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Autumn Term

Wednesday Sep 8th
Friday December 17th

Christmas Holidays

Monday December 20th
Tuesday January 4th

Back to School

Wednesday January 5th

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday December 10th

Christmas Raffle Draw

Friday December 10th

Pathfield School Queen's Platinum Jubilee day

Tuesday May 3rd

LATEST OFSTED REPORT

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[https://
www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/
news-events/news/](https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news-events/news/)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I informed you a couple of weeks ago, unfortunately, we are unable again this year to run a face to face Christmas Production. However, we had really good feedback from last years streamed production and are hoping to make this even better this year!

The format will be the same as last year with two streamed shows for you to watch via a Microsoft Teams link on Thursday 16th December at 6pm and the 17th at 10am (we shall send this out closer to the time).

Just as last year safeguarding pupils is at the forefront of our planning, so we have looked for a format that cannot be easily copied or filmed. We will also ensure that only those people who have been invited will be able to view the performance at a specified time.

Please can all parents/carers ensure that we have a current email address for you to issue your invite.

If you have a concern about your child taking part in the performance, please inform their class teacher as soon as possible.

COVID- 19 update

We have had a small outbreak in class N1 this week with two members of staff and 1 pupil testing positive. Families were informed and PCRs requested for all close contacts. Whilst numbers currently self-isolating and testing positive have dropped over the last 10 days we are still aware that there is a high number of cases in our local community.

Please keep us up to date on any tests and results and book a PCR for anyone showing symptoms. We are still being very vigilant in school and will ask you to pick your child up from school and book a PCR test should they show any symptoms. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a good weekend,

Stuart



Christmas Quilt Raffle

Every Christmas, our lovely Premises Manager Avril makes and donates a beautiful sampler quilt.

Raffle tickets are being sent home with all pupils today for your chance to win this handcrafted quilt (160x125cm) with a matching cushion. Each individual ticket costs £1.

Please ensure your **name** and **contact number** / **child's class** is written on each ticket.

Please return raffle ticket counterfoils, money for tickets and any unsold tickets to the school office by morning December 10th.

Additional raffle tickets can be requested from the office (01271 342 423).



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are back with our big virtual Christmas Raffle giving you the chance to win something special just before Christmas for yourself, your family or friends and raise money for the school at the same time. The amazing prizes from local businesses are worth over £1,500 (please see next page for more details) and we are extremely grateful for their very kind donations.

Raffle Draw: Friday, December 10th (more details to follow)

Raffle tickets sale: November 26th - December 10th 2021 (AM)

Price: £1 a strip or 20p a ticket

Raffle tickets are in your child's bag today for your chance of being entered into the draw. Please ensure your **name & contact number** / **child's class** is written on each individual ticket.

Please return raffle ticket counterfoils, money for tickets and any unsold tickets to the school office by morning December 10th.

Additional raffle tickets can be requested from the office (01271 342 423).

Christmas Raffle Prizes

1	Broomhill Art Hotel	Midweek 1 night B&B stay
2	The Parker Family (in memory of James, our former student)	£30 Pandora voucher
3	RiverDart Country Park	Free day visitor entry for two
4	Combe Martin Wildlife & Dinosaur Park	Complimentary Ticket - Admit 2 throughout 2022 season
5	Keypitts	Novice quad biking voucher
6	Surf South West	£70 gift card
7	Banburys	Pamper hamper
8	Serenity Body and Beauty Salon	£10 voucher
9	ArtMash Braunton	Small fused glass picture in a frame
10	National Geography Kids	Subscription
11	CrossFit AON Barnstaple	2 x induction + 1 month membership
12	Tesco Extra	Wine & Chocolate hamper
13	Tarka Pottery	Potter's Wheel Experience voucher
14	Unlimited Dance Company	5 free dance classes for non-member
15	Aleafia Wellness Centre	1h massage or 1 month of unlimited membership
16	Asda Barnstaple	Surprise prize
17	Rosemoor Gardens	Family admission ticket
18	Tarka Tennis Centre	A free court voucher to be used any time of day
19	The Kids Adventure Company	£30 voucher to be used against any Kids Adventure Company Activity
20	Saltrock	£10 gift card
21	Jayne Poole Photography	Studio Portrait Session & 8x6 Print
22	Bowling Let's Go	Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)
23	North Devon Christmas Village	2 ice-skating tickets for December 15th at 5pm
24	Catherine Bishop Jewellery	Silver necklace with pendant
25	Pura Vida Stores	£10 voucher
26	Hockings Ice Cream	Voucher for 2l of Hocking's Dairy Vanilla Ice-cream
27	Fullam Restaurant	A set lunch menu for 2
28	Beano magazine	New Beano and Dandy Annuals 2022
29	Wimpy	Free Meal Voucher (meal, drink & dessert for 4)
30	Blagdon Wharf Barn Farm	Preserve Hamper
31	The Frame House	Canvas + decorative sign
32	Lemon next to the Pie	A cream tea for 2 at the café
33	CCS Media	Christmas hamper
34	Family of Courtney (S3)	Playmobile sets (Santa's Home & VW Beetle)
35	Family of Courtney (S3)	Lego set
36	Breakfast hamper	A selection of breakfast food and drinks
37	Christmas Joy hamper	Seasonal must-haves with festive treats
38	Taste Surprise hamper	Sweet and savoury goodies to surprise your taste
39	Pick and Mix Christmas hamper	A selection of festive fancies in a picnic basket
40	Just for you	Pamper hamper

Free school meals holiday vouchers doubled for Christmas



Families in Devon on low-incomes, whose children receive free school meals, will get extra support this Christmas to help them buy food during the holidays.

Over the past year Devon County Council provided supermarket vouchers worth £15 per child per week of the school holidays to families who qualify for free school meals, so their children don't go hungry. That figure will be doubled for Christmas, with an extra one-off £30 supermarket voucher, so families will receive a £60 voucher per child for the

two-weeks to help with the additional financial pressure the festive period can bring. You can [find out more about the free school meals holiday voucher scheme](#) on the Devon County Council website.

Children currently receiving benefits-related free school meals and their families can also take part in the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme for free over the Christmas break. It aims to provide a wide range of fun and enriching activities and nutritious food in a safe and sociable environment for children and young people to develop new skills or knowledge and try out new experiences, make friends and have fun. You can [find out more about the Holiday Activity and Food scheme](#) on the Devon County Council website.

It's part of a £5 million pound programme that's been organised by Devon County Council with money from the government's new Household Support Fund to help people who are struggling this winter. Other support as part of this fund includes [financial help with food and utility costs](#), while Devon County Council have also partnered with Citizens Advice Devon to offer [help for eligible households using pre-paid meters who are struggling to meet their fuel bills](#).

How to access support:

Many families in Devon have seen their financial circumstances change due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

If you didn't previously qualify for free school meals but your income has recently reduced or stopped, [please apply online through the Devon County Council website](#) or call the education helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019) to check if you are eligible for this support as soon as possible, and **before Friday 17 December** in order to receive the holiday vouchers for the Christmas holiday. [More information about the free school meals holiday voucher scheme is available on the Devon County Council website.](#)

If you are a Devon resident, over 16 years old and struggling financially, please contact your local district council to get help with the cost of food and utilities. [Visit the Household Support Fund page on our website for more information.](#)

If your household uses a pre-paid meters and you are struggling to meet your fuel bills, you can also contact [Citizens Advice Devon](#).

Devon School Term Dates: 2021-22 Academic Year

Pathfield School

School Holidays
Occasional Days (no school)

Training Days (no school)
Weekends

Bank Holidays

Sep-21					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

Oct-21					
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	

Nov-21					
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Dec-21					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25	1
Sunday	5	12	19	26	2

Jan-22					
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Feb-22					
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Mar-22					
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27	

Apr-22					
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May-22					
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Jun-22					
Monday		6	13	20	27
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Jul-22					
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Aug-22					
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Community Grants

Please vote for Pathfield School

Don't forget to collect the blue tokens while shopping in Tesco and vote for our school's project till 31st December.

Stores which vote on our project are:

- Barnstaple EX32 8PG Superstore
- Barnstaple EX31 1EZ Express
- Barnstaple EX31 2AS Extra

Please spread the news and involve your family and friends as well. :-) Thank you!



Green Lanes hosts Santa's Magical Mistletoe Lodge

**** 'signing Santa' and SEN sessions ****

Take a journey through the wondrous winter tundra and step beyond the icy igloo to reach Santa's magical mistletoe lodge. For the chance to meet Santa in person.

The Mistletoe Lodge also takes great pleasure in informing you that SEN sensitive sessions with MAKATON sign language will be available from Santa on **Sunday 28th November** and **Tuesday 21st December**.

There is no need to pre book, simply turn up and pay at the door. £8 per child. Cash or card payments, price includes a bespoke, handmade keepsake gift for each child.

Families with children who find waiting/queuing difficult will be able to keep their place in line whilst waiting for their visit to Santa.



Access For All



Please support one of our parents and her family with the project 'Access For All' to improve beach access at our beaches to make them fully inclusive for everyone to enjoy. The project is currently working with Croyde beach owners to improve access and parking. The Council are also supporting and have submitted a bid for a Changing Places facility at Croyde beach, which will make it the first beach in North Devon with this facility. The Access For All project is awaiting the outcome of the bid any time now (wish them luck). Once they have this facility, phase 2 is to get the beach wheelchairs free for families to use. Once Croyde beach is fully inclusive the project will be approaching the next beach to do the same.

['Access For All' Facebook page](#)

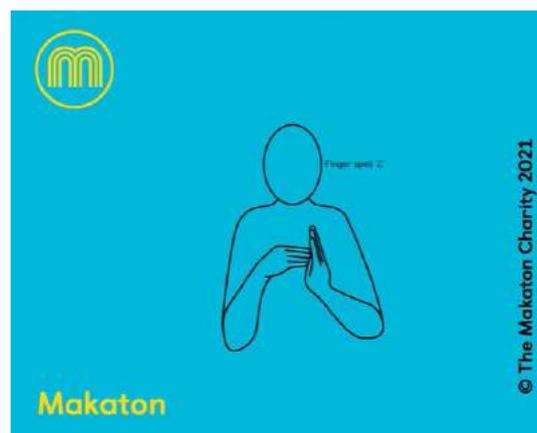
Makaton Sign of the Week

22nd November - 28th November 2021

Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing.

This week's sign is...

Letter Z



Lunch Menu w/c 29/11

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-lunches/>

Week 3 20/09, 11/10, 08/11, 29/11	
Mon	Chicken stew & dumplings Lentil lasagne Creamed potato or pasta Peas & swede Carrot cake & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Tues	Chilli & rice Leek and mushroom pasta bake Carrots & green beans Custard biscuit & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Wed	Roast Gammon & Pineapple Broccoli and cauliflower bake Roast potatoes or pasta Brussel sprouts & swede Shortbread & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Thurs	Quiche Lorraine Jacket potato & cheese Mixed vegetables Jam sponge & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Fri	Fish cakes Cheese wheels Chips or pasta & peas Flapjack & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit

We are a Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Free School.

We ask for parent's / carer's help in making appropriate choices for their children's snacks and lunches. Please do not bring to school anything that includes nuts as we have a number of children and staff who have severe nut allergies. This includes chocolate spreads, e.g. Nutella.

Thank you for keeping our school safe.

