

Wednesday 1st July

Ashwater Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.28 Summer Term

Dear Families,

How lucky that Ashwater School has air-conditioning and therefore, we were the only school in the Federation that continued as normal last week!

Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic trip to see The Gruffalo on Friday and. It was still quite warm but the children did well, drinking regularly and thoroughly enjoyed the show. They also visited the Aquarium yesterday and had a lovely day. They saw lots of different sea creatures, they learnt all about turtles too from one of the guides who had a turtle shell that the children could handle.



A huge thank you to the PTFA for putting on a fantastic summer fair at the weekend. Thank you to all who came along. The children had a fantastic time.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

July 1

Sports Day – 1.45pm – 3.30pm
After School Club – Rounders YR-Y6

July 2

Swimming – YR, Y1 and Y2

After School Club – Board Games YR-Y6

July 3

Class 2 Pizza making day and Halwill

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

July 25

Ashwater Horticultural Society Show

September 18

PTFA AGM – 9am at school

Thank you to the PTFA for funding the Joe Rice Mini Medics session for Class 2 this week. This important session taught the children essential life skills.

Sports Day, Wednesday 1st July, 1:45 -3:30pm

Will it be too wet? Will it be too hot?!! Hopefully, we will be lucky! We look forward to seeing you today. Children can wear PE kits into school.

Pizza Making at Halwill Primary – Class 2 Friday 3rd July

Class 2 will be taking part in a Design and Technology Day at Halwill School, where the children will be making pizzas as part of their cooking unit this term. You will have received a letter last week regarding arrangements.

Year 5/6 Activities Week

I am sure all the children are excited about Activities Week next week. The office have resent the detailed itinerary to you and a kit list today.

Tent allocation will be confirmed shortly with a kit list sent out today.

It will be non-uniform all week.

KS1 DISP Multiskills -rearranged for 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.

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>

Ashwater Horticultural Society Show



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

This will be held on Saturday 25th July this year and we have a number of classes for the children of the village to enter.

Please see the information about the show attached to you newsletter email and also a screen grab below.

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

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.

New criteria for Free School Meals - two types

Eligible targeted: this covers children in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. These children will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools. Other education entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will be based on targeted free school meals.

Eligible expanded: this covers children who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400. Children will be entitled to free school meals only.

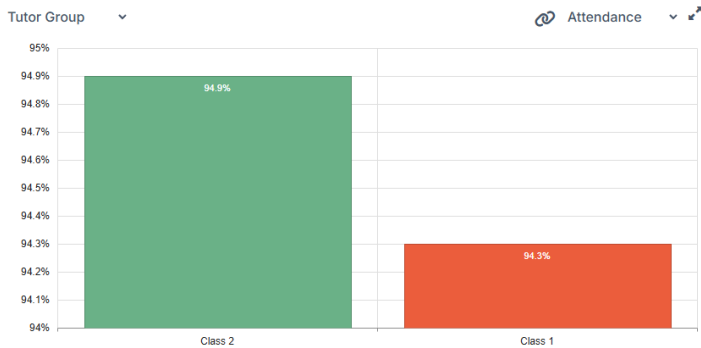
Overall Attendance

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

Attendance

94.6%

+0.1% Last 7 Days



Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher



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.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

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

THE 92nd ANNUAL ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW

WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026
AT
ASHWATER PARISH HALL

Saturday 25th July 2026

8.30am-10.30am

Entries set up in Ashwater Parish Hall

No entries admitted after 10.30am

10.30-1.30 Judging (Hall closed to public and exhibitors)

1.30pm Show open to public

3.00pm Prize giving

4.00pm All exhibits to be collected

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. Original model made from building bricks or constructional toy (eg Lego or Meccano)
- 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

.....

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. Entries must be received by 6pm on Wednesday 22nd July 2026. Entries cannot be accepted after this time. (Late entries accepted in exceptional circumstances subject to an extra £1 fee)



Anne Parsons, a children's author, will be visiting our school on Thursday, 2nd 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.





LJD COACHING LIMITED HOLSWORTHY HAF PROGRAMME 2026

4 WEEKS OF FUN THIS AUGUST!



 **MONDAY TO THURSDAY**
3RD AUGUST – 27TH AUGUST 2026

 **TIME:**
9:00AM TO 2:00PM

 **LOCATION:**
HOLSWORTHY PRIMARY SCHOOL

 **COST:** for non HAF qualifying children
£30 A DAY

BENEFITS

-  **FREE SCHOOL MEAL PUPILS CAN ATTEND FOR FREE!**
-  **A LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**
with hot and cold options provided.
-  **STAY ACTIVE, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!**

LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD!

-  **MULTI-SPORTS**
-  **ARTS & CRAFTS**
-  **MUSIC**



USE THE QR CODE TO BOOK!

SPACES ARE LIMITED!
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT!

FUN, FRIENDS AND MEMORIES ALL SUMMER LONG!





SUMMER 2026 HAF PROGRAMMES

FUN, ACTIVE & INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
FOR CHILDREN ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY!

HOLSWORTHY

 **LOCATION:**
Holsworthy Primary School

 **DATES:**
Mon to Thur
3rd Aug - 27th Aug

 **TIME:**
9:00am to 2:00pm

 **COST:**

- £30 per day for non HAF qualifying children.
- Free for benefits related Free School Meals children.

SCAN HERE TO BOOK



STRATTON

 **LOCATION:**
Stratton Primary School

 **DATES:**
Mon to Thur
3rd Aug - 27th Aug

 **TIME:**
9:00am to 2:00pm

 **COST:**

- £30 per day for non HAF qualifying children.
- Free for benefits related Free School Meals children.
- £10 per day for local residents and school attendees.

SCAN HERE TO BOOK



PADSTOW

 **LOCATION:**
Padstow community hub and muga

 **DATES:**
Fridays
24th and 31st July.
7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August.

 **TIME:**
9:00am to 2:00pm

 **COST:**

- £30 per day for non HAF qualifying children.
- Free for benefits related Free School Meals children.
- £12.50 per day for local residents and school attendees.

SCAN HERE TO BOOK



ACTIVE DAYS. NEW FRIENDS. UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.

BOOK NOW – SPACES ARE LIMITED!

For more information contact LJD Coaching  



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 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

Devon
County Council



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.

