



Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 10 Autumn Term

Upcoming Events

Dear Families,

I am delighted to tell you that we have had a complete library upgrade! You may be aware that Halwill School used to be on a different site in Halwill. The Local Authority rebuilt the school to its current site and at the time, the governors bought the old school playing fields for £1. This means that the field was owned by the governors and not the LA. Therefore, when we sold the school field a couple of years ago, governors were able to gift the monies to the school and it did not have to go back to the LA. We ring fenced the money to be spent on a project that would benefit all the Halwill children. After much thought and consultation with the children, we decided to use the funds to upgrade the library. This has cost £13,000.

We wanted to create a welcoming and inspiring space that would encourage children to come in and read, relax and enjoy a book to develop their love of reading. As you can see from the pictures, the children absolutely love their new library. They are so pleased to be in there and I hear them excitedly asking their teachers when it will be their turn to go in. The Librarians, are very busy helping to co-ordinate the new library systems. Thank you to them. Thank you to Mrs Rothery, who did a lot of the initial planning with the designers.

We are planning to have a grand opening next year. We will let you know more details about this.

November 26

Club – Football -**NOTE CHANGE OF**

DAY

Club – Board games and Lego

November 27

The Lion, The Witch and The

Wardrobe, KS2 Theatre Trip

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December 1

Club - Fitness - **NOTE CHANGE OF DAY**

December 2

Wild Tribe Class 1&2

Club – Tag Rugby & Showtime!

December 3

Club – Board games and Lego

Club – Football **NOTE CHANGE OF**

DATE

December 4

Christmas Fair 3:30 – 4:30

December 10

Christmas lunch (Christmas Jumper Day)

December 11

Class 2 Christmas play

9:15am and 3.45pm

Class 3 Christmas play

10:30 am and 5:00 pm

December 16

Christmas Church Service (Class 1 and Class 4 parents) Tuesday

16th December at 9:30 am and 5:00

pm at the Baptist Church

December 18

Last Day of Autumn Term

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January 5

First Day of Spring Term



Exeter Cathedral Chorister Outreach Programme

Last Saturday, the KS2 children had the opportunity to sing at Exeter Cathedral. Federation children sang one song on their own. They also sang a number of other songs alongside other schools as well as choristers from Exeter Cathedral School and the Devon County Junior Choir. The children sang beautifully, their voices echoed sonorously around the Cathedral.

The children were there rehearsing in the afternoon and then performed to a packed cathedral in the evening. They all aimed high and behaved brilliantly and sang beautifully. Well done to all of them and to the families who brought them into Exeter on a very busy day. Thank you Mrs Cawsey for organising the programme. Thank you also to all the staff who spent their Saturday helping and supervising: Miss Frayn, Miss Danan, Mrs Boothe and Mrs Wilson. Thanks also to Mrs Hazel and Mr Alford who came to watch the performance. A special well done and thank you to Miss Frayn who conducted the children.

What a wonderful experience; making memories that will last a lifetime!



KS2 Theatre Trip, Thursday 27th November

Tomorrow the children will be going to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at The Theatre Royal, Plymouth. A reminder that children will need a packed lunch, a nut free snack and water bottle. Pick up will be approximately 6:00 pm but we will update you if this changes.

CLUB CHANGE OF DATE – Football & Fitness

Due to the KS2 school trip on Thursday 27th November and the Christmas Fair Thursday 4th December, Football and Fitness will be on different days in those weeks. The new dates are:

Football – Wednesday 26th November and Wednesday 3rd December

Fitness – Monday 24th November and Monday 1st December

Useful Links

School Contact

Details

Tel: 01409 221476

Email:

admin@halwill.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

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

These are on our website:

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

Christmas

As we approach the Christmas season, please be reminded of our Christmas dates, which are in the Upcoming Event section.

The first is the **Christmas Fair on Thursday 4th December 3:30 – 4:30**. Please collect children as normal and then back into school. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Siblings are welcome to join. Class 4 pupils will have the opportunity to run stalls. Any parent helpers would be greatly appreciated. Please let the office or a member of Friends know if you can help.

Christmas Luch is Wednesday 10th December. Please book by tomorrow on the School Money app. It will also be **Christmas Jumper Day**. Children can wear non-uniform with a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy for a £1 donation to Save the Children.

Parking Permits – Permission to park on site

When Devon County Council rebuilt Halwill Primary School in 2005 a condition was put in place that parents would not drive on to the school site, with the exception of those with a disability or medical reason that inhibits them or their children, from walking down.

This is because there is not enough space on site for all parents to safely drive down and park. The site was designed for safe pedestrian access to allow children to walk safely to school. For this reason, the school pays an annual rent to the Parish Council to enable parents to park there.

If you think you qualify to drive down to the school on medical grounds, please complete a request form which you can collect from the school office. If your request is approved, you will be given a permit to place on your dashboard.

If you do not have a permit that demonstrates you are eligible to drive on to school site, please use the Parish Hall Car Park as you are not permitted to drive into school. Please remember to drive safely at all times and be mindful of children.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

The Carey Qualities



Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

Each week children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. 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
Lottie – Class 2	Mia – Class 1 Ada – Class 3 Poppy – Class 3 Charlie – Class 3 Callie – Class 4	Megan – Class 4	Millie – Class 1 Millie – Class 2 Aiden – Class 2 Jack – Class 4	

Join Friends of Halwill School for the children's.....

CHRISTMAS FAIR

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 3.30PM TO 4.30PM
CHILDREN NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES....

- ★ Make your own reindeer food 50p
- ★ The wheel of Christmas 1 spin for 20p or 3 spins for 50p
- ★ Snowcan Alley 1 throw for 20p or 3 throws 50p
- ★ Tuck Shop
- ★ Roll a penny into a pud 1 roll for 20p or 3 rolls for 50p
- ★ Lucky Dip 50p
- ★ Guess the name of the Christmas tree plushie £1
- ★ Tattoos 20p
- ★ Guess how many sweets in the jar £1
- ★ Colouring
- ★ Lucky Candy canes 50p

Charity Number: 1116245



Halwill Winter Gift Fayre

Saturday 29th November
Halwill Parish Hall
11am—2pm

Gifts and treats from local businesses & crafters
Refreshments including Festive Hot Dogs, Mince Pies
Mulled Apple Juice, Cakes & Bakes, Teas & Coffees
Children's Festive Activities
Seasonal Raffle and MORE!!

Stall enquiries by email to
chair.scallywags@outlook.com

Registered Charity Number: 1033643

Friends of Halwill School

EASYFUNDRAISING

- Start your online shop on the [Easyfundraising](#) website/App.
- We get a little money from the retailer when you shop.
- Scan, sign up and choose Halwill Primary.

PLEASE SIGN



For help setting up speak to the Friends: Guy Becky or Laura.
*Stand a chance to win £250 for the school this month.

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:

devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the **15 January 2026**

If you can't access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by emailing
admissions@devon.gov.uk or
call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions
Team, even if you've already given details
to a school. Applications made directly to
schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

