

Monday 27th July 2026

Ashwater Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.30 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Concert and Open Afternoon on Thursday 16th. It was a fantastic afternoon including our Year 6 leavers' play, beautifully supported by the rest of Class 2. The children were brilliant, aiming high and so confident, we had our very own Willy Wonka singing an excellent solo and our Umpa Lumpas took to the stage! The Year 6 children delivered their memories brilliantly, taking us all back in time. Well done to everyone involved.

Thank you to the PTFA for serving Tea/Coffee/ and cakes before the concert. May I take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support enables us to provide enriching experiences which help to develop children's confidence, responsibility and resilience. We are very grateful for their ongoing commitment to our school community.

We wish all our Year 6 leavers good luck in their next chapter! They will be missed by us all at Ashwater School. We have no doubt that they will continue to aim high, be resilient and take care of each other as they move on the next stage of their education.



THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

August 15

Ashwater Agricultural Show

September 7

Term starts

September 18

PTFA AGM – 9am at school



Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 211228

Email:

admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk

Website:

[Halwill Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](http://www.halwillprimaryschool.co.uk)

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.thecarey federation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

School Lunches – please book by Sunday for the

WE ARE A NO NUTS SCHOOL

Updates for September 2026

I am pleased to tell you that we will be offering Forest Schools, run by Miss McClean-Thorne, who is a teacher, with Forest School training, from St Giles. This will replace Wild Tribe which was offered via Arena.

Forest Schools sessions will continue to provide children with valuable opportunities to explore, investigate and learn in a natural environment. Through a range of hands-on activities, children will develop their confidence, independence, problem-solving skills and resilience, while also fostering a deeper appreciation of the world around them. We are looking forward to seeing the many benefits that Forest School will bring and are grateful to Miss McLean-Thorne for leading these sessions across the Federation.

Forest School will take place on a Friday morning as follows:

Autumn 1 – Class 1
Autumn 2 – Class 2
Spring 1 – Class 2
Spring 2 – Class 1
Summer 1 – Class 2
Summer 2 – Class 1

On Forest School days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs, then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Long hair should be tied up. Unfortunately, if children don't have the correct clothing they will be unable to participate as it is a requirement of the risk assessment.

PE lessons with Mr Hayler will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

You may be aware that the DfE have cut sports funding to schools so we have worked really hard to be able to introduce Forest Schools as a substitute to Wild Tribe and retain specialist PE teaching.

We will have to keep this under review, depending on funding, however, we will do our very best to maintain the provision.

Pricing for September

Following a recent review with the Governing Board, we would like to inform families that there will be a small increase in the cost of school lunches, breakfast and after school clubs from the start of the next term. This decision was made carefully and reflects rising costs associated with food, resources and staffing. The governors and school leadership team have worked to keep any increase as low as possible while ensuring we can continue to provide the excellent opportunities and nutritious meals that our children enjoy. We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support.

Please see our updated prices for next term

£5.00 nursery

£2.65 school dinners

£3.80 breakfast club

£3.80 After school club

£1.00 Clubs for those eligible for Pupil Premium

After School Clubs will commence in the second week of term and information will be sent out during the first week back.

Ashwater Horticultural Society Show

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

Ashwater Agricultural Show, Saturday 15th August

Please come along and enjoy this special event for the whole Ashwater community. For more information, please see below:

<https://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk/agricultural-show>

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.

Happy Holidays!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing the children back to school on **Monday 7th September**. Wishing you all a brilliant summer break!

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

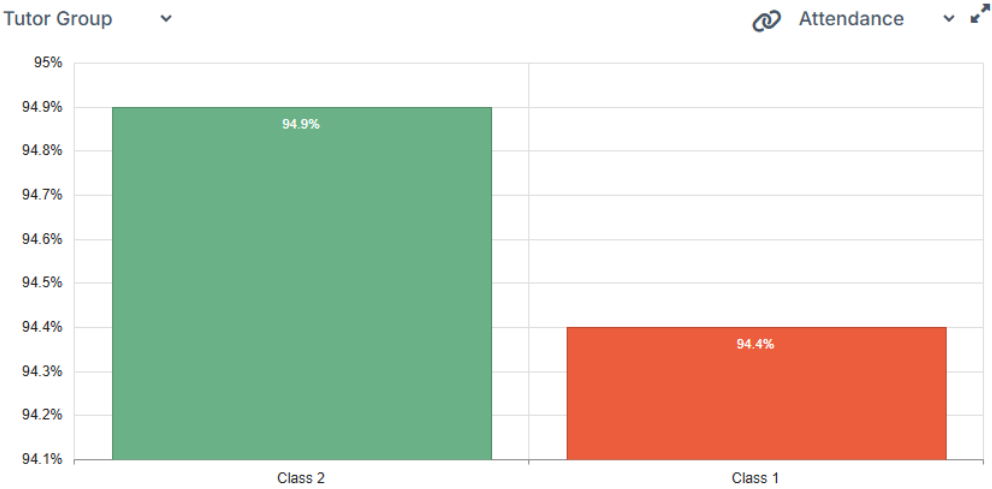
Overall Attendance

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

Attendance 

94.6%

-0.1% Last 7 Days



Attendance Percentage	Days of School Missed
98%	4 days
96%	8 days
94%	12 days
92%	16 days or three weeks
90%	20 days or four weeks
85%	30 days or 6 weeks

BE SAFE HAVE FUN!

If you are in and around the water
ALWAYS REMEMBER TO:

1

STOP AND THINK

2

STAY TOGETHER

3

FLOAT

4

CALL 999 OR 112

FIND MORE FUN
AND SAFETY TIPS AT
RNLI.org

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.
RNLI is a registered charity, currently registered in England and Wales (company
no. 1420201) and in Scotland (company no. SC1420201).


Lifeboats

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(Black/White Flag)

This area is for water-sports like windsurfing and surfing, kayaks & paddleboards.



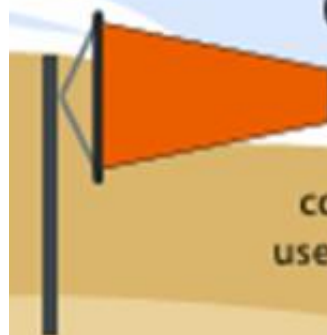
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This is a lifeguarded area. This is the safest area to swim or bodyboard.



(Red Flag)

This means danger. NEVER go into the sea where this flag is flying.



(Orange Flag)

Indicates offshore or strong wind conditions. Never use inflatables when it's flying.

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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

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)

Ashwater Show & Tarka YFC

present

The Show Tent

Saturday 15th August 2026
Ashwater Show Ground, The Barton, EX21 5EQ



Entries must be sent to the email: theshowtent@gmail.com
Or dropped to The Village Inn or Village shop

Entries close Friday 31st July 2026 at 5pm

Section 1 – 6 years old and under

1. Farmyard Drawing
2. Decorated Gingerbread Man (judged on decoration only)
3. Make an animal out of a toilet tube roll
4. Finger painting of a Tractor
5. Make a wheeled vehicle out of recycled objects (must contain at least one recycled object)

Section 2 – 7-11 years old

6. Farmyard Drawing
7. Miniature garden scene in a standard seed tray
8. 4 x Butterfly Buns
9. Homemade Bookmark
10. Homemade belt to hold a farmer's trousers up - made from farmyard objects

Section 3 – 12 – 17 years old

11. Farmyard Drawing
12. Homemade Birthday Card
13. Sweet cake made with a vegetable (must name the vegetable)
14. Decorated Welly Boot
15. Arrangement of wildflowers or herbs in an unusual object

Section 4 – YFC Members (aged 10 – 28)

16. Homemade belt to hold a farmer's trousers up - made from farmyard objects
17. Decorated Welly Boot
18. Arrangement of wildflowers or herbs in an unusual object
19. Cheesecake of any flavour
20. Poster supporting "Back British Farming"

Section 5 – Adults (18+ and non-YFC members)

21. Farmyard Drawing
22. Homemade Bookmark
23. 4 x Millionaire Shortbreads
24. Decorative arrangement of homegrown fruit, vegetables, flowers or herbs
25. A floral buttonhole

Section 6 – Open to all

26. 4 x Cheese straws
27. 4 x Brownies of set recipe*
28. Traditional Victoria sponge



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!

FUN, FRIENDS AND MEMORIES
ALL SUMMER LONG!



SPACES ARE
LIMITED!

BOOK EARLY TO
AVOID MISSING OUT!



The poster is for the Summer 2026 HAF (Holiday Activity and Fundraising) programmes. It features a bright blue sky with a sun in the top left and a beach ball in the top right. The LJD Coaching Limited logo is in the top left, and the 'TIME MOVE Holiday Programme' logo is in the top center. A gold award medal in the top right says 'NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS 2024'. The main title 'SUMMER 2026 HAF PROGRAMMES' is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below it, a green banner reads 'FUN, ACTIVE & INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY!'. The poster is divided into three columns for different locations: Holsworthy, Stratton, and Padstow. Each column lists the location, dates, time, and cost, along with a QR code to book. At the bottom, there's a grassy field with a soccer ball and silhouettes of children playing, with the text 'ACTIVE DAYS. NEW FRIENDS. UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES. BOOK NOW – SPACES ARE LIMITED!'. Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are at the bottom center.

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.

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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.

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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.

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**ACTIVE DAYS. NEW FRIENDS. UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.
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For more information contact LJD Coaching

British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.



Dear parent / guardian,

We are delighted to share with you a new NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties; **Lumi Nova**. With the end of the school year approaching, we wanted to remind you to take advantage of our offer as your child/ren transition into the summer and new academic year.

What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

Watch this short animated video to learn more: [Lumi Nova Introduction Video](#)

Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears, worries, or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias.

Lumi Nova can help your child to face their worries by breaking them down into small manageable challenges and can support your child with:

- Returning to school or starting a new school
- Making new friends and going to social events
- Speaking in front of a group
- And lots more!

How do you access Lumi Nova?

Accessing Lumi Nova is quick and easy. Use the link below to register and you will receive a text message to guide you through getting started or scan the QR code.

[Luminova.app/devon](https://luminova.app/devon)

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.



