

Monday 22nd June 2026

Ashwater Primary School

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Newsletter No.27 Summer Term

Dear Families,

KS1 DISP Multiskills -rearranged for Wednesday 8th July

Although looking out of the window now you would not believe it, last week's DISP Multiskills was postponed because of the rain. It has been rearranged for the morning of Wednesday 8th July. Collection from Ashwater will be 9:15 am so please drop children promptly. Children can wear PE kits into school but please also send in school uniform so children can change after they return.

The children will be back in time for lunch. You won't need to complete another consent form, however, if anything has changed since you completed it or your child is unable to attend, please let the office know.

Hot Weather

A reminder to please send children in with water bottles, hats and apply sun cream in the mornings. Children can bring in sun cream to reapply themselves (plus please ensure nut free). If it is too hot and there is not adequate shade, children will be kept inside at play time. If anyone has any gazebos we could borrow, this would be most appreciated, then the children can have a bit of time outside, in the shade. Air conditioning in school will be used and children are being monitored at regular opportunities to drink water are being provided.

For health and safety for our kitchen staff, we will be providing jacket potatoes and pasta only on Wednesday. If you have already selected the roast or veggie option, please amend your order ahead of Wednesday. Thank you

Ashwater Summer Fair, Saturday 27th June, Ashwater Village Hall, 1-3 pm

Please come along and enjoy the fun, while supporting our school!

KS1 Gruffalo Trip – Friday 26th June

We are looking forward to taking the children to the theatre this week. I can't wait to hear all about it!

Class Teachers Academic Year 2026-27

I am pleased to be able to share the class teacher placements for next year.



Upcoming Events

June 24

After School Club – Rounders YR-Y6

June 25

Swimming – YR, Y1 and Y2

After School Club – Board Games YR-Y6

June 26

YR,1 & 2 The Gruffalo, Theatre Trip

June 27

Ashwater Summer Fair – in the Village Hall, 1-3 pm

June 29

Joe Rice Mini Medics – KS2 – 1.30pm

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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

6th July – 10th July Y5 & Y6 Activities Week

July 8

DISP Multi Skills Y1 & Y2 at Hatherleigh Primary School

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

Class 1: Miss Catherine Gee
Class 2: Miss Hayley Frayn

The children will be told today who their teachers for next year will be. A moving up day will be arranged for Year 2 going to Class 2.

Joe Rice – Mini Medics 29th June

Thank you to the PTFA for funding this important session for Class 2. It was well received previously and will give them essential skills.

Author Visit

On Thursday 2nd 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 3rd 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>

Dates

Our Open Evening & Summer Concert as well as Year 6 Leavers will be on **Thursday 16th 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 3rd 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.



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 2026 - 2027

These are on our website:


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

School Lunches – please book by Sunday for the

WE ARE A NO NUTS SCHOOL

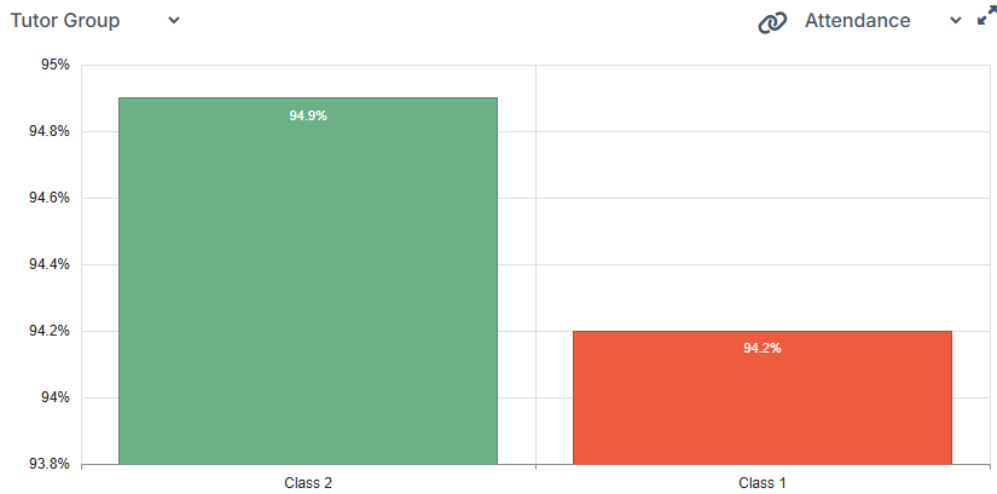
Overall Attendance

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

Attendance 

94.5%

+0.1% Last 7 Days



Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding



Staying safe in hot weather

If you or others feel unwell, get dizzy, weak or have intense thirst, move to a cool place, rehydrate and cool down your body

Going out in the sun?



Stay well in hot weather

by drinking plenty of fluids, staying in the shade when the sun is strongest (11am-3pm) and limiting strenuous physical activity during the hottest part of the day.

ASHWATER SCHOOL
PTFA

SUMMER
RAFFLE DRAW

• 16TH JULY •

AT THE ASHWATER SCHOOL
SUMMER CONCERT

**VARIOUS PRIZES
TO BE WON**

TICKETS
£1 EACH

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ASHWATER SCHOOL
PTFA

SUMMER FAIR

• 27TH 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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Anne Parsons, a children's author, will be visiting our school on Thursday 7th July. Anne will be sharing the story of *Archie, Go!* with our classes and 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 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 dog Ivy. Such experiences make Archie question his role in life as a family dog and a jumping champion.

Meanwhile, Archie is training hard for his competitions. Rory, Louise's dog, 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 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

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.



'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
a space, places are limited and the session will be run via

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



THE CAREY FEDERATION



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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