



Monday 3rd March February 2025

Ashwater Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.12 Spring Term

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a good half term. The weather wasn't the best but it is lovely to have the sunshine and blue skies now that we are back at school. Spring is definitely here! We have a busy half term ahead and we look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations and the Class Assemblies.

NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe Programme** this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. Teachers will be delivering the assemblies in class this week.

Next week, the NSPCC volunteer **led face to face** workshops for children in Year 2 and separately in Year 5&6 will take place. Other year groups will do follow up work with their own teacher. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme. If you would like to know more, please click here: [Speak out Stay safe programme | NSPCC Learning](#)

Parent Consultation, Wednesday 5th March 2.30pm – 6pm

This is an important opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss their progress and look at their books. You can book your 10 minute slot by calling, emailing or dropping into the office.

After School Clubs

Basketball Club for Class 1 and 2 runs on Wednesdays this half term. Please book a place with the office.

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Upcoming Events

March 5

Class 1 Assembly 9am – 9.45am
Parents Consultation 2.30pm – 6pm

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After School Club Basketball YR-6

March 6

World Book Day

March 10

Tempest Class photos

March 14

PTFA Meeting 9am – 9.30am

March 17

Y1/2 Disability Sports Festival HCC

March 26

Mary Poppins School Trip

March 28

Class 2 Assembly 9am – 9.45am

Secondary School Places

These were emailed to parents today from Devon School Admissions.

Safe Driving

A reminder to please drive at the carefully when in the car park or if you are parking on the road. This is for the safety of all the children. Thank you for your support with this

Term Dates 2025 -2026

These are on our website:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary->

Other News

World Book Day- Thursday 6th March:

"No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world." -John Keating

This year for World Book Day, the Carey Federation will be exploring the book 'The Word Collector' by Peter Reynolds.

The day will involve a whole Federation assembly, the sharing of stories, poetry and various activities around this book.

As the focus is on words, all children and staff can come dressed up as a word!

What word will you choose? Archaeologist to extravagant.....the possibilities are endless! Have a look at the images below for some inspiration.



Burton Art Gallery, Bideford – Schools Exhibition, 11th March – 22nd April 2025

Children have worked hard to prepare their artwork, which has now been sent to the gallery. The Annual School's Exhibition opens once again on **11 March 2025**. This is a highlight of the Burton's calendar, where the walls of Gallery 1 are filled floor to ceiling with art from children of all ages. The exhibition really is a riot of colour and a celebration of the good work art teachers are doing in schools in Torridge and the surrounding area. Please do go along as a family to view your child's work as well as the contributions from a number of schools.

Mrs R. Alford, Executive Headteacher

Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 211228

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[Halwill Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)

Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the safeguarding team or email safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Catherine Gee

Miss Hayley Frayn

Mrs Rosie Caswey

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Alison Clark

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

If you have concerns that your child may have a Special Educational Need, please raise this with Mrs Caswey, the Federation SENDCO. You can contact her via the school office to arrange a meeting

The Carey Qualities

Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

Each week children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. The following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.



For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Reuben Faith	Reggie Louie Hattie			Pippin