

Wednesday 25th March 2026

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Ashwater Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.20 Spring Term

Dear Families,

Good luck to the selected children in Class 2 running at the DISP Cross Country in Monkleigh today. This is a fantastic opportunity to compete with other local schools and for the children to mix with other children.

Mini Football Festival, Thursday 26th March

I am delighted that there will be a Mini Football Festival for Halwill, Ashwater and St Giles Y5&6 this Thursday at 4:00pm, hosted at Halwill. If your child is involved, you should have already received a letter about this.

**FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
REFRESHMENTS**
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 4PM

Served by Friends of Halwill Primary School

*Hot drink and Doughnut £2
Cold drinks £1
Ring Doughnuts £1*

*Please remember to bring cash.
Many thanks for your support
Friends*

The poster features a green background with a white soccer ball, a coffee cup, and two chocolate-glazed donuts.

Upcoming Events

March 25

DISP Cross Country Monkleigh – Selected pupils from Class 2

March 25

After School Club – Tennis YR to Y6

March 26

After School Club – Board Games YR to Y6

March 26

Bikeability Y5 and Y6

March 27

Bikeability Y5 and Y6

April 2

Last day of term

April 20

First day back after Easter

April 23

Swimming – Y3 and Y4

April 30

Swimming – Y3 and Y4

May 4

Bank Holiday

May 7

Swimming – Y3 and Y4

May 22

Last day of term

June 1

First day back

June 5

Non-Pupil day

July 6

Y5 & Y6 Activities Week

June 26

The Gruffalo, Theatre Trip YR, Y1 and Y2.

July 22

Last day of term

Consultation to Federate with St Giles-on-the Heath School

Please find a link here [Letters – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#) to the consultation letter which was sent to you on 9th February. We value your views in relation to this potential development and would encourage you to post your thoughts via the dedicated email: consultation@halwill.devon.sch.uk or via the post box in the school office.

Swimming

We are delighted to continue to offer swimming lessons in our Summer term. Please see the table below displaying the dates and year groups. In previous years, we have not charged for this, however, as costs are rising, this year we will be looking for a contribution of £5 per child for swimming and the coach. This will be on MCAS.

Year Groups	Dates
Y 3/4	23/04, 30/04, 07/05, 21/05
Y 5/6	04/06, 11/06, 18/06
Y R/1/2	25/06, 02/07, 09/07, 16/07

Development of Provision within the Early Years and KS1 Classroom

I am delighted to inform you that over the Easter break we will be having additional toilets installed. I know this may not sound very exciting but actually for the Early Years children, particularly, as well as the KS1 children it is going to considerably enhance their provision. As you may know, the existing toilets are a good walk from the classroom and the new instalment will be in close proximity and will enable children to reach the toilet quickly. This is very important for young children, especially when toilet training.

Wild Tribe Spring 2nd Half 2026

Class 1 will have Wild Tribe on Friday afternoons. On Wild Tribe days, children need wellies and waterproof trousers and coats to wear over their uniform. Long hair needs to be tied up.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

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Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 211228

Email:
admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk

Website:
[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 Cawsey

Safeguarding Governor

Becky Bridgeman

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

These are on our website:

<https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

School Lunches – please book by Sunday for the

Whether you're a Spring cleaner or not, this is the perfect time of year to think about where you store your cleaning products. Are they by the loo or under the kitchen sink? Make sure they're in a high cupboard out of reach. This is especially important if you have a little one who has just started crawling or will be on the move soon.

Learn more about preventing poisoning:
<https://capt.org.uk/resources/prevent-poisoning-fact-sheet/>

#ChildSafety #SpringCleaning #ChildHealth
#FirstDayOfSpring





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SUMMER MENU

WEEK ONE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN ONE

Pepperoni Pizza with Wedges and Sweetcorn

Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Carrots

Roast Pork and Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli

Brunch: Pork Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown and Baked Beans

Chicken Chunks with Chips and Peas

MAIN TWO

Margherita Pizza with Wedges and Sweetcorn

Vegetable and Mixed Bean Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Carrots

Vegan Vegetable Parcels with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli

Vegetarian Brunch: Quorn Sausage, Hash Brown, Grilled Tomato and Baked Beans

Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Peas

JACKET POTATO

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DAILY PASTA

Plain, Tomato or Cheese

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DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Salad

Lemon Drizzle

Orange Jelly

Toffee Apple Cake

Toad Sponge

We are pleased to offer a variety of allergen free options on our food menu. Although all food is prepared in a kitchen that handles most allergens and therefore we cannot guarantee that cross contamination will never occur, we do take every possible precaution to prevent this from happening.

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SUMMER MENU

WEEK TWO

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN ONE

Salmon and Broccoli Pasta and Peas

Chicken Burger with Potato Balls and Peas

Sausage Toad in the Hole and Gravy with Mash and Peas

Mild Beef Chilli with Sweetcorn and Rice

Sausage Roll with Chips and Beans

MAIN TWO

Macaroni Cheese with Broccoli and Peas

Mushroom Biryani with Chopped Salad and Peas

Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole and Gravy with Mash and Peas

Five Bean Chilli with Sweetcorn and Rice

Cheesy Wheels with Chips and Beans

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DESSERT

Fresh Fruit and Ice Cream

Strawberry Mousse

Strawberry Jelly and Fruit

Choco Brownie

Rocket Lolly

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WEEK THREE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN ONE

Hot Dogs with Wedges, Rainbow Slaw and Veg Sticks

Bolognese with Pasta, Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn

Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli

Chicken Wraps with Rice and Veg Sticks

Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans

MAIN TWO

Veggie Nuggets with Wedges, Rainbow Slaw and Veg Sticks

Quorn Sausage and Tomato Bake with Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn

Yorkshire Pudding, Bean and Veg Cottage Pie, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli

Cauliflower, Chickpea and Butternut Curry with Rice and Veg Sticks

Pizza Wrap with Chips and Beans

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DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Platter

Lemon Cookie

Chocolate Orange Mousse

Flapjack

Rice Crispy Cake

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'Connecting Moments'- Digital SEND Support for Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Join us for Connecting Moments – a friendly online space designed just for you.

What's it all about?

- Connect with other families in a small, welcoming group
- Share experiences and ideas
- Build a peer support network

Please join us on the **12th December at 10am, for a 1 hour session**– email-childsc.familyhub-mailbox@devon.gov.uk to book a space, places are limited and the session will be run via Teams.

If you would like support from the Devon family hub, please scan this QR code and complete our request for support form





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