



Tuesday 2nd December 2025

# Halwill Primary School

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

Newsletter No. 11 Autumn Term

Dear Families,

Last Thursday, the KS2 children had a fabulous trip to The Theatre Royal, Plymouth to watch The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. This was a joint trip between Halwill, Ashwater and St Giles-on-the-Heath School.

It was an amazing production, transporting the children into the world of Narnia. The children thoroughly enjoyed it. We are really pleased to be able to offer the children so many opportunities to watch live theatre as it sparks their imagination and gives them experiences which are very expensive to offer as a family. As a school we are able to obtain significantly discounted tickets. We are also grateful to the Friends who contributed towards the transport costs. Thank you to Miss Frayn, Mrs Skinner, Miss Miners, Mrs Wilson and Mr Alford for supporting on the trip. Well done to the children who showed excellent 'aim high' and 'be respectful' behaviour. We know our children behave well but when we see them in other settings alongside other schools, we really appreciate what wonderful children we have.

In June, we will be taking YR, 1 & 2 to see The Gruffalo at The Northcote Theatre.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 3:30 – 4:30**. Please collect children as normal and then come 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.



## Upcoming Events

### 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

Juniper 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 16<sup>th</sup> December at

9:30 am and 5:00 pm at the

Baptist Church

### December 18

Last Day of Autumn Term

### January 5

First Day of Spring Term

### June 26

YR, 1 & 2 The Gruffalo, Theatre

Trip

**Christmas Lunch is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, 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.

On **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** it is the **Class 2 Christmas play, 9:15am and 3.45pm** and then **Class 3 Christmas play, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm**. A link to book tickets has been sent today. Please can you only book to watch one showing or the other to ensure we have space for everyone. Friends will be serving teas/coffees and cakes for a donation and they will be selling raffle tickets. **All Class 2 and Class 3 children are needed for the after school performances.**

On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** Class 1 will be performing the Nativity and Class 4 will be delivering readings as part of our **Christmas Church Service**. Class 1 and Class 4 families are invited to these. They will take place at **9:30 am and 5:00 pm** at the Baptist Church. A link to book tickets has been sent today. Please can you only book to attend one service or the other to ensure we have space for everyone. **All Class 1 and Class 4 children are needed for the 5:00 pm service.**

### **Applying for Your Child's Reception Place September 2026**

If your child was born between 1/9/21 and 31/8/22, the window to apply for their primary school place is now open. Details are later in the newsletter. The deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2026.

### **Every Day is Open Day!**

We love you to show prospective parents the school in action on a regular day. Please contact the office to book your personalised tour.

### **After School Clubs and CHANGE OF DATE**

- Football club will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December this week and finish.
- Fitness club has now finished for the term.
- Tag Rugby / Showtime have two more weeks, today and next Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup>)
- Board games & Lego have two more weeks, tomorrow and next Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup>)

### **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

## Useful Links

### School Contact

#### Details

Tel: 01409 221476

#### Email:

[admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

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

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# Carols by Candlelight

HALWILL CHURCHES TOGETHER

invite you to join us  
to celebrate Christmas  
at a service of  
Carols By Candlelight

*YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS*

Sunday  
7th December 2025  
7.00pm  
BAPTIST CHAPEL  
Halwill Junction

**WRAP UP WARM!!**

*Carol Singing around the Village  
Assemble outside the village shop*

**DECEMBER 22ND 6.00PM**

**Hawill Churches Together**

# Apply for a primary school place

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



Apply online at:

**[devon.cc/admissionsonline](https://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](mailto: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.



# 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.



# LJD COACHING



**STRATTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME



## £25

PER SESSION

Only £10 for children living/schooling in Bude & Stratton.

## FREE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

*Limited spaces*

CLAIM FSM VOUCHER HERE:



## FREE FOOD

FREE LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH (HOT & COLD) FOR ALL CHILDREN



## DATES

December

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

January

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

## ACTIVITIES

- Multi-Sport
- Dance
- Music
- Art & Craft
- Lego



## TIME

9:00am - 2:00pm



Book online now:

<https://tinyurl.com/29mrrz2t>

