



WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 15th December 2025



GREEN DINNER MENU



WEEKLY NEWS



THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY 15th

- Breakfast Club
- Private music lessons, am
- Xmas Play Rehearsal
3.30pm Collection from Village Hall

After School Club: - Drawing

TUESDAY 16th - Xmas Play

- Breakfast Club
- 2pm Play Performance - collect from Village Hall
- NO after school club
- 6pm Play Performance - drop to Village Hall for 5.45pm in costumes
- 6.45pm collect from Village Hall

WEDNESDAY 17th - Xmas Lunch & Party

- Wear your party clothing to school
- Breakfast Club
- Christmas Lunch & party, pm at hall
- 3.30pm collect from Village Hall
- NO after school club

THURSDAY 18th

- Breakfast Club
- Author Claire Barker visiting for assembly

After School Club: - Stay & Play

FRIDAY 19th - LAST DAY OF TERM

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Open Morning 8.45am - 9.15am - parents are invited into their child/rens classroom
- Breakfast Club
- Brumble Xmas Party 2.30pm - Parents invited to join us!
- NO after school club

Life, Love & Learning
to the Full

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a wonderfully festive week ahead! Our Christmas play will take place on Tuesday at 2:00pm and again at 6:00pm. The children have been working incredibly hard learning their lines and songs, and their enthusiasm has been outstanding—it has truly been a joy to watch them bring this production to life. A huge thank you to all parents for arranging costumes, and for helping with pick-ups and drop-offs at the village hall—your support is greatly appreciated.



After the afternoon performance, children will need to be collected from the Village Hall. For the evening performance, they should arrive back at the village hall at 5:45pm, already dressed in their costumes. If you are not staying to watch the evening performance please return to collect children at 6:45pm.

On Wednesday, we will be enjoying our Christmas lunch, followed by a visit from a very special guest. Afterwards, the children will celebrate together with party games. They are welcome to come dressed in their Christmas party outfits for the day.



We're very much looking forward to a magical week!

Best wishes,

Miss Corrinne Smith

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Celebration of Achievement

Squirrels



This week, our curious cheetah is Azalea for her wonderfully imaginative role play as Florence Nightingale, using her lamp to care for wounded soldiers. Ashleigh has earned the title of persevering parrot, putting fantastic effort into both maths and literacy. Wilbur has been a hardworking walrus in maths, completing his work on subtraction independently, and both Hunter and Willow have shown the focus of thinking tortoises through their beautifully detailed leaf drawings. Well done to Freddy Frog's speller this week Violet.

Hedgehogs



Well done to James and Orla for receiving the Thinking Tortoise for excellent work in maths this week. Congratulations to Mal and Peggy for receiving the Working Walrus for working well together to edit their stories. Top Doodlers this week are Matthew and Oliver.

Foxes



Congratulations to Archie, Legacy and George for achieving their Hardey Rabbit reading award. Rosa has achieved her Mosey Mole reading award and Freddie has achieved his Toodle bird reading award. Legacy is our persevering parrot this week, she has been trying hard to improve her hand writing and it's looking great. Well done to Ethan, who is our Working Together Walrus this week. He has been doing some super reading and is well on his way to the Hardey Rabbit award. Isabel has achieved 1000 stars on Doodle spell, Freya and Millie have achieved 500 stars on Doodle spell. Harry and Charlotte are our Top Doodlers this week.

Owls



Well done to Emily for earning 500 stars on Doodle Spell. Well done to Alfie G for earning the Persevering Parrot award. Alfie has been concentrating on his presentation in maths. Well done to Dylan T for earning the Curious Cheetah award. Dylan was using his imagination when designing and making his canopic jar - he also used his ideas to help others. Well done to Flora for earning 11,500 stars on Doodle Spell. Well done to Flora for being our Top Doodler this week!

20 Merits

Poppy, Charlie, Flora,
Emily, James

40 Merits

Wilbur

Golden Welly

Award

Squirrel Class



Village Hall Drop-off & Collections

| DATE | VILLAGE HALL | TIME | WHO |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Thursday 11 th | COLLECT | 3pm | Brumble Bees |
| | | 3.30pm | Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| Friday 12 th | COLLECT | 3.30pm | Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| Monday 15 th | COLLECT | 3.30pm | Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| Tuesday 16 th | COLLECT | 3.30pm | Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| Tuesday 16 th | DROP OFF | 5.45pm | Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| Tuesday 16 th | COLLECT | 6.45pm | Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| Wednesday | COLLECT | 3pm | Brumble Bees |
| | | 3.30pm | Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 |

Children who are staying for Mondays after school club will walk back to school, for collection at 4.30pm

Christmas Play

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. Thank you to everyone that has already brought costumes into School this week. If you have not done so please make sure you have by tomorrow – Fri 12th Dec ready for our dress rehearsal.



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).**

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FUS Christmas Hamper Draw



All donations to be in school by Mon 15th Dec please, or direct to Susannah Andrew on the morning of Tues 16th Dec, so hampers can be made up ready for draw at the evening performance of our Christmas Play. Raffle tickets can be purchased at both the 2pm and 6pm performances.

The FUS will be serving tea / coffee and mince pies for you to enjoy at the evening performance.



Please see Hamper lists available to view on the school office door. There are many items still needing a name beside them.

If you are unable to come into school but would like to contribute please email Mrs Jones to let her know item you would like to donate.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS HAMPER LIST 2025

MAIN HAMPER

| Item | Donator | Rec'd |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Turkey | The Rising Sun | |
| Stuffing | Jenny | |
| Gravy | " | |
| Cranberry Sauce | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Potatoes | LAURA KICE | |
| Parsnips | LAURA KICE | |
| Sprouts | Harriet May | |
| Swede | " | |
| Carrots | Harriet May | |
| Broccoli | | |
| Xmas Pudding | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Mince Pies | " " " | ✓ |
| Bottle of wine | " " " | ✓ |
| Xmas crackers | SUZIE ANDREW | ✓ |

CHEESE & BISCUITS HAMPER

| Item | Donator | Rec'd |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Red Leicester Cheese | | |
| Cheddar Cheese | | |
| Brie | Megan | |
| Stilton | Megan | |
| Wensleydale | | |
| Savoury biscuit selection | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Red Wine | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Chutney | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Grapes | NIC MURCH | |
| Olives | NIC MURCH | |
| Pickled Onions | CAROLIS | ✓ |



BREAKFAST HAMPER

| Item | Donator | Rec'd |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| Jar of marmalade | CAPALDIS | ✓ |
| Jar of jam | CAPALDIS | ✓ |
| Croissants /muffins | | |
| Orange / apple Juice | | |
| Tea Bags | NICKI CASTLE | ✓ |
| Eggs | | |
| Baked beans | Megan | |
| Bacon | | |
| Sausages | | |
| Mushrooms | | |
| Tomatoes | | |
| Ketchup | CAPALDIS | ✓ |
| HP Brown Sauce | CAPALDIS | ✓ |
| Loaf of Bread | | |

CHOCOLATE HAMPER

| Item | Donator | Rec'd |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows | ALI | |
| Choc Xmas tree decoration | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Chocolate biscuits | Sam Stobbs | ✓ |
| Chocolate Santa / character | | |
| Chocolate covered nuts/raisins | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Chocolate orange | Kehe Locke | |
| Box of chocolates | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Chocolate log | Claire H | |
| Chocolate Coins | NON UNIFORM | ✓ |
| Choc Bar Selection Box | NON UNIFORM | ✓ |

MOVIE NIGHT HAMPER

| Item | Donator | Rec'd |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| DVD Film | SUZIE ANDREW | ✓ |
| Bottle of wine | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Box of chocolates | FISHLEIGH ROCK GARAGE | ✓ |
| Crisps /Pringles | NICKI CASTLE | ✓ |
| Popcorn | NICKI CASTLE | ✓ |
| Face Mask | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Fluffy socks | " " " | ✓ |
| Sweets | " " " | ✓ |
| Bottle of Coke | Suzette | |
| Hot Chocolate | Claire H. | |



KIDS CRAFT HAMPER - UNISEX

| Item | Donator | Rec'd |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Coloured card | EMMA H | |
| Coloured paper | " " | |
| A4 white paper | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Felt tip pens | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Colouring Pencils | " " " | ✓ |
| Glue stick | " " " | ✓ |
| Goggly eyes | " " " | ✓ |
| Glitter | " " " | ✓ |
| Pipe cleaners | " " " | ✓ |
| Paint & Brushes | " " " | ✓ |
| Xmas Colouring in book | " " " | ✓ |
| Xmas Sticker Book | " " " | ✓ |

PAMPER HAMPER

| Item | Donator | Rec'd |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Bubble Bath | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Body Wash / Gel | " " " | ✓ |
| Body Lotion | " " " | ✓ |
| Body Spray | " " " | ✓ |
| Face Mask | " " " | ✓ |
| Scented Candle | " " " | ✓ |
| Bath Bombs | " " " | ✓ |
| Lip Balm | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Hand Cream | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |
| Nail Vanish | " " " | ✓ |
| Manicure Set | " " " | ✓ |
| Hot Chocolate | " " " | ✓ |
| Bottle of Prosecco | " " " | ✓ |

PANCAKES & WAFFLES HAMPER

| Item | Donator | Rec'd |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Pancake Mix/Pancakes | EMMA H | |
| Waffles | | |
| Golden Syrup | Kate Lala | ✓ |
| Maple Syrup | SURE ANDREW | |
| Bacon & Eggs | | |
| Choc Spread | Sanette | |
| Whipped Cream | Sanette | |
| Strawberries | | |
| Rasberries | | |
| Blueberries | | |
| Bucks Fizz | NON UNIFORM DAY | ✓ |





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™



Children's Christmas Lunch & Party

The children's Christmas lunch is on **Wednesday, 17th December** at Umberleigh Village Hall, followed by a Christmas Party with a special guest.



Children are invited to wear their party outfits to school on this day if they wish!

Brumble Bee children will be joining us for this special occasion.

Please collect children (3.30pm) and Brumble Bees (3pm) from the Village Hall on this day.

There will be NO after school club!

The book cover features a central illustration of a witch in a black hat and red dress, surrounded by a wreath of flowers and leaves. To the left is a snowy forest scene with a red cabin. The title 'Hettie Nettle's Cookbook: Lessons the Wild World' is written in a decorative font. The author's name 'Hettie Nettle's' is at the bottom.

* Hettie Nettle's
Handbook for Hedgewitches *



CLAIRE BARKER

LOCAL AUTHOR/ ILLUSTRATOR

COMING TO UMBERLEIGH ACADEMY
TO TELL A CHRISTMAS STORY

'THE YULE TREE'

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

www.clairebarkerauthor.com





Brumble Bee 'Danny Go Dancing' Christmas Party



Friday, 19th December

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



Devon County Council's Free School Meals Holiday Voucher Scheme Christmas & February half term Holiday 25/26

Parents of children who receive free school meals should have received their voucher codes this week by email.

The vouchers will be to the value of £45 per child for 3 weeks Holiday.

This is a combined £30 for the Christmas Holiday and an additional £15 for February half term. The expiry date is 21/05/2026

Any problems accessing your vouchers, please let Mrs Jones know asap.



After school clubs from January

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a new paid After-School Club to support families needing childcare beyond the school day. The club will provide a safe, friendly environment with activities, games and time for homework. To prioritise childcare places, curricular clubs such as Choir and Football will now run at lunchtimes, allowing interested pupils to continue attending. A letter with full details has already been sent out, and further information on costs and booking will follow soon. Further details on costs, times and booking will be shared soon. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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From Big Brush Club – Looking after your child's oral health over Christmas

Dear Parent / Guardian,

With the Christmas holidays fast approaching, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene routines.

We understand that the holiday season can bring changes to daily routines, but it is crucial to encourage your child to continue brushing their teeth twice a day for two minutes each time, using a fluoride toothpaste. This will help keep their teeth healthy and strong.

Here are some top tips to help support your child's oral health over the Christmas period.

Keep up the routine – Even with a busy holiday schedule, remind your child that if they want to make Santa's 'nice' list then they need to remember to brush their teeth twice every day. Use a **toothbrushing chart** to help them keep track, because Santa is definitely checking!

Frequency of sugar - While it's fine for children to enjoy some festive treats, remember that it's the frequency of sugar consumption, not the amount, that contributes most to tooth decay. Encourage treats to be eaten with or after a meal, rather than grazing on them between meals.

Avoid sticky sweets - Sweets like caramels and toffees cling to teeth for longer, increasing the risk of decay. A better alternative is chocolate, especially dark chocolate, as it washes off more easily.

Encourage water - Water is the best drink for oral health as well as general health. A simple glass of water can help wash away leftover sugar and keep mouths clean between brushes. If your child wants a sugary drink, encourage them to use a straw to minimise contact with their teeth.

Free webinar: Learn how to care for your children's teeth - The Big Brush Club hosts free online webinars for parents and guardians. These cover the main causes of tooth decay and preventative advice. Find out when our next webinar is at: www.bigbrushclub.co.uk/families.

We want to hear from you!

We kindly ask that you complete this very quick parent survey, if not already done so: www.bigbrushclub.co.uk/parent-survey.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful, festive holiday season!

Yours sincerely,



Brushing together for healthy smiles

www.bigbrushclub.co.uk

info@bigbrushclub.co.uk



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

| | |
|--|--|
| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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.



Breakfast Club

Time: - 7.45am - 8.45am

£4.00 per child

Please book in advance with Mrs Jones

Sessions will be invoiced to your Arbor account

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 | 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 |
| T U E | 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 |
| W E D | 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 |
| T H U R | 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 |
| F R I | 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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| Dates for your Diary 2025-2026 | | |
|---|--|---------------------|
| 22 nd Dec – 5 th Jan | Christmas Holidays | |
| 6 th Jan | First day of Spring Term | |
| 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 | |



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

Come a long and join us

at

"THE RISING SUN"

Everyone's welcome

for CAROLS around the tree 🎄 🎵

CHRISTMAS EVE

630 PM

Outside if weather allows

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INVITES YOU TO A

LIVE NATIVITY



MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER
CHITTLE CHAPEL ROOMS
7PM

**HOT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR
DONATION TO CHARITIES!**

EVERYONE WELCOME





2026 Film Dates for your diaries!

14th January - DOWNTON ABBEY Doors 6.30pm. Film 7pm. Tickets £6.

11th February

11th March

8th April - looking at a matinee - from 4pm

6th May

SUMMER BREAK

16th Sept

21st Oct

18th Nov

16th Dec

A reminder that we will be welcoming you to a free mulled wine and mince pie and social chit chat for our last film of the season, THE PENQUIN LESSONS, at 6.15pm on 17th December.

For details for this current film and to book your tickets, please visit our webpage:

<http://umberleighvillagehall.co.uk/community-cinema/>

We thank you for your support throughout 2025 and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you at our next season of films at Umberleigh Village Hall.

With best wishes from your Umberleigh Community Cinema team:

Suzanne Ingman

Nigel Brown

Stella Levy

John Andow

