



Upcoming Events

September 10

After School Hockey Club

September 19

PTFA Meeting 9am
Wild Tribe Class 2

September 25

Holsworthy College Open Evening
for Y5 & Y6

September 26

Appledore Book Festival – Visit from
Author John Townsend 9am

October 15

Harvest Festival Assembly 9:15am

October 16

Clive Pig Visit at Halwill for Class 2
Ashwater and Class 3 Halwill.

October 22

Tempest Individual photos 1:30pm

October 24

Last day of term

November 3

Non-Pupil Day

November 4

First day back

November 10

Flu Immunisation Visit

November 12

Parent Consultation 2:00pm –
6:00pm

**School Lunches – please book
by Sunday for the following
week**

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Ashwater Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.2 Autumn Term

Dear Families,

We have been adding dates to our 'Upcoming Events' including some exciting visits from Clive Pig and author John Townsend.

A particular date to note is our **Harvest Festival Assembly on Wednesday 15th October at 9:15 am**. Parents and wider families are most welcome to join us to watch the children's showcase. Our theme this year is 'A Common Ground.' A Harvest Festival full of food that celebrates the many meaningful ways food connects us to nature, community, other cultures, and our past selves.

We will also be collecting non-perishable foods and toileteries as donations to the food bank. Please kindly donate these by 13th October.

Another date for your diary, is **Parent Consultation on Wednesday 12th November from 2:00pm – 6:00pm**. Nearer the time, we will open up bookings for either in person or virtual 10 minute meetings with your child's teacher.

All Class Pages on the website have information about your child's learning this term. Please do take a look.

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Change of Non-Pupil Day 2026 – Royal Cornwall Show, Friday 5th June 2026

This year we had a non-pupil day that wasn't attached to a holiday. Next year we have the same planned in the Summer Term on Monday 22nd June 2026. However, on reflection, we feel that it would benefit our farming families if this non-pupil day was moved to coincide with The Royal Cornwall Show. This would allow families to attend the show on **Friday 5th June 2026**. We hope that many families will make the most of this opportunity to enjoy an event that is so important to our rural heritage. Please note, as we are providing this opportunity, we will not be able to authorise requests to attend the show on Thursday 4th June.

Clubs

Autumn Clubs information is available on our website:

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

Wild Tribe

The first day of Wild Tribe will be, Friday 12th September. Children doing Wild Tribe need to bring in waterproof overalls or long sleeves and long trousers (not jeans), long hair must be tied up.

The plan for Wild Tribe will be:

First half term Class 2
Second half term Class 1

Medical Forms

Please complete the following form regarding your child's health for our records, even if you have previously completed this form:

<https://forms.gle/jg5s8Svb4pvmZNWp7>

Free Online Wellbeing Courses for Families Across Cornwall and Devon

Families across Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Torbay and the Isles of Scilly can now access **free online courses** to support parenting, child development and mental wellbeing.

Created by NHS professionals, these flexible courses cover topics like:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Supporting emotional health
- Navigating teenage years

More information can be found here - inourplace.co.uk/cornwall-and-devon.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Useful Links

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[Halwill Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](https://www.halwillprimaryschool.co.uk/)

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 Cawsey



Unauthorised Holiday/Leave Request

As you will be aware, Government Guidance advises that schools should not authorise requests for term time absence unless the school has received suitable evidence of exceptional circumstances. The Government does not consider a family holiday to be an exceptional circumstance.

In the absence of suitable evidence of exceptional circumstances, on this occasion the school cannot authorise your request for a Term Time Absence. We believe that if students are to benefit from education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement, and full attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career.

I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you still choose to take your child out of school unauthorised, then the school must refer the absence to the Local Authority for the consideration of initiating Parental Responsibility Measures. If you have Parental Responsibility, this could mean receiving any of the following.

- A Penalty Notice. Should a Penalty Notice be issued, one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £160, which is reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated. If a previous Penalty Notice has been issued within the past 2 years, then the Local Authority will proceed straight to Court.
- A Magistrates Summons that could lead to a criminal record, a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

We understand the disappointment that a refusal may cause, but as you can appreciate, this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards ensuring your child's full and efficient education.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher



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HOLSWORTHY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU, BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN EVENING 2025

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Principal's Welcome

3:45pm & 5:30pm
in the purple circle



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