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Dear Parents and Carers

Although I was appointed a long time ago in 2004, I can honestly say that every day has been filled with interesting and rewarding work. I have embraced many challenges along the way, and in doing so, I have been stretched, inspired, and have learned so much.

It has been a privilege to watch our young people and my colleagues at Chulmleigh work so hard in order to shape a brighter future. The school is now in a strong position, and I am pleased to have played a role in the positive changes we have achieved together—bringing stability, new buildings, fantastic staff, significant growth, and a valued partnership with Chulmleigh, Lapford, and East Worlington Primary Schools.

Being a headteacher has always meant being part of a team. It has never just been about leading from the front. We all know Chulmleigh is full of leadership, resilience, and strength. The school is in a far better place now than it was in 2004, and I am proud to have contributed to Chulmleigh College's journey. None of this would have been possible without the strong and committed people around me. In particular, I would like to thank Steve Baber, Chair of the Board of Directors for his support—and for keeping me in check!

To my brilliant colleagues, our excellent directors, our steadfast community, and our wonderful pupils: thank you for being part of this journey. I know how fortunate I am to have shared this time and space with you.

Of course, nothing lasts forever including me. I am content to pass the baton on, and I look forward along with you to seeing Chulmleigh College continue to thrive.

Michael Johnson

Mr Johnson, Executive Headteacher



*Farewell
Mr Johnson!*



Letter From Steve Baber

Dear Parent / Carer

For many years Mike Johnson, Executive Headteacher, has provided his reflection on the week at Chulmleigh College in Optime. It is now a little strange and with mixed emotions I find myself, as Chair of the Board of Directors, writing my reflection on Mr Johnson's immense contribution to the education of many hundreds of students as a thank you and goodbye. After 35 years as a teacher including 21 years as Headteacher of Chulmleigh College his decision to retire provides an opportunity to celebrate some of his achievements and recognise their impact on the education and ultimately the lives of students.

As a teacher and leader, he has unequivocally demonstrated a real passion for wanting the best possible outcomes for all students and we are fortunate that he has held Chulmleigh College as the school to focus his energy and commitment. His belief in seeing education as the way towards positive social mobility, and as the foundation of constructive citizenship has driven his approach to leadership, which has made Chulmleigh College the school it is today.

In his time as Headteacher he has focused on standards as a core value and this has permeated the College's educational provision, leading to high academic achievement, strong codes of good behaviour and a programme of clubs, activities and educational experiences which contribute to social enrichment and personal and social development. In essence he has led by example a school culture that reflects his aspirations for all students, and this has had a significant impact on the overall strengths of the College.

He led, with determination, the new school building project, supported by the Department for Education (DfE), ensuring in the design provided a teaching and learning environment that reflected the importance he plays on pedagogy, accessibility and overall school culture.

Under his leadership the curriculum offer for students has grown and is now extensive, for a school the size of Chulmleigh. This has enabled students to access a comprehensive range of subject and achieve fantastic outcomes year on year, with particular pride in the number of students entering and achieving the flagship standard of Ebacc.

The College now achieves examination outcome comparable to the top-rated school nationally, for example in 2024 achieving a Progress 8 figure of +0.86 which places Chulmleigh College in the top 5% of schools nationally.

All these achievements and more have resulted in Chulmleigh College having a reputation that now makes it the school of choice for many parents and carers and this has contributed to the increase in student numbers by 50% within 10 years. This is credit to Mr Johnson's focussed, determined and consistent vision for student achievement and the long-term leadership strategies that he has adopted.

Mr Johnson has always been quick to recognise the strengths and achievements of the College are a team effort and while as Headteacher he has had the opportunity to appoint and built a strong staff team, he never fails to recognise that every member of the staff team contributes to student achievement and the school's overall successes.

While we might consider his retirement as the end of an era, we know that he leaves firm foundations that enable us to look forward, and with a smooth transition, to a new era that has a clear vision for the future.

So, from the Board of Directors, we celebrate Mr Johnson's achievements, give him our heartfelt thanks for all that he has done in his time as Headteacher of the College and wish him all the best for his future life.

With best wishes

Steve Baber

Chair Board of Directors



Chulmleigh College

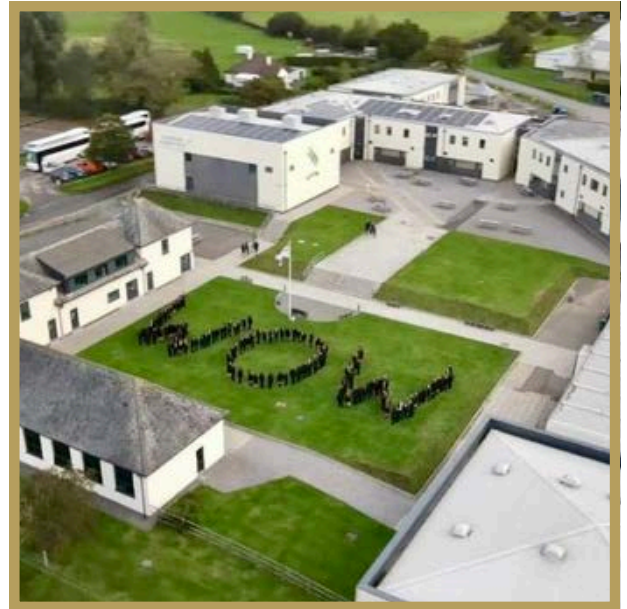
From this...



Highlights of The Journey



To this!





In the final assembly of the year pupils paid tribute to Mr Johnson, and Year 9 pupil, Freya Mason, presented Mr Johnson with a card signed by the whole school. The card contained this wonderful poem written by Freya and which Freya read aloud. Mr Johnson received a standing ovation from the pupils and staff.

Goodbye, Mr Johnson

Mr Johnson, it's time to go,
The halls are quiet, the faces glow,
With memories of your steady hand,
Guiding us through, helping us stand.
You led with kindness, strong and true,
And made us feel like we could too.
Through every lesson, every test,
You gave your all, and gave your best.
From early mornings to late in the day,
You helped us find our own way.
Through laughter, tears, and moments small, you inspired us to stand tall.
With every word, you walked with pride,
Now as you leave, the bell rings clear,
We'll carry on with you near.
Though you're not here to lead the way,
Your lessons live in us each day.
So farewell, Mr Johnson, and though it's tough,
Know your impact on us is more than enough.

Freya Mason, Year 9 pupil





Mr Johnson



Thank you to Mrs Whitely for the wonderful cake!





We are delighted to announce that the change of status for Lapford Community Primary School has today been confirmed by the DfE.

From September 2025, the school will become a Church of England primary school.

The Directors of Chulmleigh Academy Trust, and Senior Leaders carefully considered the responses to the recent consultation on the change of name and are delighted to announce that the school will become: 'St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School, Lapford'



For further information regarding the consultation please follow this link:

<https://www.lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk/>

We look forward to sharing more news about the exciting launch next term - watch this space!

Thank You!

We invited a number of our volunteers for Cream Tea on Thursday 17 July.

One of our biggest strengths lies in the support we get to support the children in the schools.

The mentoring system has, simply, improved the College this year. College mentors (from St Mary's Church, Chulmleigh) are a very regular fixture in the College. They support pupils at breaks and have done some extremely special work, helping to turn the lives of some of our children around. Their work has extended to helping families in need and they are a visible example to all of us of the power of faith and community.

Volunteer helpers in the Trust's primary schools were invited. We have people helping children to read, play music and assist in class; giving their time freely, again making the lives of children far better.

The volunteers for Ten Tors and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme have given literally thousands of hours of their weekends over the last year to help our pupils get life-changing experiences and learn about the importance of the environment that they live in. I have been lucky enough to go out with these people on a few occasions in the last year and I can tell you that their work is utterly admirable, brilliant and exhausting. We have seen a significant improvements in the levels of tenacity, stickability and a 'can do' thinking from pupils who have joined these wonderful schemes. I know our pupils love camping, cooking and sleeping in cold wet weather. I think that the adults with them deserve medals!

The PTFAs of the schools have been a tremendous force for good. At the College, we would particularly like to warmly thank Claire Dell, Becky Vile, Catherine Waterhouse, Laura Minton and Catherine Gilbard for all their help with the events that the College has laid on. They have improved the morale of teachers and parents alike and have raised thousands of pounds for the College.

A thousand thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Mr Johnson, Executive Headteacher



Thank You!

Without our drivers and Jack Cottrell from Devon County Council co-ordinating the county's buses, we could not be the school we are.

One of the extraordinary features of the school is that it is markedly oversubscribed, despite being in a rurally dispersed area and despite having a declining population of young people. We provide a style of school that parents want and we think our values are in line with those of very many people in our wider area.

We could not send successful young people away to very bright futures if the drivers did not take them to school. What driving a school bus lacks in glamour, it makes up for in importance. We are acutely aware that one pivotal reason we have had such success rests with the work done by these great people. They work in order to make our pupils successful.

Thank you Chulmleigh College drivers!





Year 10 Mock Results

Year 10 pupils came together on Thursday 17th July to formally receive their statement of results following the Year 10 GCSE Mock Examination Series earlier this term.

The more we practise, the better we become and just as we practise sitting examinations we also practise managing the emotions and feelings that come with receiving GCSE results.

It has been hugely positive to speak to our pupils about their Year 10 mock examination results and their plans for Year 11. Holding this event now gives our pupils important momentum and focus as they approach the final year of their studies.

We look forward to the next round of mock GCSE examinations in the summer term.

Mr Payne, Deputy Executive Headteacher



Summer Fun!

On Monday 21 July, a group of Year 9 and 10s organised an afternoon of activities for a mixture of Year 7s and 8s. We organised a range of activities which included rock painting, giant skipping, 3D bookmark making, bowling and more! The afternoon was finished off with icecreams and cake pops.

It was a brilliant afternoon. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Agnes Catling, Head Girl





HT6 Writing Challenge Winner!

Obe Solity has done it again! Not only was his poem, He's Too Loud, just a great poem, but he did what lots of aspiring writers find most difficult of all: he redrafted. Hemmingway said "The only kind of writing is rewriting." This is the third draft of this poem that I've read, and it kept getting better, more precise, more targeted in its message each time.

I hope you enjoy it!

We also had two runners up. Lilly Wilson (Year 7) wrote a wonderfully funny and imaginative children's story where the main character is an Uno card! She illustrated it too! Rosie Thompson (Year 8) wrote a poem that really captures the sights, sounds and feelings of playing an amazing computer game. I know that feeling!

I encourage everyone to put pen to paper over the summer, whether you're a faithful Creative Writing Club member, or someone just wanting to try writing for the first time in a while. It really is one of the most rewarding hobbies out there. If it helps, I can reveal that the theme for the first Writing Challenge next year is 'Animals'!

Mr Garrett

He's Too Loud by Obe Solity

Bang!

He goes, while we play battleships.
On he talks; Facts to opinions to idiocy.
He's my brother yet -
He's loud

The loud behemoth loves to talk...
about his "games". What if...
a game that can turn into,
reality? Behind the veil becomes real,
He's so loud...

This "game":
it's certainly mysterious...
He told me that it's the right thing to do, I sure hope so.
He's very loud...

He's never my brother anymore.
Every night he talks to these myths,
he says they are cool but I'm scared -
He's so addicted, I miss him.
He's not so loud anymore.

I should have cherished it.
The volume, I miss him, He was the only one -
I could play with, talk to, trust,
Mum and Dad say he's fine, but I know him.
He's not loud enough.

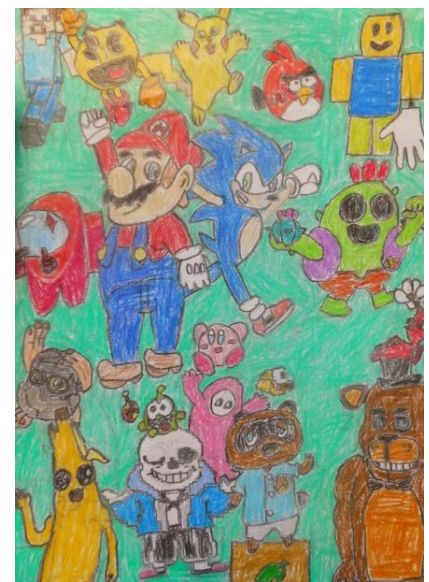
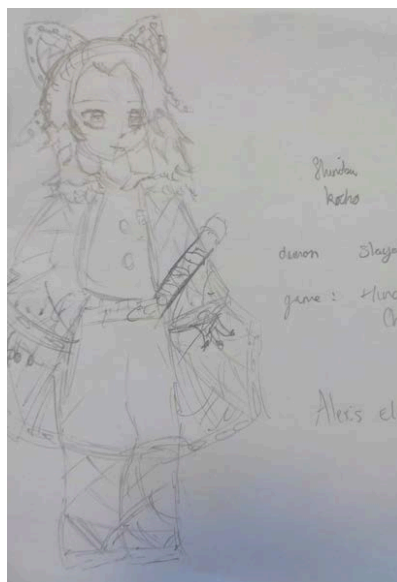
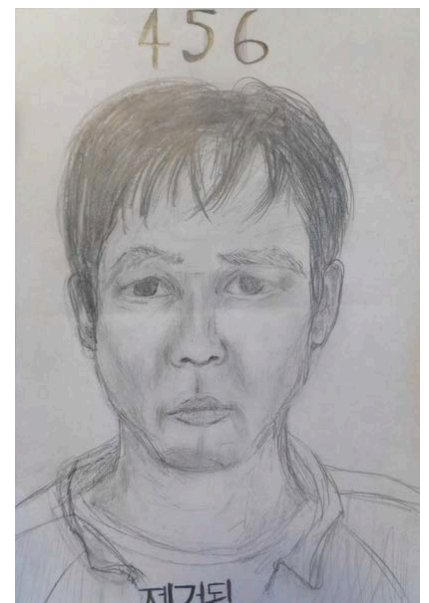
Then he exercised his 'game'. I begged:
"Please stop... I miss you..."
"it's not ok, you can't listen to them..."
"this thing, it has eaten you, now it's"
"too late, please you're too loud -"
I don't know anymore
I failed him I failed him I failed -
everyone. It's all my fault...
I should've stopped him everything -
I'm not loud enough
I could have stopped him.

Doodle Challenge HT6

This half terms Doodle Challenge theme was 'Games'. There were lots of entries and some inspiring pieces of work and as always, it was hard to choose a winner as they were all so inventive, creative and fun to look at! The work shown has been made by Lilly Wilson, Ben Bourner, Tyler Hann, Tristan Cox, Alexis Elder, Lewis Chambers, Penny Cook, Lily Windell, Archie Bruce, Rosie Thompson, Thomas Lassam and Louie Murphy.

The overall winner is Rosie Thompson for her creative composition and carefully drawn 'Gamer'.

Miss Wilson, Teacher of Art





Write on!

On the second to last day of term, published author Cassandra Parkin came to visit a group of keen Year 8 and 9 writers for an afternoon workshop. Pupils had great fun getting in touch with their inner spirit animal. They wrote extended pieces where they imagined transforming into that wild creature. The group featured everything from pandas to wolves to owls!

Then Cassandra set us off on inventing some 'surrealist insults'! you know the kind of thing: you're a croc shoe with a broken fastening mechanism, you're a permanent pen in a box of whiteboard markers. It was a lot of fun!

One of the best aspects of her workshop was how Cassandra gave the pupils space to share their work aloud; a really supportive atmosphere developed in the session. Thanks Cassandra!

The Theme for the first creative writing challenge of the year will therefore be 'Animals'. Get writing over the summer, people!



Mr Garrett, Teacher of English



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HT6 Theme: Animals



Ideas:

A day in the life of a...

Written from the POV of a...

The night I transformed into a...

How to look after a...

Please submit your art piece to **Mr Tomlin in T2**, or your written piece to **Mr Garrett in E7**, by **Monday 20th October**.

First Prize:
Art Stuff!

First Prize:
£10 amazon voucher!

Create a piece of **art** (any form from a drawing to a collage).

Write no more than 500 words (any form, from poetry to a story).



Knit and Natter Club

Knit and Natter club has been running on a weekly basis in T1. Pupils have met new people, made new friends, and cemented existing friendships. Back in September only a few pupils could knit. Now we have some more confident knitters, and some pupils have taken on the responsibility of being leaders within the group i.e. Poppy Smith who has taught other pupils how to crochet. Lily Capaldi is an expert knitter and has made a number of woollen animals, whilst other pupils have concentrated on knitting squares and perfecting their skills. It's been lovely seeing pupils make friends, and they are excited about teaching the new Year 7s how to knit next year!



Miss Wilson, Teacher of Art



Girls Rugby

Rugby is a game for all shapes, sizes, and abilities

South Molton RFC is a welcoming and friendly club

We are enthusiastically looking for girls to join our teams for next season

**Come and have a go
at our fun filled non contact taster sessions**

27th July 10am to 11am

17th August 10 to 11am

31st August 10am to 11am

Main Pitch outside clubhouse

UI0 (Year 5) UI2 (Year 6&7) UI4 (Year 8&9) UI6 (Year 10&11)



*There will be lots of girls at these sessions trying rugby for the first time
as well as those who already love the game*



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2025 is a Womens Rugby World Cup year!

Year 8 have been exploring insect, bugs and beetles. Their drawings and designs have resulted in some lovely polyblock prints which they then sewed into using a range of different stitches. These prints and drawings are by the following pupils: Jack Luxton, Jack Andrew, Ellie Hearson, Noah Pinhey, Zennor Harris, Isla-Mai Leach and Riby Fryer. Some beautiful work made by some hard working and talented students! Well done!

Miss Wilson, Teacher of Art



Neill Cameron & Tanya Landman

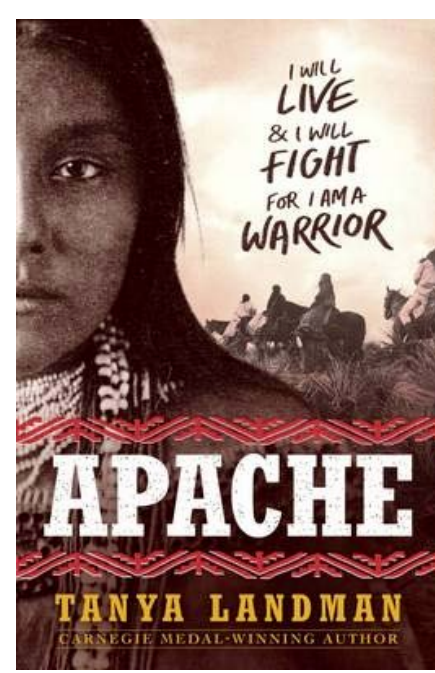
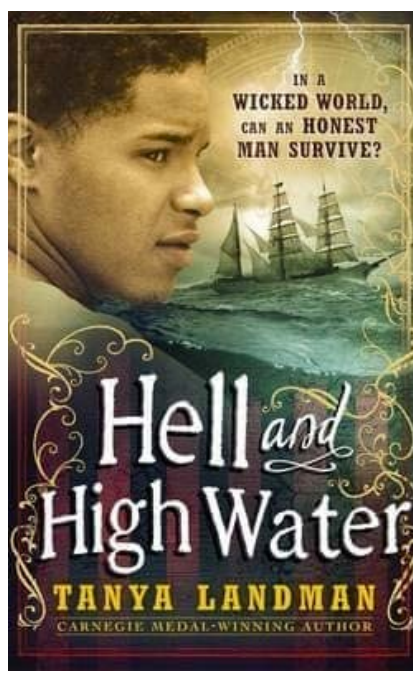
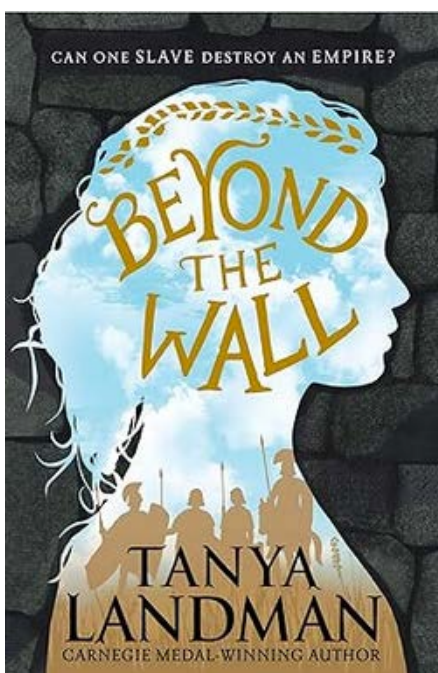
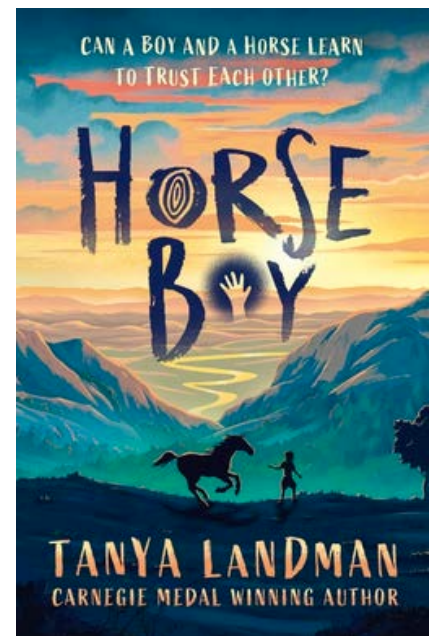
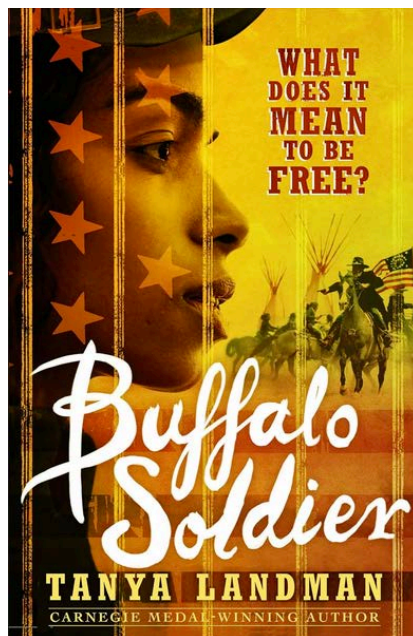
More writers coming to Chulmleigh!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming another writer in late September as part of the Appledore Book festival, to work with our KS3 pupils. Tanya Landman (<https://tanyalandman.com>), is a Carnegie Medal-winning teen fiction writer.

We can't wait to get creative with with another inspiring writing professional!

You can get a 25% reduction on any of her books from Barnstaple Waterstones, if you mention that she is visiting Chulmleigh as part of the book festival. I am currently looking to see if we can get some of her books onto MyEd (with the same 25% reduction) so that you can order direct through us – so watch this space in September!

Paddy Garrett, Writing Literacy Coordinator





Year 7 Dartmoor Trip

On 15 and 16 July Year 7 went on a walk around Dartmoor to see the incredible views and, even though it was windy, on the 15th (the day I went) we were very lucky with the weather. The route involved walking along a track, around a reservoir and up some very steep hills. Although tiring, the trek up the Tors was worth it for the outstanding view of Dartmoor from the top. We saw a lot of gorse bushes when climbing to the top and were surprised that although the recent weather has been very dry, the reservoir still looked very full. Thanks to all of the staff and helpers who took us on this trip.

Archie Bruce, Year 7 pupil



Welly Boot Day

On Monday 21 July Agnes Catling, Head Girl and Olly Finney, Head Boy, presented Neville Pope from Children's Hospice South West, and Mr and Mrs Meadows from Chulmleigh Friends Group, Children's Hospice South West, with a cheque for £488 - the total raised by all four Trust schools by taking part in Welly Boot Day.

Thank you to everyone who took part. Your donations will assist this wonderful charity in providing specialist care and support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families. The charity operates three hospices across the South West and provides a safe, comforting environment where families can access respite care, emergency support, end of life care, and bereavement support. CHSW relies heavily on donations and fundraising to continue its vital work, ensuring families can make precious memories together in the most challenging of times. We are proud to support such a worthy cause.

Mrs Jordan, Head of Upper School



People write. Everyone does. It's a great hobby. We just don't always advertise the fact! Mrs Campbell shared this with me and I thought this was beautifully written and felt it important to share it with you. I hope that when you read this that perhaps over the holiday you may be inspired to to put down your devices for a while, find a quiet nook, pick up a pen and a clean sheet of paper and allow the words to flow...

The Day the Signal Died

It began quietly.

No thunderclap, no flashing lights, just an ordinary breath of morning mist curling along the hedgerows, wrapping itself around the fence posts like a cat. I stepped outside with my welly boots half covered in dried mud and filled with hay and a mug of coffee steaming in my hands, the sky still soft with dawn.

Everything felt still. Too still.

No fridge hum, no lights and no time on the kitchen range.

No emails pinging. No notifications. No hum from the router light. My phone, when I picked it up, was a black mirror reflecting nothing back at me. Just No Signal in pale, indifferent letters. The Wi-Fi symbol pulsed like a heartbeat trying to find its rhythm, but never quite catching.

Another bloody power cut. How long had it been off? The pool of water from under the fridge freezer let me know it had been a while.

It wasn't just a glitch. Technology had stopped.

At first, I laughed. It felt like a joke, a blip, a hiccup. I walked the perimeter of the smallholding, expecting the usual 2 bars to spring back, a slow reconnection to the world I was used to. But the silence persisted, thicker than the fog that had begun to creep up from the fields.

The usual noises were missing. No blue light or 'ZAP!' From the fly catchers, no quiet hum from the weather radio I kept in the shed. My neighbour's old generator, which normally rattled away on and off like a tired wasp, was silent.

Only nature remained.

Birdsong rang out like it had been waiting for its chance. Wood pigeons cooed in the trees, and a startled pheasant burst out from a hedge in a panic of feathers. I could hear the creak of branches in the breeze, the gentle snuffle of the horses eating their breakfasts, and the distant cry of a child calling to a parent over a garden wall. It felt like the world was breathing again. Everything sounded louder.

By noon, the silence had grown heavier. No radio. No TV. Just wind. Just sky, just birds.

I walked the lane into the village, 1.5 miles of cracked tarmac lined with gorse and tall roadside hedges, the road silent but for my own footsteps. I passed the post-box, the one that never got emptied on time, and old Mrs. Elkins waved from her gate, a cardigan pulled around her shoulders like a shawl of worry.

"They're saying everything's gone down," she said. "Everywhere. Even up in London."

The shop in town had closed early, no card machines, no tills. A handwritten note in the window said: "Cash only, no calls, no deliveries." People stood outside in small groups, holding their phones like broken compasses. Holding them up in the air as if that would summon a signal.



How reliant we had become on all this stuff. Gone are the days of Black and white TVs with only three channels, playing outside until dinner or dark, whichever came first, only seeing the bully at school and having respect for your elders. I'm tempted to put a smiley face emoji, that's how caught we are.

At home, I sat on the back step, eyes on the empty fields. The horses grazed on, blissfully unaware that the world had cracked a little. I watched the light change as the afternoon waned. I could hear the crows coming into roost and the wind rustling through the long grass. There was no way to check the news. No way to know if the world was mending or unravelling.

Something in me began to ache, not fear, but something deeper. A kind of remembering. I remembered the weight of quiet. The luxury of boredom. The way a single bird's call can echo in your chest like a song you'd forgotten you loved. I remembered sitting with my dad years ago, neither of us saying much, just watching a storm roll in like theatre. I remembered the calm that used to live in long silences before screens, before the endless buzz.

That night, I lit candles and read an old book by the fire. The shadows danced on the walls. Outside, the moon rose over the barns, casting a silver glow on the roof slates. The wind had stilled. Even the owls were calling each other.

And in that stillness, I felt something I hadn't felt in years. I felt present.

This was the day the signal died, the noise stopped and something older woke up inside me.

Something that had been waiting for the silence to return.

It came back without warning. The next morning, the kettle was just starting to boil when I heard it, a sharp, synthetic chime from my phone. I froze. The screen lit up like an impatient eye. Messages flooded in, one after the other. Notifications. Missed calls. Emails stacking like bricks. The router lights blinked back to life, flickering green like insects trapped in glass.

Then my smartwatch buzzed on the table, vibrating like it was panicked, trying to catch up.

The world hadn't crept back quietly. It had burst through the door, shouting over its own echo. And just like that, the silence was gone.

The birds still sang outside, but they were drowned beneath the static of news bulletins, calendar reminders, and the distant mechanical whir of the fly zapper kicking back to life. My peaceful kitchen, once filled with the soft sounds of wind and breath, now crackled and beeped and demanded. I sat down, coffee cooling in my hands, and felt the hum settle back into my bones. The world had switched back on.

Something in me mourned.

Not because I missed a message or forgot to charge something, but because I missed that quiet. I missed the pace of the day before, the weight of the air when no one could reach me. I missed the sound of the wind having room to speak, and the rhythm of my thoughts when they weren't interrupted by alerts and updates and noise.

It's strange, isn't it? How silence, at first, feels like a loss. But when it leaves, that's when you realise what it gave you.

Now the world is back, and I suppose I am too.

But I keep thinking about that day when everything stopped, and how, for just a little while, I heard my life in full.

And it was beautiful.

Mrs Campbell, Teaching Assistant

Summer Competition

Summer



Theme: **The Summer Holiday!**

The unwelcome visitor...

Travel writing

Adventure

The best day!

A grand day out!

My friend,
the alien.

Fighting boredom...



Please submit your written piece to **Mr Garrett in E7**, by
Tuesday 9th September.



Chulmleigh College

Photography Competition

Everyone at Chulmleigh School will be living within easy reach of the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere. We would like to offer them the chance to let us know what they love about the environment that their school is situated in.

Winners will have their work exhibited at a special display at Barnstaple Museum next year.

We'd love for LOADS of pupils to enter this competition. If there are any children who would like to enter but have no phone then please get in touch with me (I work for North Devon Biosphere) and we can arrange for them to borrow a camera. Otherwise any camera will do including obviously phones.

Any other queries please contact Amy Roberts 07967 602883

<https://exetersciencecentre.org/projects/mybiosphere-photo-competition>

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PHOTO COMPETITION
OPEN 7TH JULY - 24TH AUGUST

WHAT DOES NORTH DEVON
UNESCO BIOSPHERE MEAN TO YOU?

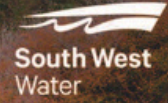
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Chulmleigh College

Photography Competition



LOVE YOUR LAKES PHOTO COMPETITION 2025

OPEN FOR ENTRIES UNTIL SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

Make the most of the stunning photo opportunities available at our lakes across the South West for your chance to win some fantastic prizes!

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

- Wonderful Wildlife
- Stunning Scenery
- Awesome Adventures
- Young Explorers (under 18s)
- Celebrating 25 Years

PRIZES

- 1st prize overall winner: **£250 CASH**
- 1st prize in each category: **£100 CASH**
AND winners of the Young Explorers category can choose an alternative prize of 'activity experience - an hour paddle party for up to 8 participants'.

Runners-up prizes are also up for grabs, as well as a prize for the image with the most public votes!

Submissions should be sent via email to communications@swlakestrust.org.uk. For entries too large for email submission, please use Dropbox/WeTransfer or similar, where we can access submissions via email link. To find out more, visit www.swlakestrust.org.uk or contact us via email where we will be happy to answer any questions. Closing date for submissions: 31 August 2025.

See website for full terms and conditions. Thank you to Anna Curnow, Linda Martin, Samuel Norris, Tobias Wilson and Lorraine Menear for their photos.



Winning photos will be displayed in a special exhibition at Roadford Lake!



Find out more on how to enter





Sparx XP Top 10 Yearly Leaderboard

Congratulations to the following pupils for gaining the most Sparx XP this academic year. These pupils completed the most Sparx in their year groups from September to July of this year!

YEAR 7

1	Kayla Novella	91324
2	Nathan Day	68604
3	Shayla Langley	61934
4	Katy Lewis	42400
5	Scarlett Whiteley	41865
6	Grace Cook	41765
7	Sophie King	40940
8	Serafina Dillon	40776
9	Thomas Vowden	40533
10	Ollie Dallyn	40256

YEAR 8

1	Jasmine Lomax	41106
2	Marshall Lill	39799
3	Isabella Galley	39049
4	Luke Lockett McKeown	37584
5	Amelie Griffiths	36104
6	George Liebenberg-White	32714
7	Leah Stapleton	32047
8	Hugo Packer	31357
9	Lucas Whiteley	31054
10	Betsy Horrell	30061

YEAR 9

1	Thomas Wills-Port	42193
2	Yaromyr Shevchenko	41256
3	Evelyn Richardson-Miller	40283
4	Hayden Richardson-Miller	39097
5	Alfie Jones	37851
6	Thomas Perry	36327
7	Max El-Marazki	35694
8	Lacey Hawkins	35287
9	Esther Payne	31766
10	Florrie Payne	30899

YEAR 10

1	Charlotte Dallyn	37500
2	Lexi Lomax	36463
3	Harriet Bucknell	31044
4	Ella East	29388
5	Jack Furlong	26760
6	Francesca Millichope	23640
7	George Mogford	22567
8	Skye Elston	22273
9	Charley Lambert	22050
10	Gabe Bickers	21931



Chulmleigh Maths

A Year of Sparx. Congratulations to all pupils for completing the million question challenge!

Sparx questions correctly answered this year:

1,229,625

Average questions answered per pupil = **1661**

Hours spent on Sparx this year:

21,805

Average hours on Sparx per pupil = **29.5**



Chulmleigh College

Join Our Team



ASSISTANT KITCHEN MANAGER at Chulmleigh College

Permanent, 37 hours per week term time only

Required from September 2025

Closing date:

10 am Wednesday 20 August 2025

Interview Date:

Friday 5 September 2025

The candidate pack and application form are
available on our website:

www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

To be emailed to:

personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

The Ivor Marsh Library



* LIBRARY *
* PRINTSHOP *
* COMMUNITY EVENTS *



The Summer Reading Challenge

Complete your challenge at our library

We are open every Thursday

You can even collect your pre-ordered stationery here in the holidays

College Holiday Opening Times 2025
24th July — 4th September inclusive

Thursdays 9am - 3pm

Phone: 01769 582126

Email:

chulmleigh.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

In partnership with Chulmleigh Community College



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THE SUMMER BOOK QUEST

JOIN US ON A DEEP SEA ADVENTURE

Launching 12th July 2025

Visit your local library for your **free pack** and join in with our brand new reading challenge this summer!

EVENTS ACTIVITIES ARTS & CRAFTS CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES

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Join Our Monthly Adult Reading Group

The Secret Book Quest

Our exciting new reading challenge is here,
for children aged 5 and up

Stationery Shop in the Library

Ballpoint Pen	10p	Compass	40p
Pencil	10p	Purple Pen (for response to marking)	30p
Eraser	10p	Book Wallets	30p
Pencil Sharpener	10p	Pack of 12 Colouring Pencils	£1.25
Protractor	15p	Clear Pencil Case	£1.00
15cm Ruler	15p	Gum Shield	£1.85
A5 Exercise Book	30p	Scientific Calculator	£13.50
Highlighter Pen	50p	Replacement Planner	£3.75
30cm Ruler	30p	Revision Study Cards	90p

550ml Chulmleigh College Purple Water Bottle with Straw £2.75

Exam Case £1.50

clear pencil case containing 2 black ballpoint pens, pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener, highlighter pen and 30cm ruler



All our Stationery is available for order through MyEd our online payment system and to be collected in the Library

Chulmleigh College PTFA

PTFA Chulmleigh PTFA aims to support the school by raising funds throughout the year. This is done in various ways from cake stalls to preloved uniform sales. If you would like to get involved we would love to hear from you - many hands make light work!



Did you know that the PTFA stocks new school ties Dart (red); Mole (green); Taw (blue); and Yeo (purple). Each tie is available to purchase via MyEd for £6, your child can collect their new tie from Reception.

We also have a supply of preloved uniform. Ties and uniform can be purchased by completing this [form](#). You can contact us by emailing PTFA@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

	September					October					November					December					January					February			
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2		1	2	1			1	2	1	2	1	2	1		2
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
Thursday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
Friday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27

	March					April					May					June					July					August									
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2	3	10	17	24		
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27						3	10	17	24	
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Friday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31						7	14	21	28

- Bank Holidays**
- 25 December 2025
 - 26 December 2025
 - 01 January 2026
 - 03 April 2026 (Good Friday)
 - 06 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
 - 04 May 2026 (May Day)
 - 25 May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
 - 24 August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

- Non-Pupil Days**
- Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors
- School Holidays**
- Occasional Holidays**
- Two days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors



Pre-loved Uniform Shop



If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please drop them into the College reception. Thank you.

OUR STOCKS ARE RUNNING LOW ON:

Blazers, Rugby Tops, Polo shirts, PE shorts, Jumpers, Skirts, Trousers




WovenLabelsUK

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Label all clothing, shoes and property with our variety of labels whilst also raising valuable funds for your school. Your school will receive 30% commission from each order you place when you use this code:

CHULMLEIGH

Simply click the below link and enter the code at checkout to raise valuable funds for your school today!

OR SCAN THE QR CODE!

CLICK HERE

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WITHERIDGE SPORTS CLUB PRESENTS

WITHY'S GOT TALENT (KIDS)

FRI 25/7 & 1/8,
FINAL 29/8 - 7PM

SINGER, MUSICIAN, DANCER,
COMEDIAN, MAGICIAN, GROUP
OR SOLO

FOR BOOKING VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

ANY Q'S:
WITHERIDGESPORTSCLUB@GMAIL.COM

HELP YOUR SCHOOL RECEIVE EXTRA FUNDING

Plus £30 TOP-UP FOR SUCCESSFUL NEW APPLICANTS!

ARE YOU IN RECEIPT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS?

If you are, please apply online for **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**.

IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO APPLY, but your school may receive **EXTRA FUNDING**. Successful NEW applications made between 01.07.25 and 01.10.25 will receive a £30 MyEd+Pay account top-up.

ELIGIBLE BENEFITS:

- Universal Credit
- Income-based and contribution-based JSA or ESA on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income based jobseekers allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit: https://online.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE
or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IS A **CURRENT OR PAST MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING** if a parent has served any time in the last 6 years, or is in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN **ADOPTED CHILD, A RESIDENCE ORDER, OR A SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING**.

If you have any queries, please speak to the admin staff at your school. Any information shared will be treated confidentially.

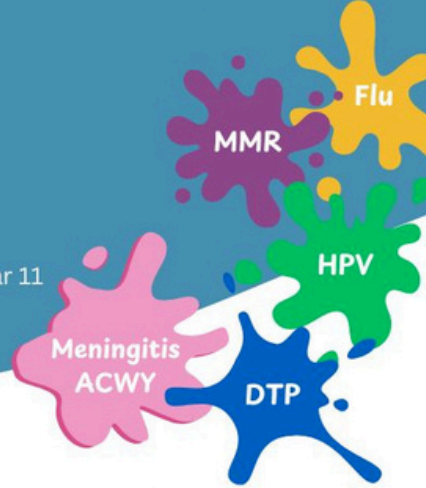


School aged vaccinations

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

CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC



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 more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



Call us on **01392 342678**

kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net



Free Online Training

Oral Health Improvement Training: CHILDREN

The NHS Oral Health Improvement Team are hosting **free** online training sessions throughout 2025. Here is a list of dates aimed at anyone who supports or cares for children of varying ages.



Children: 0–11 years (1.5 hour session)

- ⇒ Monday 28th April at 6:30pm-8:00pm
- ⇒ Wednesday 9th July at 10:00am-11:30am

Book here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/SNCW7SeqI>



Children and Teenagers: 11 years + (1.5 hour session)

- ⇒ Wednesday 2nd April at 6:30pm-8:00pm


Book here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/CLjEAT2COM>



Children and Adults with Additional Needs (2 Hour session)

- ⇒ Friday 27th June at 10:00am-12:00pm
- ⇒ Wednesday 20th August at 10:00am-12:00pm

Book here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/aMuac9Y7mR>




We also offer face to face training to groups of 6 or more. Get in touch for more information.

To book any of these sessions please select or scan the QR code. To contact the OHI team please email us on rduh.oheds@nhs.net or call us on 01392 405 705



Devon Children & Young People's Neurodiversity Navigators

A free, confidential wellbeing service supporting children, young people and their families navigating neurodiversity.

Contact Us

livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net

Monday – Friday
9am–5pm

What we do

- Information and guidance relating to specific aspects of neurodiversity
- Objective, evidence-based advice and positive support strategies
- Active listening and practical and emotional support
- Connect with other teams and external services to help co-ordinate your journey
- Connect families to enable peer support and connection



Have your say

We are interested in hearing about the lived experiences of young people and their families. Your views and experiences allow us to develop our team, and tailor the services we provide to improve the support for our families and young people.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives