

Wednesday 18th March 2026

# Halwill Primary School

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

Newsletter No. 20 Spring Term

Dear Families,

Last week, Class 3 Halwill and Class 2 Ashwater had a fabulous day in Exeter, They travelled there on the train, visited the museum, where they looked at the Roman exhibitions including mosaics and jewelry. The children enjoyed the natural history section, this linked with their history topic.



They then had a fascinating visit to the synagogue. The lady delivering the session was very impressed with the children's knowledge of Judaism. She emphasised many similarities between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. They children were very respectful throughout the visit and in a world where there is so much division, it was very positive that our children were celebrating difference and finding connections.



THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

**March 18**  
After school club –Board games and  
Lego Class 1 – 4

**March 19**  
National Child Measurement  
Programme

**March 20**  
SATs afterschool club  
Comic Relief

**March 24**  
Bags2Schools

**March 25**  
DISP cross country – selected pupils

**March 26**  
Football Festival – YR5 and YR6

**March 27**  
SATs afterschool club

**March 30**  
Sats meeting for Yr6 parents and  
children 3:45pm

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**April 1**  
Easter Tea Party

**April 2**  
SATs afterschool club  
Last day of term

**April 20**  
Term starts

**April 24**  
SATs afterschool club

**April 27**  
Bikeability Yr5

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**May 1**  
SATs afterschool club

**May 4**  
Bank Holiday

**May 8**  
SATs afterschool club

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**June 5**  
Non pupil day

**June 19**  
Tempest Leavers photos

**June 26**  
YR,1 & 2 The Gruffalo, Theatre Trip

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**July 22**  
Last day of term



## Useful Links

### School Contact

#### Details

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**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/>

#### **Comic Relief/Red nose day - Friday 20th March**

If children would like to paint their noses red on Friday, they may do so. There are a number of bugs going around so children won't be able to bring in the rubber red noses for hygiene reasons. Please donate directly to Comic Relief, if you would like to.

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

#### **Coding Workshop, Class 4, Tuesday 31st March**

We are pleased to have arranged for Matt Hewlett from DigitAll Charity to come in to deliver a coding session for Class 4. Matt used to be a secondary computing teacher and now delivers sessions to primary schools through the DigitAll charity.

#### **Friends' Easter Tea Party – Wednesday 1st April**

Everyone Welcome!!

We would like the opportunity for parents and carers to be served tea and cakes by the children, the Friends will be putting on an Easter Tea Party on Wednesday 1st April, the day before we break up for Easter.

The Year 6 children will be happy to take your order between 2.00 – 3.00 for teas and coffee in the school hall. There will be plenty of delicious cake on offer. Please make sure you book a table through our google form by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. <https://forms.gle/RovjixKbH8ypzdj68> For unlimited tea/coffee and cake it will be just £2.50, which the children will collect on arrival.

There will also be an Easter raffle, so don't forget to bring extra change with you! At 3.00 - 3.30 we invite you to visit classrooms and take a look at your child's work and also view our fantastic new library!

We look forward to seeing you all.  
From Friends and Staff

# Friends of Halwill Primary School

Charity Number: 1116245

Wednesday 1st April  
Easter Tea Party 2pm to 3pm  
Everyone Welcome!

Parents and carers are invited into school, where the Year 6 children will be happy to take your order! Served between 2pm to 3pm, with the opportunity to visit classrooms and the new library between 3pm to 3.30pm, and purchase any cakes left over from the tea party.

£2.50 per person for unlimited tea, coffee and cakes. Please make sure you book by Friday 20th March, to help us with numbers, in order to prepare the tables. The Year 6 children will take your payment on the day - please remember to bring cash.

The Easter raffle will be drawn during the Easter Tea party - £1 per ticket

Please help the school council and Friends by making/bringing cakes and bakes for this event. If the cakes and bakes could be dropped off on Wednesday morning, we'd really appreciate your support. Please remember we are a nut free school and all ingredients must be listed on your bake or buys.

Many Thanks



## Term Dates 26/27

Please see a link to the term dates for 2026/27. <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/> You will notice that there is a non-pupil day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2027. This was chosen as it is the Friday of The Royal Cornwall Show. We know we have a number of farming families who would like to attend. We greatly value our farming families but as you know, we cannot authorise an absence for children to go to this on a school day, so instead we have allocated a non-pupil day to enable families to attend.

You will have seen that July 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 is also a non-pupil day which we have planned to coincide with The Royal Cornwall Show. Moving forward, the plan is to have a non-pupil day on the Friday of The Royal Cornwall Show each year.

## Consultation to Federate with St Giles-on-the Heath School

Please find a link here <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/letters/> to the consultation letter which was sent to you on 9<sup>th</sup> February. We value your views in relation to this potential development and would encourage you to post your thoughts via the dedicated email: [consultation@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@halwill.devon.sch.uk) or via the post box in the school office.

 **Child Accident Prevention Trust**  
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Mini eggs of all colours and brands are lining the supermarket shelves. But, did you know that they are the perfect size to block a small child's airway and choke them? And, their hard shell can make it difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques.

That's why they carry a safety warning that they aren't recommended for children under 4.

So, when you're stocking up for the Easter Bunny please stay safe and choose another treat for your little one.

Visit our choking hub to learn more about common choking hazards and what you should do in an emergency: <https://capt.org.uk/choking-prevention/>

#ChildSafety #Easter2026




**Have you spotted the safety warning on mini eggs?**



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>
Ryan – Class 4	Albie – Class 1	Euan – Class 2 Louis – Class 2	Jago – Class 1 Ada – Class 3 Thorin – Class 3 Ted – Class 4 Freya – Class 4	HB – Class 2

## Moving Catering Providers



I am delighted to be able to update you that as from 1st April 2026 we will be bringing the catering team in house, when we TUPE the kitchen staff over to join the Carey Federation family. We will be leaving our current provider of Norse and moving to Educatering. Educatering are Exeter based and working with many schools across Devon, they provide fresh, good quality and where possible, local produce for us to prepare from scratch for the children to enjoy.

We are offering taster sessions with the first one being at Ashwater on the 18th March during the parents evening, Educatering staff will be there serving tasters of the food that the children will enjoy. The Halwill one will be after school early in the Summer term.

Another advantage is we can have a bespoke menu for our children and can adapt and change if it is less popular with the children.

Alison Horn

### **Wild Tribe Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2026**

Class 3 will have Wild Tribe on Tuesday afternoons. On Wild Tribe days, children need wellies and waterproof trousers and coats to wear over their uniform. Long hair needs to be tied up.

### **After School Clubs Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2026**

Please see After School Clubs on our website and remember to book through the new MICAS app. <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

SATs afterschool club started on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, the first of 7. Please note the **2<sup>nd</sup> April** is a **Thursday** as it's the last day of term.

Please note, once you have collected your child from after school club, ensure you leave the school grounds swiftly.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher



THE CAREY FEDERATION

# SUMMER MENU

## WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN ONE</b>	Pepperoni Pizza with Wedges and Sweetcorn	Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Pesto and Carrots	Roast Pork and Dravy with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli	Broth, Pork Sausage, Bacon, Mash Brown and Baked Beans	Chicken Chunks with Chips and Peas
<b>MAIN TWO</b>	Margherita Pizza with Wedges and Sweetcorn	Vegetable and Mixed Bean Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Pesto and Carrots	Vegan Vegetable Parcels with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli	Vegetarian Brunch, Oven Sausage, Mash Brown, Drilled Tomato and Baked Beans	Cheese and Bean Party with Chips and Peas
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings
<b>DAILY PASTA</b>	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese
<b>DESSERT</b>	Fresh Fruit Salad	Lemon Drizzle	Orange Jelly	Toffee Apple Cake	Toad Sponge

This menu is subject to change at any time to suit our needs. All allergen food is prepared in a kitchen that handles many allergens and therefore cannot be guaranteed to be free from allergens. We advise you to take your own precautions.



THE CAREY FEDERATION

# SUMMER MENU

## WEEK TWO

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN ONE</b>	Salmon and Broccoli Pasta and Peas	Chicken Burger with Potato Balls and Peas	Sausage Toad in the Hole and Dravy with Mash and Peas	Mild Beef Chilli with Sweetcorn and Rice	Sausage Roll with Chips and Beans
<b>MAIN TWO</b>	Mozzarella Cheese with Broccoli and Peas	Mediterranean Bolognese with Chopped Salad and Peas	Oven Sausage Toad in the Hole and Dravy with Mash and Peas	Five Bean Chilli with Sweetcorn and Rice	Cheesy Wheels with Chips and Beans
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings
<b>DAILY PASTA</b>	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese
<b>DESSERT</b>	Fresh Fruit and Ice Cream	Strawberry Mousse	Strawberry Jelly and Fruit	Choco Brownie	Rocket Lolly

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# SUMMER MENU

## WEEK THREE

THE CARBY FEDERATION



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN ONE	Hot Dogs with Wedges, Rainbow Slaw and Veg Sticks	Bolognese with Pasta, Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli	Chicken Wraps with Rice and Veg Sticks	Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans
MAIN TWO	Veggie Nuggets with Wedges, Rainbow Slaw and Veg Sticks	Quorn Sausage and Tomato Bake with Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn	Yorkshire Pudding Bean and Veg Cottage Pie, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli	Cauliflower, Chickpea and Butternut Curry with Rice and Veg Sticks	Pizza Wrap with Chips and Beans
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings
DAILY PASTA	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Platter	Lemon Cookies	Chocolate Orange Mousse	Flagjack	Rice Crispy Cake



We are pleased to offer a variety of allergen free options on our food menu. Although all food is prepared in a kitchen that handles most allergens and therefore we cannot guarantee that cross contamination will never occur, we do take every possible precaution to ensure a safe experience.



Hop on over for our **EASTER** Holiday Programme

**Stratton Primary School**

**Bikeability**

Book online here:

- April - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm (Learn 2 Ride all ages) <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/easy-final-boat>
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm (Learn 2 ride all ages) <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/pie-aba-train>
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm Level 2 (year 5 -year 8) URL: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/watch-gold-rod>
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm Level 2 (year 5 -year 8) <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/jumps-front-ant>

\*\*please bring your own road worthy bike and helmet limited bikes & helmets available to borrow\*\*

Book onto our T2M holiday programme **£30.00**

**£10 if you live/ go to school in Bude or Stratton.**

**FREE for Free School Meals - Claim voucher here**

<https://tinyurl.com/323nh3fa>

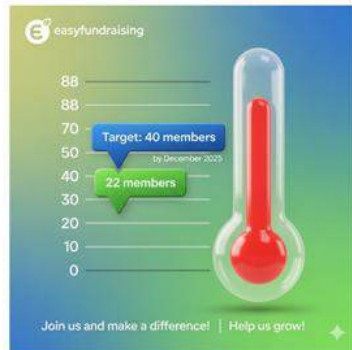
### Friends of Halwill School

## 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.



Halwill Primary School

Please leave your donations, in the bike shed

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 between 09.30am to 3.00pm

(Bag 2 School collecting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 9am)

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

We Collect

Clothes	Paired shoes	Handbags	Hats
Bags	Scarves and ties	Bras	Jewellery
Socks	Belts		

We Don't Collect

Duvets and blankets	Pillows and cushions	Carpets, rugs and mats
Soiled, patched, ripped or wet clothing	School uniforms with and without tags	Corporate clothing and workwear
Towels, off cuts, yarns or threaded material	Furniture and large items	Batteries



The Annual 2026 Scallywags



# Easter Egg Hunt



- ⇒ Indoor & outdoor hunts
- ⇒ Cakes & Refreshments
- ⇒ Bacon Baps
- ⇒ Easter Activities



Thursday 2nd April  
3.30pm-5pm @ Halwill Parish Hall

Open to all children from Early Years up to KS2 (school year 6)

£3 per child



Registered Charity Number: 1033643



### **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



## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS – Are you entitled to apply?**

Even though your child is entitled to universal infant free school meals in reception, year 1 and year 2, if you are eligible for free school meals it is important that you register as soon as possible as this attracts income for the school and will also allow you to benefit from:-

- **A full set of school uniform**
- **Free attendance at Breakfast and After School Clubs**
- **2/3 reduction in residential fees**

### **CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

To apply please use the following link

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

If you require any assistance, then please do not hesitate to contact the school offices.



 <b>Rainbows</b> <b>For ages 4 to 7</b> At Rainbows, girls play, learn and have tons of fun	 <b>Brownies</b> <b>For ages 7 to 10</b> At Brownies, girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure
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*Rainbows and Brownies have places to start NOW. We meet on a Tuesday at the Parish Hall in Okehampton (next to the Co-Op)*

Contact us:

Okehampton Commissioner Nicky Street, email [Nstreet128@hotmail.com](mailto:Nstreet128@hotmail.com) or call 07749 736387

To register : <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member>

