

Friday 5th September 2025

# Halwill Primary School

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

## Newsletter No. 1 Autumn Term

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome to all our families and children. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. I am very impressed with how well the children have settled back. It has been lovely to see them all aiming high in their learning and taking care of each other on the playground. The new Reception children have also been fantastic. They have thoroughly enjoyed their first week of school.

Please see your child's Class Page on our website for information about this term's learning:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

This is just a short newsletter to remind you of the upcoming dates. Have a lovely weekend. I am sure the children (and staff!) will be very ready for a rest and recharge!

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

### **Clubs**

Autumn Clubs information is available on our website. Please note on Tuesday, there will be a hockey club for KS2 and a showtime club for Year 1 – 6.

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

### **Wild Tribe**

The first day of Wild Tribe will be, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Children doing Wild Tribe need to bring in waterproof overalls or long sleeves and long trousers (not jeans), long hair must be tied up.

The plan for Wild Tribe will be:

Aut 1 Class 3  
Aut 2 Class 1&2  
Spr 1 Class 4  
Spr 2 Class 3  
Sum 1 Class 1&2  
Sum 2 Class 4

### **Change of Non-Pupil Day 2026 – Royal Cornwall Show, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

This year we had a non-pupil day that wasn't attached to a holiday. Next year we have the same planned in the Summer Term on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. However, on reflection, we feel that it would benefit our farming families if this non-pupil day was moved to coincide with The Royal Cornwall Show. This would allow families to attend the show on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. We hope that many families will make the most of this opportunity to enjoy an event that is so important to our rural heritage. Please note, as we are providing this opportunity, we will not be able to authorise requests to attend the show on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.



## Upcoming Events

### **September 9**

Wild Tribe Class 3  
commences  
After School Club - KS2  
Hockey  
After school club -  
Showtime Club – Y1 - 6

### **September 26**

Appledore Book Festival –  
Visit from Author John  
Townsend 9am

### **October 24**

End of Term

### **November 3**

Non pupil day

### **Term Dates 2025 -2026**

These are on our website:

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

## Class 3 Autumn 2025

Yesterday, I wrote to Class 3 parents to let them know that Mrs Rothery will be out of school from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September until the end of term, as she is having a hip replacement. Class 3 will be covered by Mrs Caroline Boothe and Mr Nick Alford. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, Mr Alford will spend time in Class 3 and Mrs Boothe will do the same on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. They will be available at the end of school on their respective visit days, if parents would like to meet them.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

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**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

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Mrs Alix Rothery

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

## Free Online Wellbeing Courses for Families Across Cornwall and Devon

Families across Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Torbay and the Isles of Scilly can now access **free online courses** to support parenting, child development and mental wellbeing.

Created by NHS professionals, these flexible courses cover topics like:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Supporting emotional health
- Navigating teenage years

More information can be found here - [inourplace.co.uk/cornwall-and-devon](https://inourplace.co.uk/cornwall-and-devon) .