



WEEK COMMENCING
Monday 5th January 2026



BLUE DINNER MENU



WEEKLY NEWS



THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY 5th - NO SCHOOL

- Non-Pupil Day

TUESDAY 6th - BACK TO SCHOOL

- Breakfast Club 7.45am - 8.45am
- Lunchtime Story Club with Miss Smith
- Wraparound Care from 3.30pm - 5pm

WEDNESDAY 7th

- Breakfast Club 7.45am - 8.45am
- Rock Steady Private Music Lessons
- Lunchtime Choir Club with Mr Pester
- Y6 SATs preparation, 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Wraparound Care from 3.30pm - 5pm

THURSDAY 8th

- Breakfast Club 7.45am - 8.45am
- Swimming Lessons for Y1, 2, 4 & 6
- Wraparound Care from 3.30pm - 5pm

FRIDAY 9th

- Breakfast Club 7.45am - 8.45am
- Lunchtime Drawing Club with Mrs Westwood
- Wraparound Care from 3.30pm - 5pm

Life, Love & Learning to the Full



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a fantastic performance on Tuesday! The children, as always, worked incredibly hard to prepare for the Christmas play, and I am immensely proud of their commitment and determination to do their very best. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with them, and I would like to thank every child for their enthusiasm and effort.



Standing on a stage and performing in front of an audience takes great courage. Experiences like this help to build the children's confidence and allow them to recognise and manage feelings of nerves and excitement. It is so important that our children experience a range of emotions, as this helps them develop resilience and valuable coping skills for the future.

We also thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas lunch yesterday. A huge thank you to Mrs Down and Mrs Cook for all their hard work in providing such a wonderful meal—so much time and effort goes into making this event special, and it is greatly appreciated. After lunch, the celebrations continued where we were delighted to welcome a very special visitor: Father Christmas! We were overjoyed to see him and extremely grateful that he was able to take time out of his very busy schedule to visit us.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the FUS. The incredible work you do to support our school



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community does not go unnoticed. The funds raised through tea and coffee events, Christmas hampers, jumble sales, and so much more help to provide extra treats, trips, and experiences for the children—things that simply wouldn't be possible without your dedication and hard work. Thank you.

As the term comes to a close, we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved and truly grateful for the strong partnership we share with our families.

All the staff at Umberleigh Academy would like to wish you all a happy, safe, and restful Christmas holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the Spring term on **Tuesday 6th January 2026!**

Best wishes,

Miss Corrinne Smith





REMINDER - Family Sharing Morning

We would like to invite parents into their children's classrooms to showcase their terms work tomorrow: -

Friday 19th December

8.45am - 9.15am





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

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Brumble Bee 'Danny Go Dancing' Christmas Party



Friday, 19th December

We would like to invite Brumble Bee parents to join us from 2.30pm



Spring Term

Wraparound After school clubs from January

Wraparound after school clubs will be available to book via Arbor from today at 2pm. Mrs Brown and Mrs Howard will be our club leaders. You can book your child to attend Monday to Friday with the below times available each day and prices.

Session one – 3.30pm – 4pm = £2 per child

Sessions two – 3.30pm – 4.30pm = £4 per child

Session three – 3.30pm – 5pm = £6 per child

For children that are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding wraparound care is offered at a 50% reduction.



Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime clubs will be available for children to join commencing on Tuesday 6th January. We will talk to the children about signing up for lunchtime clubs in the New Year.

Tuesday – Story Club with Miss Smith

Wednesday – Choir Club with Mr Pester

Friday – Drawing Club with Mrs Westwood

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Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will start on Thursday, 8th January with Years, 1, 2, 4 & 6 attending South Molton Swimming pool weekly for 6 weeks. Please make sure children have their kit bag every Wednesday for this activity. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child/rens name and long hair is tied back.



Year 5 London Residential – 3rd – 6th February

Please continue to make payments via Arbor – final payment due by the end of January.

NEW SPRING 2025 MENU

If you would like a paper copy please collect a copy from the office. Otherwise you can view on our website or in our weekly newsletter.

Umberleigh Academy Menu - Spring Term 2026

	Week 1: 5/1, 26/1, 23/2, 16/3	Week 2: 12/1, 2/2, 2/3, 23/3	Week 3: 19/1, 9/2, 9/3, 30/3
Monday	Hot Dog V – Quorn Hot Dog Seasonal vegetables Sticky toffee pudding & custard	Tuna Pasta Bake V – Broccoli pasta bake Seasonal Vegetables Banana & peach knickerbocker glory	Toad in the Hole V – Sausages in the Hole Diced potatoes & seasonal veg Chocolate sponge & custard
Tuesday	Chicken Fajita's V – Quorn Nugget Fajita's Sweetcorn & salad Lemon drizzle cake	Mild Chicken Curry V – Vegetarian Curry Rice & poppadum Iced sponge	Hunters Chicken V – Macaroni Cheese Rice & sweetcorn Lemon & strawberry cheesecake
Wednesday	Roast Gammon V – Cauliflower Cheese Roast potatoes seasonal vegetables Scotch pancakes with yogurt & fruit	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce V – Vegetarian Roast Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Peaches & ice cream	Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets V – Cheese & Onion Pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit platter with raspberry sauce
Thursday	Lasagne V – Veggie Lasagne Seasonal Vegetables & garlic bread Jelly, fruit & ice cream	Homemade Meatballs & Spaghetti V - Quorn Meatballs & Spaghetti Seasonal veg Chocolate cracknell	Spaghetti Bolognese V – Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese Seasonal veg & garlic bread Fruit muffin
Friday	Oven Baked Fish V – Vegetarian Nuggets Golden fries & carrots Flapjack	Fish Fingers V -Vegetable Fingers Golden fries & seasonal veg Rice pudding	Fish / Salmon Cakes V – Cheesy Wheels Golden fries & seasonal veg Shortbread biscuit & milk

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

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Arbor Payments

Please ensure any debts on your child/rens accounts are made before the end of term.

Breakfast Club

Time: - 7.45am - 8.45am

£4.00 per child

Please book in advance with Mrs Jones via School office

Sessions will be invoiced to your Arbor account

Dates for your Diary 2025-2026

<u>Dates for your Diary 2025-2026</u>		
22 nd Dec – 5 th Jan	Christmas Holidays	
6 th Jan	First day of Spring Term	
8 th Jan	Swimming lessons start for Y1,2,4 & 6 – every Thursday until half term	10am – 12pm
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	
30th June	Sports Day rescheduled from 7th 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	



Apply for a primary school place

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



Apply online at:

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 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.



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

St. Haritha Chittlehampton

Christingle Crib service on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm in Chittlehampton Church and
Our New Family Service on the afternoon of January 11th at 4.00pm.



CHITTLE YFC OPEN SKITTLES COMPETITION

**FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026
UMBERLEIGH VILLAGE HALL
7.30PM START
£30 PER TEAM
TEAMS OF 6 MUST INC 2 FEMALES
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