

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

# Ashwater Primary School

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

## Newsletter No.24 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term. I hope you all enjoyed the glorious weather of the break. It is a shame it didn't last into last week. I hope the children enjoyed their day off on Friday.

A huge well done to Class 1 and Class 2 who delivered fantastic assemblies last week. All the children spoke with such confidence and demonstrated their excellent knowledge and understanding of their learning. Thank you to families for coming along. apologies again for the confusion over the timing of Class 2's assembly.

### DISP Multiskills for KS1

Our school is part of DISP (Devon Independent Schools Partnership). This is a group that we setup as heads a few years ago to enable collaboration between local maintained schools. As part of DISP, Year 1 and 2 will be attending a Mutiskills event at Hatherleigh Primary School on 17<sup>th</sup> June. All three Federation schools will be going together so it will be a nice opportunity for them. You will receive a letter shortly regarding this.

### Author Visit

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July we have a local author Anne Parsons coming in to do some story telling with the children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4. She has recently published her 3<sup>rd</sup> book called Archie, Go! You can see more details about this at the end of the newsletter.

### Dates

Our Open Evening & Summer Concert as well as Year 6 Leavers will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

3:30 – 4:00pm Open Evening

4:00 – 5:00 Summer Concert & Year 6 Leavers

We hope you will join us for the class assemblies which are an opportunity for children to share what they have been learning with you.

### Warm Weather

Now that we are finally having warmer weather, please do remember hats, suncream and water bottles.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



### Upcoming Events

#### June 10

After School Club – Rounders YR-Y6

#### June 11

After School Club – Board Games YR-Y6

#### June 11

Swimming – Y5 and Y6

#### June 17

DISP MultiSkills Y1 & Y2 at Hatherleigh Primary School

#### June 18

Swimming – Y5 and Y6

#### June 19

Tempest Leavers Photos

#### June 25

Swimming – YR, Y1 and Y2

#### June 26

The Gruffalo, Theatre Trip YR, Y1 and Y2.

#### July 1

Sports Day – 1.45pm – 3.30pm

#### July 2

Swimming – YR, Y1 and Y2

#### July 6

6<sup>th</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> July Y5 & Y6 Activities Week

#### July 9

Swimming – YR, Y1 and Y2

#### July 16

Swimming – YR, Y1 and Y2

#### July 16

Open Evening – 3pm – 4pm  
Summer Concert & Leavers – 4pm – 5pm

#### July 22

**Last day of term**

## Swimming

We are delighted to continue to offer swimming lessons in our Summer term. Please see the upcoming events 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 per session for swimming and the coach. This will be on MCAS.

### After School Clubs Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2026


Please see our website for information regarding after school clubs. These will be available to book via MCAS. [Before & After School Clubs – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)

### Wild Tribe Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2026

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

## Attendance

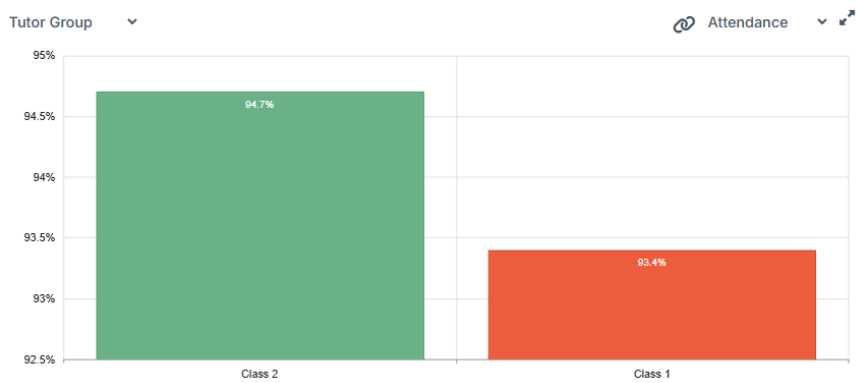
Overall attendance

Attendance 

# 94.3%

+0.1% Last 7 Days

Class 1 and Class 2 Attendance (This does not include Pre-School)



Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher



## 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

### Safeguarding Governor

Becky Bridgeman

### Term Dates 2026 - 2027

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**

**WE ARE A NO NUTS SCHOOL**

# Any child can drown

Even strong swimmers!

child accident  
prevention trust

We often talk about small children drowning. But any child can drown - even strong swimmers.

They may overestimate how strong a swimmer they are or underestimate risks in the sea or open water, like lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

Please talk to your older children about water safety:

💧 Teach them to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards

💧 Explain the risk of swimming in open water. Even on a very warm day, open water can be cold enough to cause cold water shock. This physical reaction makes it hard to control breathing or to swim, causing swimmers to panic.

💧 Talk to them about what to do if this ever happens. And teach them how to float.

Find out more <https://capt.org.uk/drowning/>

#ChildSafetyWeek 2026 is coming soon - Monday 1st to Sunday 7th June - Follow us for top tips to keep your family safe

#ChildSafety #WaterSafety  
#DrowningPrevention



**Anne Parsons, a children's author, will be visiting our school on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Anne will be sharing the story of *Archie, Go!* with our classes and will be offering the chance of buying a signed copy of her book with a dedication.**

In this book, Archie and Louise catch a thief who has stolen books from Louise's grandparents' bookshop. Subsequently, they find out about the roles Airedale Terriers have played in the past, being police dogs, and messenger dogs in the First World War. They make new friends with Maggie and her guide dog Ivy. Such experiences make Archie question his role in life as a family pet and a jumping champion.

Meanwhile, Archie is training hard for his competitions. Rory, Louise's brother, becomes involved with team agility classes, but just when preparations are going well, disaster strikes, and another training centre must be found urgently. The new location is already known to Archie and holds bad memories for him. Archie realises that he must overcome his fears and move on if he wishes to achieve his dream.

The opposition becomes more challenging as the national finals get nearer. When the competition day arrives, old rivals meet up, and a new team appears. Can his team beat them? Then Archie goes head-to-head with the new team leader in the individual jumping competition.

Life is never easy. All Archie can do is try his best and hope that will be good enough. Surely, fame is just a jump away!

**Price - £5.00 (normal RRP £7.99)**

**If you would like to order at this special price, please contact the school office.**

**Saturday 13th June 2026**

**Hatherleigh Carnival's**  
**COLOUR RUN**  
*with a*  
**TWIST**

**Hatherleigh's Colourful Event of the year!**

**5k & 2.5k ROUTES**

**ADULTS £15 • CHILDREN £10**



**Each participant will receive a medal & a white T-shirt!**

The party will continue in the square with the presentation of this year's carnival royalty.

**Scan to Enter!**



**BAR • FOOD • MUSIC from**  
**HSB & The Ninja Ninja**

**Enter by 2nd June!**

**Registration from 12.30pm Run 3.30pm**



<https://www.hatherleighcarnival.co.uk>

# Speech and Language Therapy

## EASY ACCESS DROP IN

We are starting new easy access drop ins for pre school children.

Would you like any advice and support for your child's speech, language and communication skills? Visit one of our easy access drop ins with your child to see a Speech and Language Therapist. Get advice, support and strategies from the team.

Drop in sessions are now being held in different locations across Torbay, South Devon and North Devon. Exeter, East and Mid Devon.

If you would like to attend a drop in, please scan the QR code below to find a location and time that works for you.





Family Hub Advice &  
Guidance Line, 0800  
5385458

Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

## '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](mailto: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





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**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