

Tuesday 16th September 2025

# Halwill Primary School

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

## Newsletter No. 2 Autumn Term

Dear Families,

We have been adding dates to our 'Upcoming Events' including some exciting visits from Clive Pig and author John Townsend.

A particular date to note is our the **Harvest Festival Assembly on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15 am**. Parents and wider families are most welcome to join us to watch the children's showcase. Our theme this year is 'A Common Ground.' A Harvest Festival full of food that celebrates the many meaningful ways food connects us to nature, community, other cultures, and our past selves.

We will also be collecting non-perishable foods and toileteries as donations to the food bank. Please kindly donate these by 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Another date for your diary, is **Parent Consultation on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 1:45 – 6:00pm**. Nearer the time, we will open up bookings for either in person or virtual 10 minute meetings with your child's teacher.

All Class Pages on the website have information about your child's learning this term. Please do take a look. <https://www.thecareyederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

### **Change of Non-Pupil Day 2026 – Royal Cornwall Show, Friday 5th 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 22nd 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 5th 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 4th June.

### **Medical Form**

If you haven't already done so, please complete the following form sent via text on Friday regarding your child's health for our records, even if you have previously completed this form. Thank you <https://forms.gle/jg5s8Svb4pvmZNWp7>

### **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.thecareyederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **September 16**

Wild Tribe Class 3

After School Club - KS2 Hockey

After school club - Showtime

Club – Y1 – 6

#### **September 25**

Holsworthy Open Evening

#### **September 26**

Appledore Book Festival – Visit

from Author John Townsend

11am

#### **October 10**

Bags2School

#### **October 14**

Harvest Assembly 9:15 am -

parents and carers welcome

#### **October 16**

Clive Pig visit at Halwill

for Class 2 Ashwater and Class

3 Halwill

#### **October 21**

Tempest Individual

photographs/siblings

#### **October 24**

End of Term

#### **November 3**

Non pupil day

#### **November 4**

First day of Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half

#### **November 10**

Flu Immunisation

#### **November 11**

Parent Consultation 1:45-

6:00pm

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

These are on our website:

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

## Wild Tribe

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

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### Unauthorised Holiday/Leave Request

As you will be aware, Government Guidance advises that schools should not authorise requests for term time absence unless the school has received suitable evidence of exceptional circumstances. The Government does not consider a family holiday to be an exceptional circumstance.

In the absence of suitable evidence of exceptional circumstances, on this occasion the school cannot authorise your request for a Term Time Absence. We believe that if students are to benefit from education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement, and full attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career.

I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you still choose to take your child out of school unauthorised, then the school must refer the absence to the Local Authority for the consideration of initiating Parental Responsibility Measures. If you have Parental Responsibility, this could mean receiving any of the following.

- A Penalty Notice. Should a Penalty Notice be issued, one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £160, which is reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated. If a previous Penalty Notice has been issued within the past 2 years, then the Local Authority will proceed straight to Court.
- A Magistrates Summons that could lead to a criminal record, a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

We understand the disappointment that a refusal may cause, but as you can appreciate, this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards ensuring your child's full and efficient education.

Yours sincerely

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

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) .

### 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
LH – Class 2	Mason – Class 1	Ella – Class 1	Grace – Class 2	Nicholas – Class 4
Joshua – Class 4	Elodie – Class 2	Ada – Class 3	Amelia – Class 3	(11 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
(11 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	Reggie – Class 3	(11 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	Charlie – Class 3	
	(11 <sup>th</sup> Sept)		(11 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	



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# HOLSWORTHY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU. BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE*

## YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN EVENING 2025

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Principal's Welcome

3:45pm & 5:30pm  
in the purple circle



*Holsworthy Community College*

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## Halwill Primary School

Please leave your donations, in the bike shed

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October between 09.30am to 3.00pm

(Bag 2 School collecting Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October)

BAG 2 SCHOOL is free fundraising, that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing. All the bags will be weighed, and we will be paid for the total weight collected.

Please use your own bags and there is no limit to the number of bags you wish to donate. Just ensure the items are in the "we collect" list.

Help us raise money for Halwill Primary School while you have a good clear out!

If you have several bags to donate, please do **NOT** drive into school at drop off and pick up times.

This will cause congestion and block access for people who have prior permission to drive down to school, during this time.

**If you need to drive down, with your donations please stick to the times above.**

Many thanks

Friends of Halwill Primary School

