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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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provider/25/113638](https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/113638)

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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,

You may remember that I mentioned a few weeks ago about an essay completion that we had taken part in with the theme of trees. A group of students took part in a tree planting event this week as a follow up organised by the Soroptimist Charity. I received some wonderful feedback informing us how well our young people had represented school. This is a recurring theme of all events we attend whether it's singing and performing, taking part in special events or just being out in the community. Our students are a huge credit to you, our school and themselves!

COVID- 19 update

We have had 2 confirmed cases this week, 1 in class S1 and one in class J1. Where we get a positive case families and staff are informed and where possible asked to get a PCR test. Results for staff are coming though generally within 24hrs and sometimes much quicker. The sooner we have results the better our response and information sharing can be. Please keep us up to date on any tests and results and book a PCR for anyone showing symptoms.

Have a good weekend,

Stuart



Christmas Quilt Raffle

One week left for a chance to win the beautiful, handcrafted sampler quilt (160 x 125cm) with a matching cushion from our lovely Premises Manager Avril.

Raffle tickets were sent home with all pupils last week. **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

Thank you to all who have already purchased tickets for our Christmas Raffle. We are very thankful for your support. **We have had another prize entry this week - a Towel dryrobe in your choice of size and colour - so we now have 41 wonderful prizes to be won.** Please see the next page for more details.

Online Raffle Draw: Friday, December 10th at 2pm and below is a Teams Meeting link for you to watch the draw live.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Price: £1 a strip or 20p a ticket

Raffle tickets were sent home in your child's bag last week.

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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
41	Dryrobe	Towel dryrobe

Reading at Pathfield – Read Write Inc.

Coming soon to Pathfield...

In January we will be introducing an exciting new programme for the teaching of Reading at Pathfield - Read Write Inc. We feel this will give us a more consistent approach to teaching reading, and phonics in particular. Read Write Inc. is a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (validated by the DfE) which is structured in its approach - this enables children to learn to read accurately and fluently, whilst developing their love for reading.

More to follow, including an online information session for parents on TEAMS.

In the meantime, please see the Read Write Inc website:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/>

Read Write Inc. Phonics

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The Twelve Makaton Days of Christmas



1 Christmas tree	2 reindeer	3 sleigh	4 toys	5 Santa Claus	6 Jesus
7 star	8 Christmas	9 donkey	10 snowman	11 angel	12 stocking

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](#).

Message to parents/carers from the Immunisation Team

Dear Parents/guardians,

How to access the first dose of Covid-19 vaccination for 12-15 year olds

We are aware that for several reasons there are some children aged 12 and over who may not have received their first Covid-19 vaccination at school or at a local vaccination centre yet.

We want to support as many children and young people and their families who wish to have their vaccination to be able to do so.

These vaccines are still available and you can book an appointment through the National booking system <https://www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination>

Or by calling 119.

There are appointments available for 12-15 year olds and all the centres run sessions for 12-15 year olds outside school hours for your convenience and to allow school attendance to continue uninterrupted.

The vaccine centres available in Devon are:

Greendale Vaccination Centre

Greendale Business Park, Woodbury Salterton Exeter, EX5 1EW

Home Park

Plymouth, PL2 3DQ

North Devon Leisure Centre

Seven Brethren Bank, Sticklepath, Barnstaple, EX31 2AP

Riviera International Centre (previously English Riviera Centre)

Chestnut Avenue, Torquay, TQ2 5LX

A few key facts to remember when booking your appointment

If your child has had a positive Covid test they should not receive the Covid-19 vaccination for 12 weeks (this advice changed on 18.11.2021).

If your child is clinically vulnerable, they should have already been recommended to receive two vaccines with an eight-week gap. This group of children are still recommended to only have a 28-day gap between a positive Covid test and receiving the vaccine.

If your child has received the first dose, they now will be eligible for a second dose however, it is currently recommended that there is a minimum of 12 weeks after the first dose and you will be unable to book this until this time.

Details of how the second doses of the Healthy Covid 12-15 programme will be provided in the coming weeks.

School Age Immunisation Team

Virgin Care Services Limited



Christmas Orders

We have received your Christmas orders today. All cards, mugs, coasters and gift tags will be distributed at the beginning of next week.

Late orders should arrive by next Friday.



Lunch Menu w/c 6/12

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

Week 1

06/09, 27/09, 18/10, 15/11, 06/12

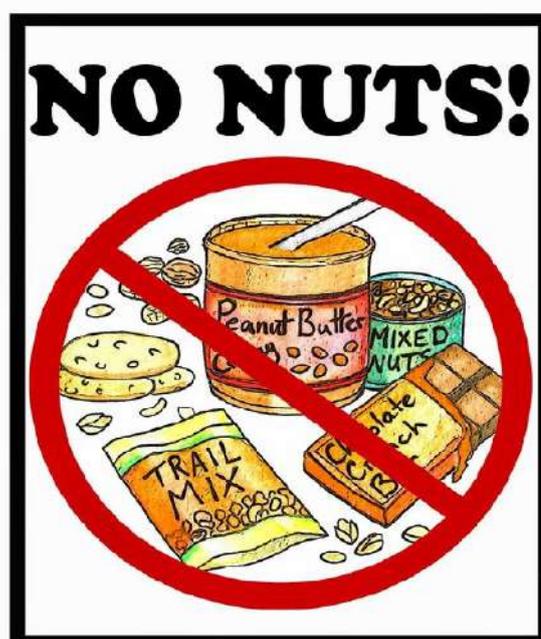
Mon	Sausages Vegetarian sausages Creamed potato or pasta Baked beans Cookie & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Tues	Turkey curry & rice Tomato pasta bake Peas & carrots Lemon sponge & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Wed	Roast pork & apple sauce Vegetarian roast Roast potatoes or pasta Swede & green beans Rice pudding Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Thurs	Lasagne & garlic bread Jacket potato & cheese Mixed Vegetables Bakewell tart & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Fri	Battered cod Cheese tomato pizza Chips or pasta & peas Apple crumble & 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.



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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3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
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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
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
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Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
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Sunday	5	12	19	26	

Jul-22					
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Aug-22					
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Community Grants

Please vote for Pathfield School

One month left to collect the blue tokens while shopping in Tesco and vote for our school's project! The vote will close on December 31st.

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!

