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### Next PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 31st January

### Parent WRI Info Session

Tuesday 7th February  
10am–11am

### Last day of this half term

Friday 10th February

### First day of next half term

Monday 20th February

### Easter Bingo

Monday 27th March

### Extra Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May

### Summer Fayre

Saturday 8th July

### OUR WEBSITE

<https://>

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that at the moment the National Education Union (NEU) has proposed strike action over the next two months. There are several teaching unions and the number of members in each union varies in different schools. This means that some schools will be affected more than others.

The dates have been proposed and we are now waiting for official communication from the union. At this early stage we would like to make you aware of the dates, but also let you know that these could change or be called off.

The proposed dates for strike action are: -

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We are starting to make plans at this very early stage following the national guidance to support students, families, staff, and the school community, but we may not be able to finalise arrangements until closer to the dates. We will keep you informed of any changes and share information with you as we receive it.

Thank you for your support,  
Stuart



## Outdoor Learning

S4 have been out in the school garden this week preparing to grow some herbs. Whilst outside in the sunshine, they really enjoyed taking some fun photographs of their shadows.



## Education and Families

### School Communications



Devon  
County Council

Devon County Council is consulting on its arrangements for home-to-school transport. Currently Devon County Council charges £600 per annum (with a £30.00 discount if the full-year cost is paid in full) for concessionary seat passengers and post-16 passengers. This annual charge is a contribution towards the cost of the transport they provide.

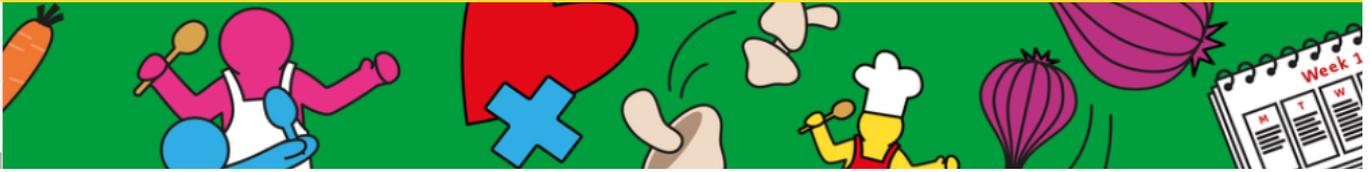
They are consulting on increasing these charges to £800 per annum from September 2023.

Full details are available at: [www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/home-to-school-transport-consultation](http://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/home-to-school-transport-consultation)

The changes, if approved, would apply to all new and existing passengers.

Please submit all comments by the closing date of **2 March 2023**. A survey for responses is available as part of the Home to School Transport consultation via the weblink above. For alternative ways of responding, please see the weblink above.

## Healthy lunchboxes



We are proud to be a healthy school site, and we are working hard to ensure our children eat balanced and nutritious lunches each day. Can we remind parents and carers that energy drinks should not be sent in with packed lunches please, as NHS guidance is that they are often high in caffeine, sugar and various other stimulants and are not recommended for children. Thank you for your support in this.

The following lunchbox tips are taken from the NHS Healthier Families website. We realise that it isn't always easy to keep our children's tummies full, but we hope you find these tips useful when tackling what to include in lunchboxes each day.



### Keep them fuller for longer

Base the main lunchbox item on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.



### DIY lunches

Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to make them. Dipping foods are also fun and a nice change from a sandwich each day



### Mix your slices

If your child does not like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from 1 slice of white bread and 1 slice of brown bread.



### Cut down on crisps

If your child really likes their crisps try reducing the number of times you include them in their lunchbox, and swap for homemade plain popcorn or plain rice cakes instead.



### Always add veg

Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Adding a small pot of hummus or other dips may help with getting kids to eat vegetables.



### Swap the fruit bars

Dried fruit like raisins, sultanas and dried apricots are not only cheaper than processed fruit bars and snacks but can be healthier too. Just remember to keep dried fruit to mealtimes as it can be bad for teeth.

For further information and more healthy lunchbox ideas, suggestions and recipes please visit

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



**Read Write Inc Parent Information Session**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 10am - 11am**

You are invited to attend an information session to help parents and carers get to grips with Read Write Inc

As you know we now use a program called Read Write Inc at Pathfield to give our students the best support possible to become enthusiastic readers, confident speakers and willing writers.

Jenna Speed, our Reading Leader, has organised an information session for parents and carers designed to give you a better understanding of how and what your child is learning. Please come into school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 10am - 11am** to meet with other parents and learn all about the Read Write Inc program and how it is used in school.

Everyone welcome!



**Reader Of  
The Week**



This week's Reader of the Week is Henry Mitchell in Class A3.

Henry has been nominated by Angela for showing excellent progress in his assessment. He now knows 15 Set 1 sounds and all his hard work and concentration is really paying off.

Well done Henry, we are all really proud of you. Keep up the good work!





Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12 February 2023.

This year's theme is **Let's Connect.**

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week and beyond. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing.

**For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.**

As part of Mental Health week all our classes will be working through a beautiful book called *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst. This contemporary classic explores the unbreakable connections between loved ones and is the perfect tool to help children cope with separation anxiety, loneliness, loss and grief.



We are also hoping to produce a large piece of shared art work that we would like you to take part in, so hoping to see some parents/carers in school. Details to follow!

More details about Children's Mental Health Week can be found here: [www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



Pathfield School is part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass ensures that there is a simple telephone call or notification to a school's trained Designated Safeguarding Lead /Officer (known as Key Adult) prior to the start of the next school day after an incident of police attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved.

Information is shared with a school's Key Adult (Designated Safeguarding Lead or Officer) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. This sharing of information enables appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

For more information, please visit: [Operation Encompass](#)

Are you 12 to 25?

You can **join** a group with other young people with SEND; **meet** online and/or in person; **talk** about the change that needs to happen in your services; **influence** decision makers.

**Make**

**your  
voice**

**heard.**

New Group!

IMPACTS

FIND OUT MORE @  
amy.bickford@devon.gov.uk  
OR CALL Shirin on 07773 954421  
or David on 07976 158281

## 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 23/01/23

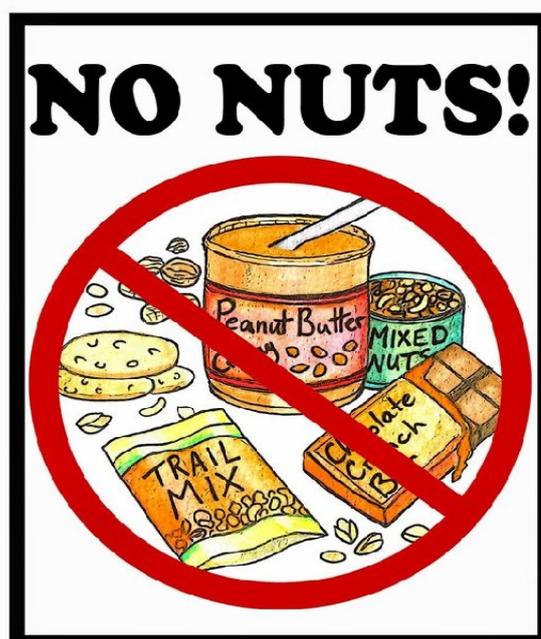
Mon	Chicken stew & dumplings Lentil lasagne Creamed potato or pasta Peas & swede  Carrot cake & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Tues	Chilli & rice Leek and mushroom pasta bake Carrots & green beans  Caramel shortbread & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Wed	Roast beef & Yorkshire pudding Cauliflower cheese Roast potatoes or pasta Brussel sprouts & swede  Shortbread & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Thurs	Quiche Lorraine Jacket potato & cheese Mixed vegetables  Treacle sponge & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Fri	Fish cakes Vegetable pasty 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.



# Pathfield School Term Dates: 2022-23 Academic Year

School Holidays  
Occasional Days (no school)

Training Days (no school)  
Weekends

Bank Holidays

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

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

Apr-23					
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May-23					
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Jun-23					
Monday		5	12	19	26
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Jul-23					
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Aug-23					
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# Pathfield School Term Dates: 2023-24 Academic Year

School Holidays  
Occasional Days (no school)

Training Days (no school)  
Weekends

Bank Holidays

Sep-23					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
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