

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

# Ashwater Primary School

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## Newsletter No.26 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Well done to Year 1 children who have worked hard in their Phonic Screening as well as Year 4 who undertook the Multiplication Check. All year groups from Y1-5 have also been doing assessments. Well done to all of them for aiming high.

This is a busy term of trips and visits. These give children a wonderful enriching experience but I do appreciate that there is a cost implication with these opportunities, particularly with coaches being so expensive. Sometime our Friends are able to help with these and we are really grateful for this. Thank you to parents for supporting with financial contributions to trips. We never want any child to miss out so please do get in touch if you need support with the financial contributions requested.

### DISP Multi skills 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 Multi skills 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 3, 4, 5 and 6. 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.

### Tempest Photos

The link for tempest photos are below. The Y6 leavers photos are booked in for Friday.

<https://htmp.st/CLASS-1-974F9B7306>

<https://htmp.st/CLASS-1FUN-53A26FB65D>

<https://htmp.st/CLASS-2-38107CDE3D>

<https://htmp.st/CLASS-2FUN-C5D16804C5>

### Warm Weather

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

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## Upcoming Events

### June 17

DISP Multi Skills Y1 & Y2 at Hatherleigh Primary School

After School Club – Rounders YR-Y6

### June 18

Swimming – Y5 and Y6

After School Club – Board Games YR-Y6

### June 19

Tempest Leavers Photos

### June 22

Joe Rice Mini Medics – KS2

### June 25

Swimming – YR, Y1 and Y2

### June 26

The Gruffalo, Theatre Trip YR, Y1 and Y2.

### June 30

Plymouth Aquarium 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**

### September 18

PTFA AGM – 9am at school

## 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.

## PTFA

Now the warmer weather is appearing, The PTFA will be selling ice-lollies every Friday from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Frozen Friday. This will be cash only.

They are also hoping to hold a teddy tombolo at the Summer Fair and are looking for any teddy donations.

## 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.

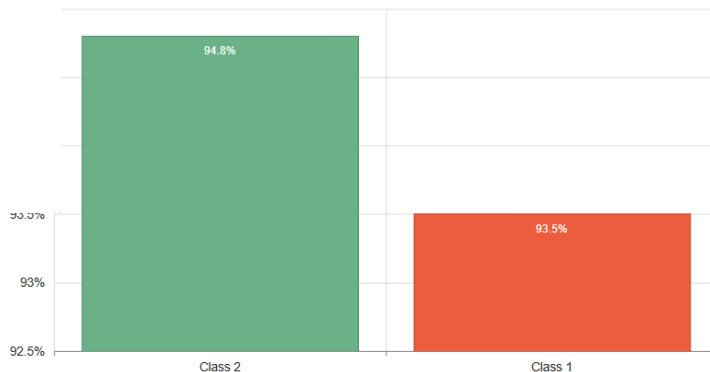
## Overall Attendance

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

Attendance 

# 94.4%

+0.0% Last 7 Days



Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

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## 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**

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## Safeguarding

Does your child love these squishy dumplings? They're the latest craze – with unboxing videos gaining millions of views.

But their popularity and high demand mean lots of fakes are now available to buy. And the counterfeit versions may contain harmful levels of dangerous chemicals.

- ✓ Buy from trusted retailers if you can – fakes may not meet our safety standards
- ✓ Check for proper labelling – missing safety information is a sign it's fake
- ✓ If the toy is damaged, leaking or smells unusual, stop using it
- ✓ Avoid buying for under 3s - they're most at risk from dangerous toys.

More tips on buying safe toys: <https://capt.org.uk/buy-safe-toys/>

#SquishyDumplings #BuySafeToys  
#ChildSafety #ChildHealth

# Fake squishy dumpling warning

**May contain harmful levels of chemicals**



child accident  
prevention trust



ASHWATER SCHOOL  
PTFA

# SUMMER FAIR

• 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE •

— 1 - 3 PM —

AT ASHWATER VILLAGE HALL



BACON ROLLS,  
HOT DOGS  
AND CAKES



GAMES  
AND CRAFTS



FREE ENTRY



GAMES  
£1 A GO



CASH



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**SUMMER**

**RAFFLE DRAW**

• **16<sup>TH</sup> JULY** •

AT THE ASHWATER SCHOOL  
SUMMER CONCERT

**VARIOUS PRIZES  
TO BE WON**

**TICKETS  
£1 EACH**

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**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.**

# 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