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### Spring Term

Wednesday Jan 5th

Friday April 8th

### Red Nose Day

Friday March 18th

### Easter Holiday

Monday April 11th

Friday April 22nd

### Back to School

Monday April 25th

### Pathfield School Queen's Platinum Jubilee day in lieu

Tuesday May 3rd

### May Half Term

Monday May 30th

Friday June 3rd

### LATEST OFSTED REPORT

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/113638>

### PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news-events/news/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term. I spoke with a few families on the day of storm Eunice and know that some of you had some damage, but I hope it wasn't too bad. In school, we had some minor damage to some fascia fittings and roof areas.

### **COVID -19 update**

There were a lot of changes to the COVID-19 government guidance over the half term as we expected and the Living with COVID-19 plan was launched. There is some specific school and Special educational needs and disability guidance (SEND) that is linked to this (*Italic* text is taken directly from the guidance).

### **Face coverings**

The advice around face coverings has now changed and they are *no longer advised for pupils, students, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas*. Face coverings will now be part of Pathfield School's step-up response should we receive advice to reintroduce them or have the need due to exceptional circumstances.

We have continued with face coverings in communal areas this week whilst we assessed case numbers in school following the half term break. We have only had one reported case this week so we shall be removing the need for face coverings from next week. We shall always try and be pragmatic regarding the advice and will assess students' needs should they wish to continue wearing a face covering.

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### **Close contacts**

*Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended. There is still a 'warn and inform' process in place in school and you will be sent an email and letter should there be a case within the class group. We will still report cases to Devon County Council and they will inform you of any transport cases.*

### **Asymptomatic testing in specialist settings**

*Staff and pupils in specialist SEND settings... are currently advised to continue twice weekly testing. We will continue as a staff team to test twice weekly using lateral flow tests. Testing for students is voluntary... In the event of an outbreak a setting may also be advised by their local health team or Director of Public Health (DPH) to increase testing for staff and students of secondary age and above for a period of time.*

### **Clinically Vulnerable children and young people**

If you wish to discuss the individual needs of your child then please contact me at school.

### **Control Measures**

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

All of the above control measures remain in place and we can escalate our response in line with increased case numbers and exceptional circumstances.

### **World Book Day 22**

The whole school celebrated world book day on Thursday. There were some great activities around the school and a fantastic effort by many pupils and staff with their costumes, well done everyone! I hope you manage to use your book vouchers towards a great book and enjoy a story together.

### **SEND local offer**

We have put in the newsletter links to the Devon County Council and on the website links to SEND local offer and strategy. This includes Devon's ongoing plan up until 2024.

Thank you for your support.

Stuart



## Devon's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer



"We want every child in Devon to dream, believe and achieve, and fulfil their potential, some just need a little extra help or support to do this."

Devon's Local Offer is here to help you find out about the support services available in Devon and how to access them."

For further information please click on the links below:

[Devon's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) Local Offer](#)

[What we are doing: Devon's SEND strategy](#)

[Who to contact for advice and guidance](#)

[Devon's maintained and academy special schools](#)

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/send>



### Safeguarding



Hi Everyone,

This week I would like to share with you Pinpoint Devon.

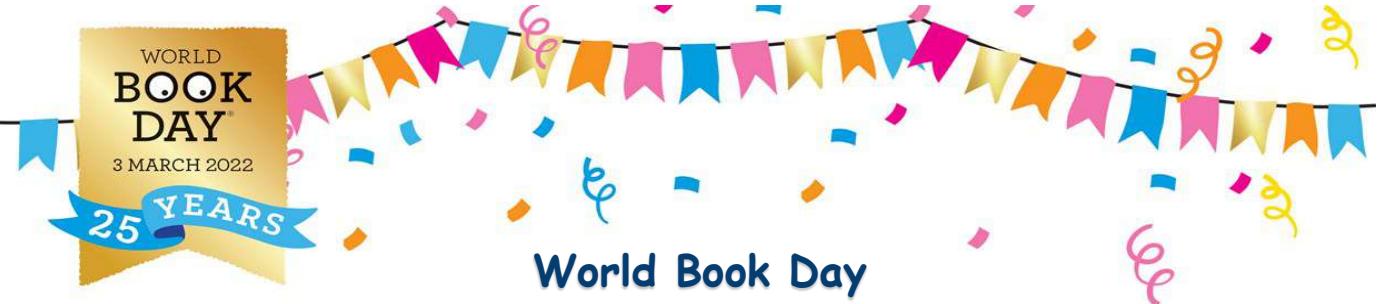
<https://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/>

Pinpoint is a really useful tool that helps you to search for community services and groups that are available in Devon. The website is a search engine that can point you in the direction of a vast array of services in areas such as childcare, parenting support, out of school activities, financial or legal advice and many more different areas of support.

As always if you have a safeguarding concern, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Safeguarding Team.

Adam James  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

  
community services in Devon



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope your child enjoyed World Book Day as much as we did in school!

World Book Day may be over but there are plenty of ways that you can continue the reading fun at home.

Visit [worldbookday.com](https://worldbookday.com) for lots of ideas and activities to enjoy all year round. Here are a few of our favourites:

Children can meet the creative minds behind this year's £1 books at the [World Book Day digital events](#) and [Author & Illustrator Academy](#).

Find competitions, book recommendations, free audiobooks and more in the [World Book Day Family Hub](#).

Check out the World Book Day Book Club and more on the World Book Day YouTube channel: [youtube.com/WorldBookDayUK](https://youtube.com/WorldBookDayUK)

Help your child discover more great reads with the ultimate list of [Reading Recommendations](#) at [worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations](https://worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations)

You can exchange your £1 World Book Day book token for a FREE book until Sunday 27 March 2022. You can help your child choose their £1 book by showing them the exciting 'Look Insides' at [worldbookday.com/books](https://worldbookday.com/books).

Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your book token to your nearest bookseller (which could be a supermarket) and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at [booksaremybag.com](https://booksaremybag.com)

Thank you for your support in making World Book Day happen.



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS

## World Book Day



## Pancake Day 2022



With spring finally approaching, it was time to tuck into one of the most delicious calendar events of the year to kick off the run-up to Easter. It was Pancake Day on Tuesday and we had lots of fun mixing the dough, flipping pancakes and mainly tasting our delicious creations.

The day, known to Christians as Shrove Tuesday, isn't always on a fixed date and changes every year depending on when Easter falls. The day always falls on the seventh week before Easter and the day before Ash Wednesday, beginning the period known as Lent.



## Early Help Household Support Fund



Please find the "HSF Application" attached to the main email.

Families on low incomes can get help with food and utility costs this winter via the new **Household Support Fund**. The scheme runs until **Thursday 31 March 2022**.

Through this fund, a family can receive a grant for:

- Providing vouchers for food
- Supporting with energy and water bills for household purposes
- Emergency boiler and heating repairs
- Essential white goods such as a fridge, freezer or cooker
- Also can provide petrol for jobs and broadband

The family needs to meet the following criteria:

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 yrs. old)
- You are experiencing financial hardship
- You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items linked to food, warmth, and utilities for your family
- Not have received financial assistance from another source for the same reason

<https://www.dcfp.org.uk/early-help-household-support-fund/>

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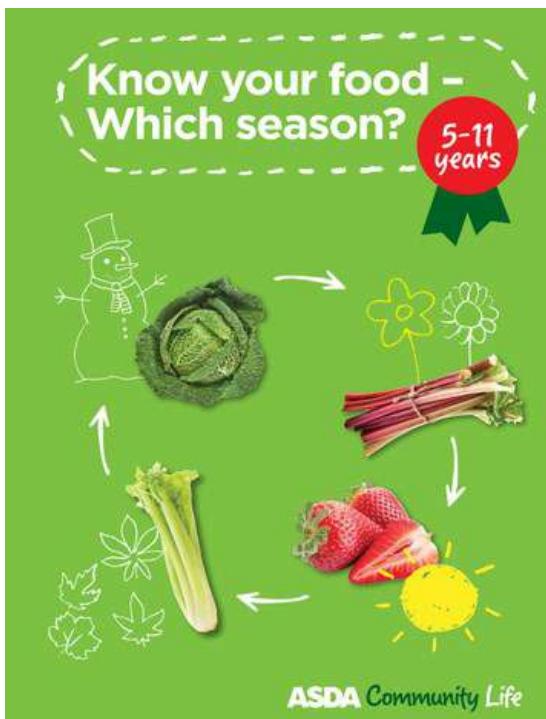
### Please note:

Methods of payment will be via vouchers sent directly to families, payment direct to families or through company reimbursement.

Please contact our Family Liaison Sharon should you need help with your application to the Early Help Household Support Fund.



## Asda Fruit Tasting Session



Our wonderful Asda Community Champion Walter visited our school today to promote healthy food and an active lifestyle by running a fun fruit tasting session for classes S1, N2 and K2.

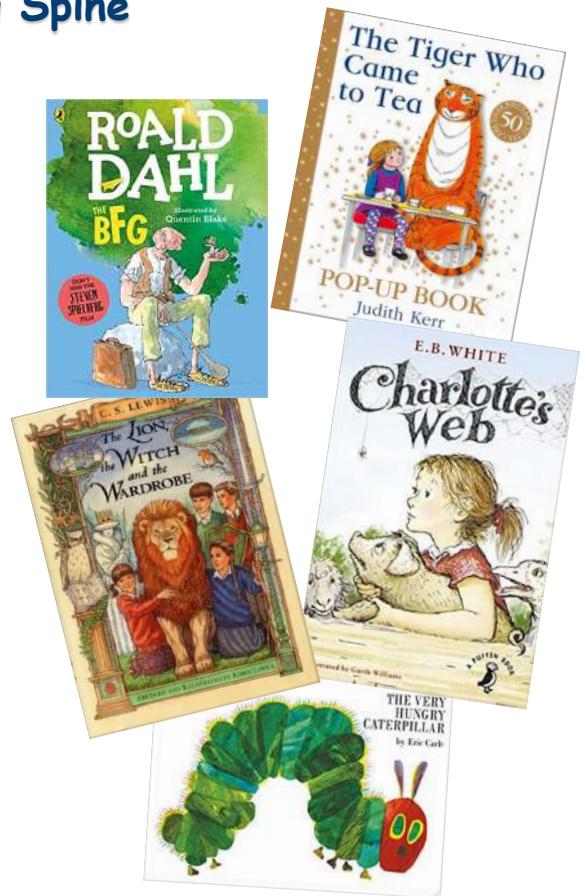
The session included simple food discovery and tasting activities to support food education and introduce the variety of different fruit and vegetables, where they come from, how they are grown, seasonality, and how they support healthy eating.

The children were loving it and enjoyed trying new food! Walter will be back at our school at the end of April to run more sessions for other classes.



## Pathfield Reading Spine

We had an amazing response to our online reading survey with over 50 parents responding to our choice of books. Your favourite picture books were 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar - by Eric Carle" and "The Tiger Who Came to Tea - by Judith Kerr". The chapter books that received the highest ratings were "Charlotte's Web - by EB White", "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - by CS Lewis" and "The BFG - by Roald Dahl". There were also some fantastic suggestions of other books and authors that we should include. The English Team will be going through all of these suggestions and involving our students to publish our reading spine in the very near future.



## Pathfield School Vacancies

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news/category/vacancies-and-volunteering/>

### Mealtimes Assistant

**Salary** £9.43 per hour

**Job Term** Permanent

**Hours per week** 7.5 (working daily Monday—Friday between 12noon and 1.30pm)

**Weeks per annum** 38

Would you be able to support me and my friends at Pathfield School between 12 noon and 1.30 each day?

We have SEN and need help to eat our dinner, learn how to play and socialise, access lunchtime clubs and to take care of our personal needs whilst promoting our independence.

### EHCP Coordinator

**Salary** £10.41 -£11.50 per hour

**Job Term** Permanent

**Hours per week** 18

**Weeks per annum** 39

We are looking for an individual, ideally with some experience of working in a School and the EHCP process. To work flexibly, a team player, demonstrating drive to ensure that all aspects of the SEN / EHCP Transfer review process meets the legislative requirements and timescales as set out in the SEND framework and associated policies.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Reminder



Just a reminder, our school is having an extra day off in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee bank holiday. The school's day off will be **Tuesday, 3rd May 2022**. The school will be closed on this day so we kindly ask all our parents and carers to put a note into your calendars.

Thank you.

## Lunch Menu w/c 07/03

Week 2

17/01, 07/02, 07/03, 28/03

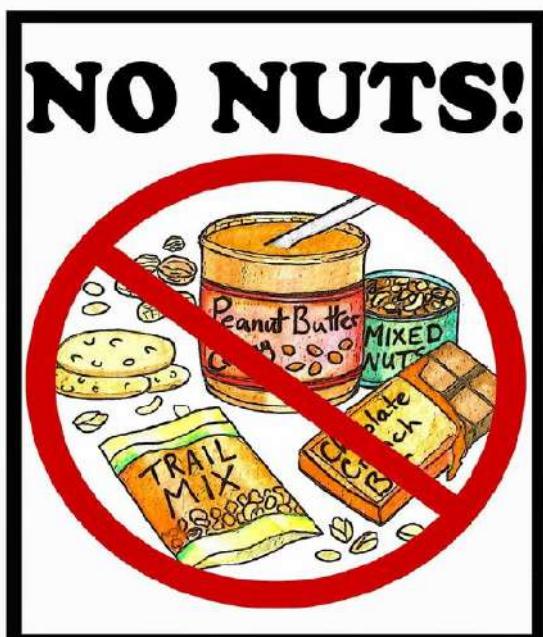
Mon	Pasta bolognese & garlic bread Jacket potato & beans Peas & carrots Rock bun & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Tues	Cottage pie Cheese & broccoli quiche Green beans & swede Cookie & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Wed	Roast chicken Lentil loaf Roast potatoes or pasta Cauliflower & cabbage Fresh fruit salad Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Thurs	Sausage rolls Vegetarian chilli & rice Mixed vegetables  Chocolate/orange sponge & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Fri	Fish fingers Roasted vegetable pizza Chips or pasta & peas  Cherry cheesecake & 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.



# Pathfield School Term Dates: 2021-22 Academic Year

School Holidays		Training Days (no school)					Bank Holidays				
		Weekends					Pathfield School Queen's Platinum Jubilee day				
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