WEEK COMMENCING
Monday 17th November 2025

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RED DINNER MENU

WEEKLY NEWS

Umberleigh Academy

THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025

MONDAY 17th
- Breakfast Club
- Private music lessons, am

After School Club: - Drawing

TUESDAY 18th
- Breakfast Club
- Foxes trip to St. Anne's, Barnstaple

After School Club: - Football

WEDNESDAY 19th
- Breakfast Club
- Open the Book
- Rock Steady music lessons, am
- FUS Meeting, 2pm at The Rising Sun

After School Club: - Choir

THURSDAY 20th
- Breakfast Club
- Visit from VR Multiple for all classes, am
- Reception vision screening, am

After School Club: - Stay & Play

FRIDAY 21st
- Breakfast Club

After School Club: - Lego

Life, Love & Learning to the Full

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a wonderfully busy week here at school!

Squirrel and Fox Classes stepped back in time for their Victorian Day. The children looked fantastic in their costumes, from chimney sweeps to school mistresses, and enjoyed experiencing what life was like in a Victorian classroom. They tried their hand at traditional lessons, played old-fashioned games, and learned about how school life has changed over the years. A big thank you to everyone who helped with costumes and props. The day was a great success!

We also came together as a school community to mark Remembrance Day. The children took part in a special assembly to learn about the importance of remembrance and to reflect on the courage and sacrifices of those who served. We were very proud of how respectful and thoughtful everyone was during our two minutes of silence.

Congratulations to our school football team on their fantastic 13–2 win against Filleigh this week! The team showed great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the match. We're so proud of their effort and spirit — well done to all the players involved!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Christmas Appeal. Your kindness and generosity will help bring joy to children around the world this festive season. It's wonderful to see our school community coming together to make a difference.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the FUS Jumble Sale on Saturday. Your donations, time, and enthusiasm helped make the event a great success, and we're so grateful for your continued support of our school community.

It's been a week full of learning, reflection, and kindness and we're so proud of all the children for their enthusiasm and participation.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Miss Corrinne Smith

Celebration of Achievement

Squirrels	Congratulations to Edison for being our persevering parrot in phonics – he always listens carefully and is always focused. Willow has been a thoughtful tortoise in phonics, always thinking about what she knows and using it in her learning. Cody received a "You've bee-n amazing" certificate for being such a fantastic helper and keeping our classroom tidy! Esme D and Cody both read another 50 times and well-done Arthur for earning 40 merits.
Hedgehogs	Congratulations to Oliver for receiving the Persevering Parrot this week for always trying his best. Well done to Tom for reaching 500 stars and Rowan 9000 stars on Doodle Tables. Well done Freddie for receiving the 'You've Been Amazing' award this week for good manners. Top Doodler this week is Matthew.
Foxes	Congratulations to Rex; he is our persevering parrot this week. He has been trying really hard to improve his fitness skills. Legasy has achieved 1000 stars on Doodle Spell and Frida has achieved 500 stars on Doodle maths. Freddie has achieved 500 stars on Doodle tables. George has achieved 1500 stars on Doodle spell. Our Top Doodler this week is George.
Owls	Well done to Dylan T for earning 500 stars in Doodle English. Well done to Alfie G for earning 1500 stars in Doodle Spell, 2500 in Doodle Maths and 1500 in Doodle Tables. Well done to Flora for getting 10,000 stars in Doodle Spell. Well done to Michael and Emmy for earning the Thinking Tortoise learning power. Both children have been doing extra work in their own time on multiplying by 2 digit numbers which is really benefiting their learning. Congratulations to Alfie G for being our Top Doodler this week!

20 Merits

Peggy, Errol, Orla, Oliver, Arnie

Golden Welly Award

Cece, Emmy, Flora, Poppy, Emily

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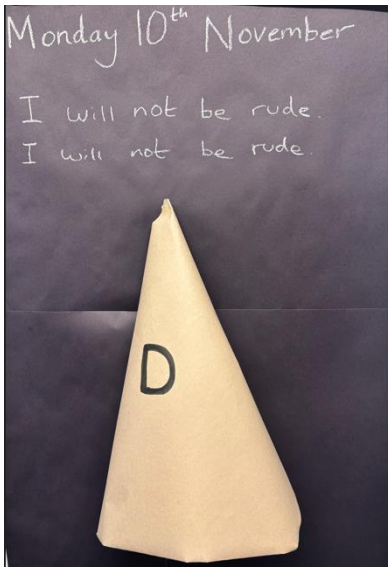
Thank you!

On behalf of the FUS we'd like to say - A huge thank you to all our parents and children for your incredible support at Saturday's Umberleigh Jumberleigh Jumble Sale — from donating, sorting, selling and staying right to the end to help pack down.

We are thrilled to share that together we raised an **amazing £1,428.53!** We simply could not have done it without the enthusiasm, generosity and teamwork of our wonderful school community.

Thank you again from us for 4 every grateful FUS team,
Helena, Sarah, Jenni and Janette x

Victorian Day for our Foxes & Squirrel Classes



On Monday, Squirrels and Fox Class enjoyed a special **Victorian Day**. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and really embraced life as Victorian pupils. We took part in a range of exciting activities, including:

- Practicing the **3Rs** – reading, writing, and arithmetic
- **Cooking "Queen Drop Biscuits"**, using a recipe from a real Victorian cookbook
- Making **stick puppets** to show traditional Victorian clothing
- Creating our own **Queen Victoria coronation crowns**
- Taking part in **Victorian drill exercises (PE)**
- Singing a selection of **Victorian nursery rhymes**

The teachers tried to be strict Victorian schoolmasters (though it was hard not to smile!) and only had to use the **cane** and **dunce hat** a few times!

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Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Safe

Children in Need – Friday, 14th November – Tomorrow!

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.

JustGiving®

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to BBC Children in Need, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

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!

Tuesday, 18th November - Fox Class Trip to St. Anne's Chapel in Barnstaple

Thank you to everyone for consenting for your child to attend this trip on Arbor.

Children should wear their school uniform as normal on this day and bring a packed lunch and a water bottle.

If your child receives free school meals, a packed lunch can be provided by the school. Please inform Mrs Jones by Fri, 14th Nov if you would like the school to provide this.

You are warmly invited to our first official FUS meeting of the year

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FUS Meeting on Wednesday 19th Nov at 2pm

The Rising Sun have kindly agreed to open early for us.

There are lots of excellent things happening this term. We've already nailed a big fundraiser and are keen to put the hard earned FUS funds to good use across the school.

Please do come and join in the conversation. Contrary to popular belief, it's not the time that we try and coerce you into doing anything. We do that the rest of the time…

And if nothing else, it will be entertaining as a new committee navigate meeting protocols, minutes and diplomacy.

Warm wishes,

Helena, Jenni, Sarah and Janette

Visit from VR Multiple on Thursday 20th November

We are very excited to announce that the Education Group will be visiting us on Thursday with all our classes taking part in a VR experience.

Thank you to Mr Lovelass for arranging this and to our fantastic FUS committee for agreeing to fully funding it.

Class topics they will experience through VR: -
Foxes – Wild Animals
Squirrels – Ocean Life
Hedgehogs and Owls – Ancient Egypt

If you have any old newspapers at home please can you let Miss Smith have them for an upcoming art project!

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

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
MON	**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**
TUE	**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**
WED	**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**
THUR	**Beef Pasta Bolognaise** V – Quorn Pasta Bolognaise 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**
FRI	**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

Brumble Bees - £2.00 per day **Infant Children** – FREE **Junior Children** - £2.58 per day

Please make payments via Arbor

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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:
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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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