



Summer Term

Monday April 25th

Friday July 22nd

May Bank Holiday

Monday May 2nd

Pathfield School Queen's Platinum Jubilee day in lieu

****school is closed****

Tuesday May 3rd

Half Term

Monday May 30th

Friday June 3rd

Last day of school

Friday July 22nd

LATEST OFSTED REPORT

[https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/
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OUR WEBSITE

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been lovely to return to school in the sunshine after the Easter holidays ready for the summer term.

As we have seen before, COVID 19 cases in school are generally a reflection of those in the community and there has been a sharp decline with only a couple of reported cases over the Easter period.

This week I met with our governing body and they have asked that I put out an urgent appeal for parent governors.

The governing body is a crucial part of the schools strategic management holding the school to account for educational performance, financial management and overall strategy. Specific educational knowledge is not required as Governors can bring wider skills such as Health and Safety, Finance, Safeguarding, Data protection. The parental experience is also a vital part of the information that governing body need to collect.

It is of course a responsibility for any one taking on the role and does require the commitment to attend meetings and the reading of associated documents. There is a wide range of training available to all governors and as your experience grows you may wish to specialise in a certain area of governance. Please contact school if you would like any further information.

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Just before the Easter break I told you about our nomination for an Advancing Healthcare Award for Allied Health professionals and healthcare scientists, including arts therapists, working with people who have mental health problems. We were one of 3 finalists selected from across the UK and invited to the awards ceremony. Unfortunately we weren't the overall winner, but were highly commended for our therapy practice, a huge well done to all involved.

Pathfield School has been selected as this year's Barnstaple Mayor's school. This is a great honour and we have been asked to perform a couple of songs at the Mayor Making ceremony on the evening of Thursday 19th May. Jo Grant will be writing to members of the choir to find out about students availability soon and we'd be very grateful if this was something you could support.

This weekend is an extra-long weekend with the bank holiday on Monday followed by the additional day off on Tuesday in lieu of the Queens Jubilee bank holiday. School will be back open on Wednesday 4th May.

Thank you for your continued support.
Stuart



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.

Works planned during summer holidays

Another busy Summer Holiday will see some changes to the school buildings.

You might have seen that we have applied for planning permission to enclose the existing canopied area on the back of Classes N2 and S1 and this will give us the opportunity to teach our pupils in smaller groups all year round, but still within their class setting. We are also going to fit a canopy across the playground side of the classrooms which means playtime can carry on whatever the weather.

We are hoping that the result will be like the drawing shown below.



We are also going to refurbish the Key Stage 1 toilets which are currently not particularly easy to use especially when pupils are working towards independence.

Pathfield School PTFA Virtual Balloon Race



Thank you all who purchased a balloon in our Virtual Balloon Race which helped the PTFA to raise **£256**. We hope you had fun designing your balloons and tracking their journey from Alice Spring in Australia. Unfortunately, none of the Pathfield School balloons won the main prizes but our PTFA will be in touch with the three most successful Pathfield balloons with a small thank you prize.

Easter Bingo



Sincere thanks to everyone who came to our Easter Bingo during the Easter holidays.

We have had a fantastic time and mainly raised an amazing amount of £400 for the school. This will be used for school enrichment activities and extra resources which we would not be able to organise/purchase otherwise.

THANK YOU!

Recycling Workshop

Brett from North Devon District Council's recycling department visited our school today and met our pupils from Key Stage 3, 4 and 5. Brett talked about what we can recycle and what should be put in different boxes. We learnt lots of interesting things today. For example, did you know that you can put your empty tooth paste tube into your recycling box?

North Devon only recycles 46% of waste, which is less than the national average. Brett mentioned that we all have a duty to recycle and should talk about recycling with our family and friends.

The recycling workshop was part of our 'Careers Month' and we will have an opportunity at a later date to visit the recycling centre in person.



Pathfield School are looking for Parent Governors!



Can YOU help?

Would you like to make a positive contribution to the Pathfield School community?

Can you bring your experience and expertise to help our pupils reach their full potential?

Are you an enthusiastic person with an enquiring mind? Perhaps you need a rewarding new challenge?

Do you have skills or interests in education, finance, H&S, safeguarding, data analysis, IT, or the Arts? Maybe you've worked with, or led, community projects?

Being a Pathfield Governor is an important role. You will constructively challenge and support the school - positively impacting the lives of our young people and staff.

The Pathfield Governing Body meet for 2½ hours during the school day, twice every half term.

For more information on the role and how to apply, please email Rosemary Mitchell, Chair of Governors:

rmitchell@pathfield.devon.sch.uk

Why not join us and be an invaluable member of the Pathfield Governing Body team.

Training and support is provided to all Governors.

You can make a difference



School Choir

Performances at The Barnstaple Fringe Festival

Our School Choir have started rehearsing for their performances at The Barnstaple Fringe Festival. Their performances will be on **Thursday 23rd June at 2pm** and on **Friday 24th June at 11am** in The Festival Tent (between Queen Anne's Cafe and 'Tea on the Taw' Cafe).



Pathfield School Vacancies

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

Mealtime Assistant

Salary £10.60 - 11.70 per hour

Job Term Permanent

Hours per week 32.50

Weeks per annum 40

Closing Date 13th May 2022

Interviews 24th May 2022

A sound knowledge and understanding of learning opportunities in a Special School is desirable. You will need to evidence how you would support learning to maximise pupil progress and how you would present professionally at all times. An ability to positively accept and follow direction is essential in order to maximise pupil learning, but also demonstrate initiative and creativity in response to the different aspects of the role. You will have well developed interpersonal communication skills and experience within an educational setting for children with special needs is advantageous.

PE Teacher

Closing Date 3rd May 2022

Interviews 17th May 2022

We are looking to appoint an outstanding PE teacher to lead and develop Physical Education across Pathfield School.

The successful candidates will be:
Creative, imaginative and adventurous;
Flexible, adaptable and resilient,
Passionate about creating equitable opportunities for all

You will have:

A good understanding of PE and the benefits it can bring to our students
Experience of leading a team and inspiring others.

A knowledge of ASC approaches to education, A clear understanding of SEND.

PE plays a crucial role at Pathfield School in developing individual's physical skills, working as part of a team and leading a healthy and active life. .

Reporting your child's absence



Just a reminder to use our absence line if you are calling us to report your child's absence.

Please press option 1 when calling our school at 01271 342 423.

Our Attendance Officers monitor the absence line regularly throughout the day.

Thank you.

Lunch Menu w/c 02/05

Week 2

02/05, 23/05, 20/06, 11/07

Mon	Beef burgers Vegetarian burgers Creamed potatoes Baked beans Cookies Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl
Tues	Minced beef & onion pie Cheese & onion quiche Creamed potatoes or pasta Peas & Carrots Apricot muesli crunch Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl
Wed	Roast pork & apple sauce Vegetable crumble Roast potatoes or pasta Green beans & parsnips Date krispie crunch Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl
Thurs	Chicken, ham & egg pie Jacket potato & baked beans Creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables Orange drizzle cake Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl
Fri	Fish fingers Spinach & red pepper quiche Chips or pasta. peas Iced Sponge Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl

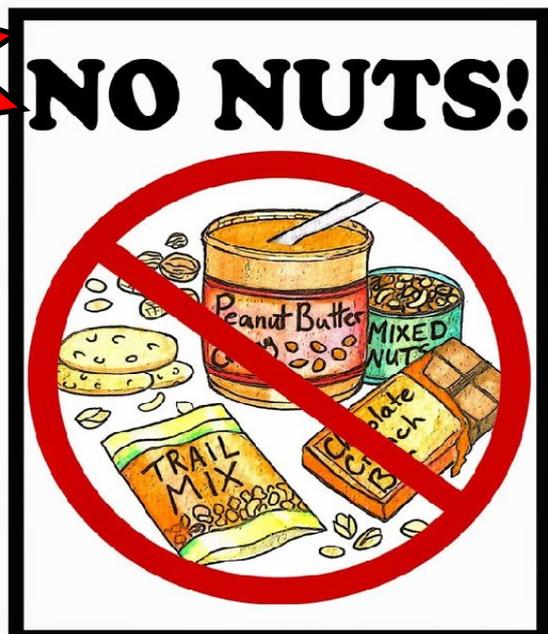
Wed May 4th
No Roast!
Burger, mash & beans instead

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
Occasional Days (no school)

Training Days (no school)
Weekends

Bank Holidays
Pathfield School Queen's Platinum Jubilee day in lieu

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					
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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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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	
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Sunday	6	13	20	27	

Apr-22					
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May-22					
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Jun-22					
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Jul-22					
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