  
**0345 155 1019**



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.



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**MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER**  
**CHITTLE CHAPEL ROOMS**  
**7PM**

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**SOUTH MOLTON**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
— supporting success —



26<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite you and your family to our annual South Molton Community College Carol Concert, hosted at St Mary Magdalene Church. The event will take place at 6:00pm on Wednesday 10th December and will feature a range of festive performances from our talented students.

This is always a warm and joyful occasion, and we would be thrilled to welcome families from our local primary schools to join us in celebrating the season together.

We hope to see you there to share some festive cheer.

Warmest regards,

Sian Redwood

Assistant Director of Expressive Literacy  
South Molton Community College

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