



## Upcoming Events

### August 16

72<sup>nd</sup> Ashwater Agricultural Show  
from 9am

91<sup>st</sup> Ashwater Horticultural Society  
Show Children's Classes from  
1.30pm (see more information in  
main newsletter)

### September 2

NON pupil day

### September 3

**Term Begins**

### September 12

PTFA Meeting 9am

### September 13

The Archangels Way Community  
Sponsored Walk in aid of Ashwater  
Church and Ashwater School  
(poster with more information in  
main newsletter)

### September 26

Appledore Book Festival – Visit from  
Author John Townsend 9am

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

### Term Dates 2025 -2026

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

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025

# Ashwater Primary School

*Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

## Newsletter No.23 Summer Term

Dear Families,

As we come to the final day of the academic year of 2024/25, we have much to celebrate. The children have worked so hard, made wonderful progress and experienced so many opportunities.

Today we will say goodbye to our Year 6s and although we know they are very ready for the next step in their journey through life, I am sure we all have a lump in our throat as we watch them grow up.

I have been very impressed with this group of young people as they took their SATs with resilience and all have achieved their personal best. Their Leavers' Show was brilliantly performed with humour but also tinged with poignancy. I wish all our Year 6s so much luck for the future. Just remember, 'Aim High, Be Resilient & Take Care of Each Other!' It's a motto for life, not just for school.

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy with the children taking part in a number of trips. Please see all photos later on in the newsletter. YR,1 and 2 children had a brilliant time at Newquay Zoo. The children were incredibly well behaved and loved seeing all the animals. A red panda even made an appearance!

Class 2 enjoyed their Geography trip to Okehampton and learnt a great deal about the confluence of the East Okement and West Okement rivers.

Sports Day was a huge success, with children aiming high and being resilient. It was a lovely family occasion. Some children took on the additional challenge of racing at Halwill School. Well done to everyone.

Our Nursey children had a trip to Scribbleton, This was the first time we have had a Nursery trip without parents! It was an amazing trip, encouraging creativity and imagination. The children were incredibly well behaved, as was noted by the bus driver.

Class 2 had a super time at the Beach Festival learning lots of different beach games with other schools.

Our Open Evening and Summer Concert was held prior to the Year 6 Leavers'. I am sure you enjoyed looking at your children's work. I was so impressed with the children's musical performances; they really are making very good progress.

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## **Thank you PTFA**

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the PTFA for their hard work and commitment to raising funds which directly support the children.

## **On-line Safety Warning**

Devon County Council have made us aware of a WhatsApp group called "Add everybody you know" that is circulating inappropriate content, including explicit images, memes and videos.

Unfortunately, some children from schools in Devon may be part of this group.

There are many potential safeguarding risks associated with this WhatsApp group, including:

- Unmoderated content being shared, which may be inappropriate or harmful.
- Exposure of personal information of children and young people to unknown individuals.
- Potential grooming or exploitation risks due to the open and indiscriminate nature of the group.

We strongly advise:

- Parents and carers to check their child's WhatsApp today to ensure that they are not part of this group. If they are, remove them immediately
- Please speak to your children about the importance of online safety and not joining unknown or unmoderated groups.
- We remind pupils of the dangers of sharing inappropriate material and the importance of reporting any concerning online activity.

## **St Giles-on-the-Heath Primary School**

As you know, The Carey Federation has been in a Management Partnership with St Giles-on-the-Heath Primary School for the last 6 months, providing leadership while the headteacher, Ms Beci Smith, has been on long term absence. I am pleased to tell you that Ms Smith will be returning to St Giles in September on a phased return; therefore the Management Partnership will end.

The Management Partnership has provided lots of opportunities for collaborative staff development which I am sure will continue now that networks have been formed. In addition, through the DISP (Devon Independent Schools Partnership) a group of maintained primary schools in the local area, which the Federation and St Giles are part of.

## **Clubs**

Autumn Clubs information is available on our website:

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

## **Useful Links**

### **School Contact Details**

**Tel:** 01409 211228

**Email:**

[admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk)

### **Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Ruh Alford

### **Deputy Safeguarding Leads**

Mrs Catherine Gee

Miss Hayley Frayn

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

### **Attendance Officer**

Mrs Ceren Brooker

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

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### **Change of Non-Pupil Day 2026 – Royal Cornwall Show, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Wild Tribe**

The first day of Wild Tribe will be, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Happy Holidays!**

May I take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff who always aim high for the children and go above and beyond! Thank you to our families for your support and well done and thank you to the children for another fantastic year. I am sure everyone is very ready for a break; I know the staff are! Families, it's over to you now! 😊

Wishing you all a wonderful summer, keep safe and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher













## GOOD LUCK Y6 LEAVERS







# Scribbleton



# THE ARCHANGEL'S WAY

Join us for a sponsored  
Community Walk to  
Brentor Church from North Brentor  
and spectacular views of our local  
countryside!

Help us raise funds for  
Ashwater Church and Ashwater School  
two of the corner stones of our village

**Saturday 13th September**

(20th if wet on the 13th)

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

For more information about the walk and how  
to join

Please contact Diana Marriott 07484 137512

Or Liz Martin 07854 491307

Info Flyers will be available in the Church and  
Shop



## Ashwater Horticultural Show

### CHILDREN'S SECTION – CHILD ENTRIES ARE FREE

1st Prize £2; 2nd Prize £1; 3rd Prize 50p. Plus £5 Prize for most points in categories 84-90 & 91-96.

#### Under 5 Years

- 82. Any drawing or painting
- 83. Model made from any material

#### 5-12 year olds

- 84. Miniature garden scene in a standard seed tray
- 85. Animal made from one or more fruits or vegetables
- 86. An 'Object made from recycled items'
- 87. Painting or drawing up to A4 size
- 88. Decorated biscuits, 3
- 89. Small decorated pizza
- 90. Flowers or herbs arranged in unusual container

#### 12-16 year olds

- 91. Decorated cake
- 92. 3D painting or drawing
- 93. Poster to promote or depict an environmental issue
- 94. An 'Object made from recycled items'
- 95. Arrangement in a jam jar of hedgerow plants
- 96. Small decorated pizza.

### ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SHOW – ENTRY FORM

Exhibitor's name (and age if under 16 years):

Address.....

Telephone number.....Date.....

Email.....

Class No	Class No	Class No	Class No

**PLEASE REMEMBER** entry fees are **30p** per class or **4** classes for **£1.00** entered per person and must be enclosed with each completed entry form. Entries must be made on this form and delivered to the Ashwater Village Shop, Maggie Edmunds at Fir Hill or Paula Howard, 7 The Barton. Child entries are free of charge.

Entries must be received by 6pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Entries cannot be accepted after this time  
(Late entries accepted in exceptional circumstances subject to an extra £1 fee)



# The Doodle Summer Challenge

1st of July - 31st of August 2025

## Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the 1st of July - 31st of August, Doodle are running two exciting beach-themed Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!



Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, keeping your child engaged in their learning and boosting their skills. Plus, they can earn exclusive rewards by taking part!

## How to take part

### 1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit [help.doodlelearning.com](https://help.doodlelearning.com) and search 'how to link account'.

### 2 Register for the Challenge

From the 1st of July, visit [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com) and press Register next to your child's name for one of both Challenges.\* The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 18th of August.

### 3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to earn 750 stars (or 600 if they were born after August 2017) and use DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish for 14 days\* between the 1st of July - 31st of August.

\*These 14 days don't need to be in a row. A day of use is defined as completing at least one exercise between 00:01 and 23:59.

### 4 Receive a pin badge and certificate!

Once they've reached their target, we'll send a pin badge to their school after the Challenge comes to an end. You can also claim a personalised certificate for them by visiting [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com) and pressing Download certificate before midnight on the 26th of September.



Tag us and use the hashtag #DoodleSummerChallenge

For more information, please visit [doodlelearning.com/challenge](https://doodlelearning.com/challenge).

Any questions? Visit [help.doodlelearning.com](https://help.doodlelearning.com) and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.

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## How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account

Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Summer Challenge and claim your child's personalised certificate by visiting [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com), our online parent hub.

## How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

- 1 Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.
- 2 From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3 Select **Settings** and press **Parent details**
- 4 If you're new to Doodle, choose **Create parent account**. If you already have a Doodle account, click on **Link existing account**.
- 5 Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account.



## How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

- 1 Visit [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com)
- 2 If you're new to Doodle, click on **Create account** and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com). If you already have a parent account, log in to [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com).
- 3 Once you've logged in, hover over **My account** and select **Child details**
- 4 Click on **Link to my child's school account** and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.

### Good luck, and happy Doodling!

\*The Challenge available will depend on your school's Doodle subscription. If you'd like to join both Challenges but your school does not subscribe to DoodleMaths or DoodleEnglish, a home subscription can be taken out in the subject you're not subscribed to. To receive 2 FREE weeks of a home subscription, please visit [doodlelearning.com/challenge-offer](https://doodlelearning.com/challenge-offer).