

## WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025



**GREEN DINNER MENU**

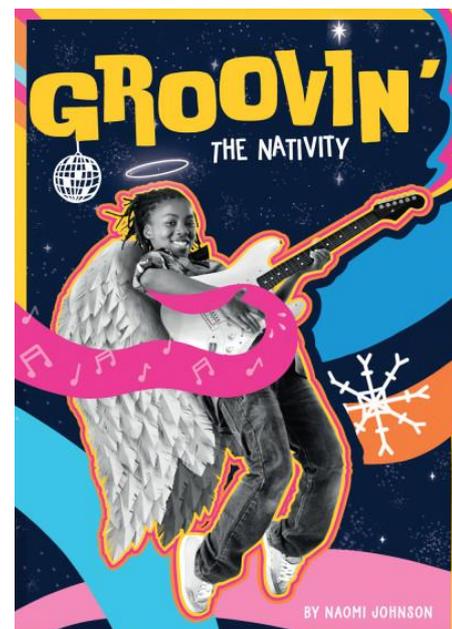
# WEEKLY NEWS



THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Excitement has been building in KS1 and KS2 this week as parts for our Christmas production, Groovin', have been revealed. Many children have already begun learning their lines—some were even keen to practise during break time the very next day!



Please support your child in learning their lines and song words at home. The few weeks we have to rehearse will go by quickly. We also ask that you provide a costume for your child – **please find attached to newsletter, confirmation of your child/rens part!** 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.

We will soon begin practising at the Village Hall, so please look out for details regarding drop-off and pick-up arrangements in the upcoming newsletter.

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 will be available from the school office via Mrs Jones (mornings only) from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club
- Non-School Uniform Day for FUS
- Private music lessons, am

After School Club: - Drawing

### TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club

After School Club: - Football

### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club
- Rock Steady music lessons, am

After School Club: - Choir

### THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club

After School Club: - Stay & Play

### FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club

After School Club: - Lego

- KS2 Choir children that have signed up to attend Christmas concert at Exeter Cathedral, 6.15pm - 9.30pm

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to the Full**

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**Children in Need** A huge thank you for your generosity! With own-clothes donations and our cake sale, we raised £240.00 for Children in Need. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed, especially those who baked or donated cakes.

The children had a fantastic time at today's VR workshops, immersing themselves in exciting new worlds that brought their learning to life. The Fox class explored the realm of wild animals, getting up close to creatures they'd only ever seen in books. The squirrel class ventured deep under the sea, discovering vibrant ocean life and marvelling at the sights around them. Meanwhile, the Hedgehog and Owl classes travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt, experiencing its history and mysteries in a truly memorable way. We are incredibly grateful to the FUS for funding this opportunity—their ongoing fundraising is so important and makes workshops like this possible. Without their support, experiences of this kind simply wouldn't happen, and we are truly appreciative of all they do for our school community.

*Best wishes, Miss Corrinne Smith*

### **Pick-up Arrangements**

A gentle reminder that at the end of the school day, staff are only able to release children to their parents or to the family members who regularly collect them. While the Umberleigh community is wonderfully supportive and we know many would happily help in an unexpected situation, TEAM MAT policy requires that parents inform the school directly if their child is going home with another parent or adult.



**If your child's pick-up arrangements change suddenly, please let Mrs Jones know in the morning. After 1:00pm, there is usually no one available in the office to answer the phone, so please leave a message on the phone which will be checked at the end of the school day.**

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**Well done** to Dylan, Toby and Flora who represented our school at a climbing team event and did amazingly well on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Rock & Rapid in South Molton. Scaled some great heights and had lots of fun!!



# THANK YOU!

**Together We Raised £240.00 for Children in Need!**

♥ Thank you so much to all of our wonderful parents for your generous donations of money and cakes last week!

♥ We are thrilled to announce that we raised a fantastic **£240.00** for **Children in Need**.

♥ The children had a blast taking part in a fun-filled day of classroom-based **bear-themed activities**, and they even had the exciting opportunity to ‘Activate’ live with **Joe Wicks and Pudsey Bear!**

Your support means so much — especially to those who will benefit from these kind donations.

**Thank you again for helping make this event such a success!**



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## Foxes Trip to St. Anne's on Tuesday

The Fox Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to St Anne's Chapel on Tuesday. They were greeted by two Victorian "teachers," who immediately set the scene by lining the children up and sending the boys in first, just as it would have been done in the 1800s. Inside, the children sat in an old schoolroom-chapel at authentic Victorian desks, where they learned about the "three Rs," explored the strict punishments of the era, and even created some Victorian-style nature art. To top off the experience, every child proudly "graduated" from Victorian school—a memorable end to a wonderfully immersive morning.



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# Celebration of Achievement

<p>Squirrels</p> 	<p>Violet has been a <i>persevering parrot</i> this week, showing fantastic focus on her Victorian Day artwork. Esme D and Jack have both earned "You've Bee-n Amazing" awards for their kindness and helpfulness. Arabella has been a <i>curious cheetah</i>, always showing imagination in her play and learning. And a big well done to Hunter and Milo for reaching 25 reads.</p>
<p>Hedgehogs</p> 	<p>Congratulations to Malachi and Matthew for receiving the Thinking Tortoise for excellent Egyptian drawings. Well done to Enrol for receiving the Persevering Parrot this week for improved handwriting. Well done to Kaydon for reaching 2500 stars on Doodle Tables and Rowan for 9500 stars and Tom for reaching 1500 on Doodle Maths. Well done to Malachi for being Hedgehog class Top Doodler this week.</p>
<p>Foxes</p> 	<p>Congratulations to Arthur and Cole who are our Curious Cheetahs this week. They have been curious about states of matter and have carried out their own research outside of class. Well done to Isabel who has achieved her Mosey Mole reading award. George has achieved 1500 stars on Doodle spell and 500 stars on Doodle tables. Harry has achieved 1000 stars on Doodle spell. Freddie has achieved 500 stars on Doodle spell. Charlotte has Bee-n amazing - what a fantastic start to Umberleigh Academy and she is also our Top Doodler this week!</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Well done to Poppy for earning the thinking tortoise learning power. Poppy has been working really hard and thinking carefully about how to answer different types of questions in maths. Well done to Fiachra for earning the curious cheetah learning power. He has been contributing great ideas and questions during class discussions. Well done to Alfie G for earning 2500 stars in Doodle Tables.</p>

## 20 Merits

Rowan, Amber,  
Kaydon &  
James

## Golden Welly

### Award

Toby &  
Alfie W



# STOP PRESS

**This coming Monday**



**Wear NON-UNIFORM to school**



**in return for a**



**RAFFLE DONATION**

For Thursday's FUS Bingo. Even something very small would be hugely appreciated. We'll be making a fabulous Christmas hamper so Christmas themed biscuits/choc/sweets would be excellent. But also bottles of drinkables or bathables or sniffables... craft materials or games.

If you're willing to help but just don't have the time before Monday, please grab a FUS committee member from the playground. We have a card machine that can take donations as small as £1.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: EXETER CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT

Dear choir,

Our trip to Exeter Cathedral is NEXT WEEK! (**Friday 28th November**). Please find the final details below:

- 18:15**            **The Cathedral doors will open for the rehearsal. Parents to bring children inside and find Mr Pester who will register them once seated. Parents are then free to leave the cathedral whilst the school choirs rehearse.**
- 19:15**            **Cathedral doors open to the audience**
- 20:00**            **Concert starts**
- 21:30**            **Concert finishes**

### **What to Wear:**

Children will need to wear...

- Black bottoms (doesn't have to be school uniform, could be jeans)
- Black shoes, boots or trainers
- "Teachers Rock Choir" t-shirt
- It is always cold in the cathedral, so I suggest children wear a long-sleeved black top under their choir t-shirt

### **What to Bring:**

- Snacks and drink for the break between the rehearsal and the concert
- Please NO metal water bottles as when they fall on the stone floor they make a lot of noise which isn't good during performances!

### **Emergency Contact details:**

In case of emergency only, on the day Mr Pester can be contacted on the following number: 07733 293152.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

**Mr Pester (Music Co-ordinator)**



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	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day rescheduled from 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>2pm – 3.30pm</b>
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	

### UMBERLEIGH ACADEMY MENU - AUTUMN 2025

	<b>Week 1:</b> 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 10/11, 01/12	<b>Week 2:</b> 08/09, 29/09, 20/10, 17/11, 08/12	<b>Week 3:</b> 15/09, 06/10, 03/11, 24/11, 15/12
<b>M O N</b>	<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>
<b>T U E</b>	<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>
<b>W E D</b>	<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>
<b>T H U R</b>	<b>Beef Pasta Bolognese</b> V – Quorn Pasta Bolognese 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>
<b>F R I</b>	<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  
**Brumble Bees** - £2.00 per day **Infant Children** – FREE **Junior Children** - £2.58 per day  
Please make payments via Arbor

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Quiz Night  
The Rising Sun, Umberleigh  
Thursday 20th November  
First question 7.30  
Teams of up to 6  
£3 per person  
A trophy 🏆 to win!  
This quiz has for many years supported  
The Freedom Centre in Barnstaple,  
and as a community we want to  
continue with our support and friendship.  
😊 We hope you will support us. 😊

**Chittlehampton**

**BINGO**

1	2	41	7	41
8	16	●	21	41
4	7	19	16	73
9	3	22	22	76

**Christmas Bingo**

📅 Wednesday 26th November  
📍 Umberleigh Village Hall  
👁️ Eyes Down 7.30pm

**Raising funds for Bristol Children’s Hospital & Kidney Research UK**

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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



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# 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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