

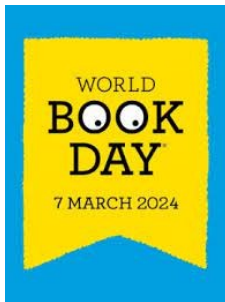


## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We have another busy half term ahead.

### World Book Day - Thursday 7th March!



We are very excited about World Book Day because we LOVE reading!

We will have a school theme for the whole week this year, where we will explore the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. All classes will use this tale for their English learning but all classes will approach this well-known tale in different ways. We will start and end the week with a whole school assembly where we will share our learning and work.

On Thursday, we invite children and staff to come to school dressed up as a character from a book. To celebrate reading further, we would like to invite grandparents in to listen to children read, read to children and generally celebrate books with the children. (Dress up optional for grandparents too!) It would be wonderful if you could join us from 2:30pm. There will be a whole school story at the end of the day for you to enjoy with the children too.



Many thanks, Alix Rothery

### Breakfast Club

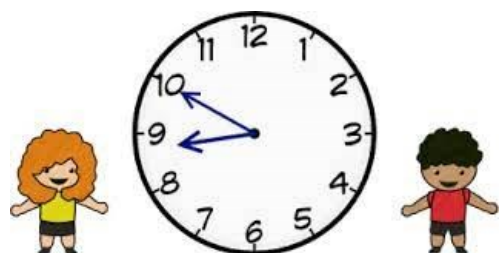
A reminder that places need to be booked with as much notice as possible. The cut of time for booking is: 3:00 pm the previous day.

On Fridays, the cut off time is 3:30 pm for the following Monday.

### Start of School Day

Thank you for supporting your child to be in promptly each day.

The official start of school is 9:00 am. Children must be in school by 9:00 am, otherwise this is recorded on the register as 'Late'. The door is open from 8:50 am allowing children adequate time to come in, put away their coats and bags and be ready and settled to start lessons at 9:00 am. When children arrive after 9:00 am, even if just by a few minutes, they can feel uncomfortable and awkward entering the class where everyone is already learning and it is not a positive start for them emotionally. In addition, they may miss the introduction to the lesson which puts them on the backfoot with their learning.



### Schools Exhibition, Burton Gallery, Bideford

Thank you to parents who have consented to your children's art work to be displayed in the Burton Art Gallery. We have now submitted the work. The Schools Exhibition will be on from **1<sup>st</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024** so do try and go along to look at the children's work on display. Please note the gallery cannot guarantee that all work submitted will be displayed.



### Class Assemblies

These are taking place this half term, please see the back of the newsletter for the dates and times.

### Parent Consultation



This is an important opportunity to meet your child's teacher to discuss their academic progress as well as their social and emotional development. The majority of the meetings will be in person but you may request a virtual meeting if you prefer. Separated parents are also able to request a meeting. If you are unable to meet on the day, please request an alternative day and the teachers will do their best to accommodate this.

### **Halwill: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1:45 – 6:00 pm**

We will let you know when you are able to book your slot.

### SAVE THE DATE - DIY Easter Decoration

Based on the idea of Christmas Wreath making, the Friends of Halwill School, together with Jane Wonnacott will be hosting a 'DIY Easter Decoration' event on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 5:30 – 7:00pm** at Halwill School.

Participants will be guided to make their own Easter table decoration. All materials will be provided as well as teas/coffees and Easter treats.

This event is open to everyone, you don't have to have a child at Halwill School to attend.

There will be a charge of £10 for adults and £5 for children from Year 3 and above.

Children will need to be accompanied. This event is not suitable for children under Year 3.

The Friends will shortly be advertising this event with details of how to book. Places are limited so please do book quickly once booking opens.



### Wild Tribe

Halwill Class 4 have Wild Tribe this half term, on Tuesday afternoons.

On Wild Tribe 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 must be tied up.

### After school clubs

For this half terms after school clubs, please visit our website:



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



## Class Assemblies

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to watch your child share their learning with you in their Class Assembly. Here are the dates and times:

Friday 23rd Feb—Class 4 Halwill 2.45pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March—Class 1 Halwill 2.45pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March—Class 2 Halwill 2.45pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March—Class 3 Halwill 2.45pm



## 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Class 3—Ryan Class 3—Finley Class 4—Gabe	Class 1—Louis Class 4—Georgina Class 4—Jacob	Class 2—Joseph	Class 3—Arthur Class 4—Amelia	Class 1—Aiden Class 2—Elsie



**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. Thank you



# 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

See the latest On-line Safety Newsletter for Parents:

[OLSNewsletterparentsFeb2024-71ddacc4.pdf \(newzapp.co.uk\)](#)

### Welcome to the February 2024 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

#### Online Gaming

In the December 2023 issue of the SCOMIS Online Safety newsletter we recommended 'setting up devices' before wrapping up. In this issue we will sign-post you to advice and guidance available for parents and carers about Online Gaming. Knowing where to begin looking can be a challenge! The following websites have lots of information, summarised as follows:

**Childnet—Online Gaming: an introduction for parents and carers** includes advice on:

- How and where to play games safely
- The risks of Online Gaming
- How to report inappropriate behaviour
- Further support and guidance

**CEOPS ThinkUKnow—Gaming: what parents and carers need to know** includes advice and videos on:

- 3 ways to make gaming safer for your child
- how to find out about 'in-game chat'
- how you can tell what is an age appropriate game
- In App purchases

**Internet Matters—Online Gaming | Resources for Parents - Internet Matters** includes advice on:

- setting parental controls on games and consoles
- gaming guides for parents
- gaming guides for children
- gaming books

**Family Lives—Gaming | Family Lives** find out about:

- how to talk to your child about gaming
- how to game safely
- how to set boundaries
- why gaming is so addictive
- the positive sides of gaming
- how to encourage healthy screen time

watch the video on Pros and cons of social media: [top tips to help parents of teens](#)

**NSPCC—Online Games: understand the risks and get advice to help children play online games safely**

Find out more about:

- age ratings of games they play
- messaging and contact functions on the games
- trolling, grieving and scams
- how to report problems


**Young Minds—Gaming: A guide for parents** includes:

- what to do if you are worried
- finding professional help
- view their [guide for young people](#) on gaming and mental health

**South West Grid for Learning—Online Safety and Gaming** includes articles on:

- what is gaming?
- benefits of gaming
- [Online safety and gaming](#)
- basic privacy and security settings

Review the [Gaming Dictionary](#) and discover the meaning of: FPS, CCG, MMO and much more.



#### Screen time—Benefits v Potential Risks

Learn about the impacts of screen time on children

Benefits of screen time identified by [Internet Matters](#) include:


- Online games and activities can enhance teamwork and creativity
- The internet gives children access to a wealth of information to help build their knowledge
- Interacting with computers improves both visual intelligence and hand-eye coordination

Potential risks include:

- Sleep cycles are affected by blue light from the screen
- Impact on behaviour
- Impact on brain development
- how to get support with screen time

Review [Internet Matters](#) article in full

Watch the [video](#) from [Common Sense Media](#) on the 5 signs to make sure your child has a healthy relationship with screen time



#### Social Media Guides

**Do you know if your child is using Social Media?**  
**Does your child use chat sites, Apps to talk to family and friends?**  
**Do you know if your child is sharing selfies?**  
**Have you set up parental controls?**  
**If you answered 'no' to any of the above questions visit** [Internet Matters](#) and review their advice and guidance on:

Facebook Messenger Facetime Instagram Skype TikTok Whatpad Whatsapp Youbo (and more!)

**Remember** if your child is gaming online, they could be chatting and communicating with other players (strangers) or friends. [Internet Matters](#) has provided safety guides and videos to help you keep your child safe on:


[Steam](#) [Xbox live](#) [Twitch TV](#) [Roblox](#) [Minecraft](#) [PlayStation Network](#) [Nintendo Network](#) – NB Nintendo's consoles are more family-friendly than most, its chat functionality is a lot more geared to safe interaction for younger players.


Check the following websites:

- [Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)
- [ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)
- [ThinkUKnow's interactive website for 4-7 year olds](#)

**Need Help in the holidays?**

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the [NSPCC helpline](#): 0800 800 5000  
[childline](#): 0800 1111







## ***Dates for your diary:***

### **February**

23rd	Class 4 assembly 2.45pm
26th	National Child Measurement Programme 2024. Yr R & 6

### **March**

1st	Class 1 assembly 2.45pm
7th	World Book Day
8th	Class 2 assembly 2.45pm
11th	KS1 Performing Arts Festival Y1 and 2 at HCC
22nd	Class 3 assembly 2.45pm
25th	Tempest Class photos
26th	Parent consultations 1.45-6.00pm
28th	End of term

### **April**

15th	Start of term
18th	Swimming years 3 & 4
w/c 22nd	Bikeability for Year 5
25th	Swimming years 3 & 4

### **May**

2nd	Swimming years 3 & 4
6th	Bank holiday
9th	Swimming years 3 & 4
23rd	Swimming years 5 & 6
27th to 31st	Half term

### **June**

3rd	Non-pupil day
6th	Swimming years 5 & 6
13th	Swimming years 5 & 6
20th	Swimming years 5 & 6
24th	Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Festival at HCC
27th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2

### **July**

4th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
8th	Beach Festival Y3 and 4 at Bude
11th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
18th	Swimming years R, 1 & 2
23rd	End of term



# 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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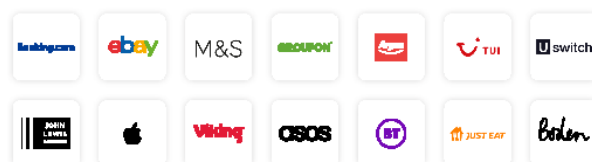
**Friends of Halwill Primary School**

with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us.  
It won't cost you any extra!

How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



Download the  
easyfundraising App



Excellent 3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

Please remember to order  
your school lunches via  
Schoolmoney by Friday of  
each week.  
This helps us  
cater correctly.  
Thank you.



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING  
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**PEANUT/NUT FREE  
SCHOOL**





NORTH DEVON  
REGIONAL TALENT CENTRE

# U7, U8 & U10 TRIALS



**FRIDAY  
23RD FEB  
17:00 - 18:00  
TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G**

**TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TEXT 07850341374**

**OR EMAIL  
NORTHDEVONRTC@JUNIOR-PREMIER.CO.UK**



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REGIONAL TALENT CENTRE

# U9 & U11 TRIALS

**FRIDAY  
1ST MARCH  
17:00 - 18:00  
TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G**

**TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TEXT 07907098755**

**OR EMAIL  
NORTHDEVONRTC@JUNIOR-PREMIER.CO.UK**

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## 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](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.