



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other




Here are the Christmas dates with some extra details. Here are the Google forms for you to book your show tickets.

Class 1&2: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVhip5yVYG-hfbNJmNOttTGbjoAzAQClE8qFLUEq2_PWWKew/viewform?usp=sf_link Get our App: edsp.co/app

Class 3: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefAsCkze3_KS9LS96i-lr5iBpp2AdEGOf7gMUbwETVaH2JTQ/viewform?usp=sf_link Get our App: edsp.co/app

Class 4: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_TTTR4hEngDW6k9ZUAlsunA7_95xcOhr_C0AkVLjvpbPeyw/viewform?usp=sf_link Get our App: edsp.co/app

The Friends will be selling tea/coffee, mince pies & hamper tickets in the library before each show.

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| <p>Tuesday 5th December</p>  | <p>Non-uniform Day – children to bring in a hamper item or £1 to Friends' Christmas fund.</p> <p>3:30 Children's Christmas Disco Party</p> <p>NO CLUBS today</p> <p>4:45 Come and hear the children sing with The Waldon Choir. The Friends will be serving teas / coffees & mince pies for a donation. The Christmas Tree Lights will then be switched on at 5:00 pm</p> |
| <p>Thursday 7th December</p> | <p>2:30 pm Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production – Parents and carers welcome.</p> |
| <p>Friday 8th December</p> | <p>9:30 am Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production – Parents and carers welcome</p> |
| <p>Monday 11th December</p> | <p>2:20 pm Class 3 Christmas Production</p> <p>3:00 pm Class 4 Christmas Production</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 12th December</p>  | <p>5:30 pm Class 3 Christmas Production</p> <p>Please can Class 3 children to arrive 5:10</p> <p>6:15 pm Class 4 Christmas Production</p> <p>Please can Class 4 children arrive at 6:00</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 13th December</p> | <p>Christmas Lunch</p> |
| <p>Friday 15th December</p>  | <p>9:30 am Church Service in the Baptist Chapel</p> <p>Please drop children to school as usual. Staff will walk them to and from the chapel.</p> <p>Teas/ coffees & mince pies will be served at the Chapel before the service.</p> |

Vision Screening YR

This has now been rearranged for Wednesday 6th December

Apply for Your Child's Primary School Place

Do you or someone you know, have a child born between the 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If you do, they are due to start primary school in September 2024.

You will be able to apply for their school place from the 15th November 2023. Please

be aware that the Local Authority is no longer sending any letters out to families

inviting them to apply. You can pre-register your details so that you receive an email and/or a text message

when the system goes live for applications on the 15th of November. Please visit the web pages below for

further information about the process - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>



You can register to receive a reminder by completing this form

<https://forms.office.com/e/ksWfDUXZKx><https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

Every day is Open Day!! We don't have an open day for prospective parents because we prefer to offer individual tours to families so you can see us as we are on an ordinary day. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange a visit.

Overdue payments on Schoolmoney

As today's newsletter goes out, we are disappointed to report that The Carey Federation has over £1600 in overdue payments. We are sure you are aware that school budgets are very tight and having this sort of debt is not good. Please can we request that all outstanding payments are made before the end of the term. Should you need longer to make a payment, please speak to the office or Mrs Alford.

Thank you

**PAYMENT
OVERDUE**

The Carey Qualities

Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful

Each Thursday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.



| For building Relationships | For being Resilient | For being Resourceful | For being Reflective | For being Respectful |
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| Class 3—Callie | Class 1—Alfred Class 3—Megan Class 2—Sidney Class 2—Amelia | Class 4—Hadley | Class 1—Erin Class 3—Bella Class 4—Caleb Class 2—Thorin | |

Safeguarding at Halwill

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Safeguarding

HOW TO STAY SAFE DRIVING ON ICY ROADS



EASY AS HACK

If your car thermometer is close to zero, there's a good chance the roads are icy and you may encounter black ice on the road.

1. BE PREPARED FOR ICY CONDITIONS

Prepare yourself and your car in advance for ice driving. In winter, it's particularly important to make sure your car is well maintained, with tyres in good condition and windscreen wash topped up. We also recommend having some essentials with you in the car, such as an ice scraper, a torch, a blanket, warm clothes and a fully charged phone.

Don't miss: [Our full list of winter car maintenance tips.](#)

2. LEAVE PLENTY OF TIME

Allow plenty of time for potential hold-ups caused by icy conditions. Check the weather forecast and local transport news so you can plan your route carefully.

Before you set off, make time to clear any ice completely from your windcreens and all car windows. It's not safe to only clear a small hole in your icy windscreen and hope the rest will defrost as you drive. In fact, the Highway Code states that "You MUST be able to see, so clear all snow and ice from all your windows".

3. TAKE IT EASY

If you're driving in ice, slow down and drive cautiously, especially when going around corners or if your view of the road ahead is obscured. Keep your speed low if you are on the motorway too. Driving slowly means you have more time to react to hazards, including black ice on the road, vulnerable road users or another vehicle that's in trouble.

Keep a large gap between your car and the vehicle in front of you. Did you know that stopping distances can increase ten-fold in icy conditions? This could mean a braking distance of a whopping 200+ metres in a 30-mile-per-hour zone.

Check this out: [Driving in fog: when to use fog lights](#)

4. WATCH OUT FOR HAIL

Hail often occurs when it's very cold and icy outside and this can bring driving visibility close to zero.

If it's safe to pull over and wait for the hail to stop, do so, but don't get out of the car. If possible, face your front windscreen in the direction of the hail as it's stronger than your car windows.

5. WATCH OUT FOR BLACK ICE

Ice, unlike snow, can be tricky to spot. This is especially true for the dreaded black ice, a thin layer of ice on the road that is transparent – it's the colour of the road underneath, which makes it look black. Quiet roads are more often affected by black ice than busy roads.

To spot black ice on the road, keep an eye out for glossy, wet-looking tarmac, and be particularly careful if you see other drivers sliding.

Since black ice on the roads is so tricky to spot – especially in shaded areas or in the dark – Uniroyal Tyres recommends using your car thermometer as a guide. If it's close to freezing, you'll need to be extra careful.

Read this: [10 tips to prepare your car for the cold weather](#)

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SLIDE ON ICY ROADS

If you encounter icy patches on the road and your car skids, it can be very frightening. Once your car has started to slide, it's impossible to correct the slide using steering alone.

If you suspect ice up ahead, pull over if it's safe to do so. If you're not able to pull over, don't panic. Drive at a cautious speed so it's easier to correct a slide and stay safe.

Other tips to help you stay in control when ice driving include:

- Try and anticipate the need to stop or slow down, so you can brake gently
- Avoid harsh braking or slamming your foot down. Carry out manoeuvres extra slowly
- Use the highest gear possible to avoid wheel spin
- But if you're driving downhill, stick to a lower gear to stay in control
- If your car starts to slide, resist the urge to brake hard as this could make the slide worse
- Ease off the accelerator and steer slightly in the direction of the skid until you gain control
- Look where you want the car to go
- Don't oversteer though, also known as over-correcting
- Don't take your hands off the steering wheel

Always keep your seatbelt on

SHOULD YOU HELP OTHER DRIVERS STUCK ON ICY ROADS?

Generally, no. It can cause more danger and lead to collisions if you stop your car to help another driver in icy road conditions.

Dates for your diary:

December

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| 6th | Vision Screening YR |
| 5th | Non-uniform day (Hamper item or £1 donation to Friends) |
| 5th | Children's Christmas Party 3.30-5.00pm |
| 5th | Christmas Tree Lights switch on, 5.00pm |
| 7th | Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production, 2.30pm |
| 8th | Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production, 9.15am |
| 11th | Class 3 Christmas Production, 2.20pm |
| 11th | Class 4 Christmas Production, 3.00pm |
| 12th | Class 3 Christmas Production, 5.30pm |
| 12th | Class 4 Christmas Production, 6.15pm |
| 13th | Christmas Lunch |
| 15th | Church Service at Baptist Chapel, 10am. |
| 15th | End of term |



January

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| 2nd | Non-pupil day |
| 3rd | Start of term |
| 15th | Class 3 Tag Rugby (Rescheduled) |

February

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| 12th to 16th | Half term |
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March

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| 11th | KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC |
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June

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| 24th | Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC |
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July

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| 8th | Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude |
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Term dates: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

SOUTH WEST
horse

Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday
13th
December**

**Roast Turkey
Or
Vegetarian Roast**



Served with

Roast Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets
Sage & Onion Stuffing, Peas, Carrots & Sprouts
Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

**Christmas Pudding Cake & custard
Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit**



If you catch it, stay home for **48 hours** after your symptoms clear.

DO

- Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C
- Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



DON'T

- Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals
- Prepare food for others



NHS

Friends of Halwill Primary School

"The Friends of Halwill school" are parents who work together to help enrich the experiences of school, for example supplying craft and snacks at the Christmas Party! We are always looking for help and support, whether it's offering ideas, help at events etc we would love to have you on board.

Other ways to support Friends is to sign up to easy fundraising, your shopping online can mean a donation to the school.

Or buying name labels from My Nametags, by using the school ID 28989 the school can get a donation from the sale and school uniform is more likely to get reunited with its owner!

We also have Facebook pages for Friends "Friends of Halwill Primary School" and "Halwill Primary School's 2nd hand uniform" where for a small donation you can find some good quality used uniform.

Thank you
Friends of Halwill Primary School

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/assets/blt2159bb3d91e9d580/easyfundraising-poster-a4.pdf>

<https://www.mynametags.com/>



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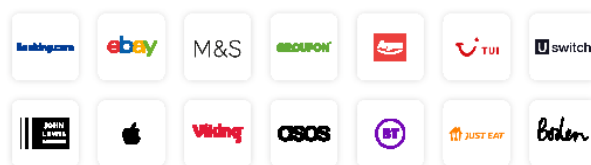
Friends of Halwill Primary School

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How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code
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- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



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Have you moved house? Changed your mobile number?

No longer have a landline?



Please ensure you keep us informed of all changes to your contact details. This can easily be done by using the SIMS parent app or email the office. Thank you





JOB VACANCY

at

ASHWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

(collect meals from Halwill, mileage paid between sites)

CATERING ASSISTANT

Monday to Friday

11am – 1.30pm

(12.5 hours/week, term time only)

(Monthly pay £462, paid 12 months per year)

Duties to include:

**Collecting meals from Halwill Primary School,
Serving meals at Ashwater, washing up
returning boxes to Halwill**

Full training given & uniform provided

South West Norse DBS check will be carried out for this role

For more details*, please contact
laura.barrs@norsegroup.co.uk

*also posted on Indeed



Summerhouse Services

'Supporting Brighter Futures'



Safe Spaces For Young People's Mental Health

We are a small, Plymouth-based, holistic, not-for-profit organisation promoting mental health, resilience and free thinking for children, young people and those adults that inhabit their world. We provide a range of human-centred, outcome-led, orbital and unique training and support services.

We have in person and virtual offers for all services, for which we have a nationwide remit.

While we are only just over 2 years old as an organisation, the work and unique approach we use has been in the making and continually shaped in response to need for over 20 years in the voluntary sector by Founder and Director Penny.

Our creative, engaging, enjoyable and supportive offers are easy access, friendly and professional and never use power point, even for our virtual training ! The focus instead is on lively interaction, enjoy as you learn and participation to own level of comfort.

ALL offers are generic and for EVERYONE and we never target audiences with specific issues, as our services are both preventative and supportive in nature and importantly, NONE of our offers are therapy or counselling, although ALL the spaces we create facilitate climates that are potentially, therapeutic (helpful), motivational and healing in nature.

We have had a fantastic reception since starting up in May 2021 and adults that come to our training use words such as 'game changing', 'ground breaking', 'new', 'pioneering', 'straightforward' and 'value for money' and young people generally find us 'helpful' 'validating', 'relaxing', 'interesting' and 'really fun' !

To find out more, please take a look around our website and if you would like a chat about any aspect of what we do or have any queries as to how we may help, please do not hesitate to get in touch....we always like a chat !



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The HAF website is now live!

**The programme of events for
Winter has now gone live in
Devon**

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

**Please share far and wide!
Places are limited**

Places are available for children who are
accessing benefit related free school
meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>



**MERRY
XMAS**



Holiday Requests

Please see the following message which we have been asked to share with you by Devon County Council:

We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial.

As of September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.

A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by the school.

Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

- *A Penalty Notice*
- *A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.*

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority if a pupil has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when;

- 1) Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school is unable to authorise the leave and it is taken anyway.*
- 2) Leave is not requested and/or the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason (example – a family holiday). Only the Head teacher can authorise an absence. This year there have been occasions when schools have been notified that the pupil is sick, but the school later discovers and reasonably believes that the reason given for the absence is not genuine.*
- 3) A child continually arrives late after the registration period has closed.*

Schools need to notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.

We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards providing your child's education and supporting their future life opportunities.

COULD YOUR CHILD BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL OR DAY TRIPS, SPORTING EVENTS, SCHOOL UNIFORM, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AS WELL AS FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN KS2?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of the above:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils.

How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal (https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.