



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 21 Spring Term

Dear Families,

DISP Cross Country, Monkleigh Wednesday 25th March

Good luck to the children who are attending the Cross Country at Monkleigh today, I'm sure they will be aiming high.

Extension to Early Years Provision in Halwill

Please see a letter below about an exciting opportunity that will benefit all the children in our community.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



25th March 2026

Dear Families,

Extension of Early Years Provision in Halwill

As you are aware we have been looking into the options of expanding the early years provision in Halwill – something that is much needed – and only possible with Sallywags and Halwill Primary School working together. Many options have been discussed and any plan to move forward was dependant on capital funding.

We are delighted to announce that Halwill Primary School has been awarded a substantial capital grant from the Department for Education as part of the School Based Nursery Capital Grant Bid. The outcomes have just been announced by the DfE and Halwill Primary School is one of only 331 schools across the country to be successful. [School-based nursery capital grant: application outcomes - GOV.UK.](#)

The capital funding will enable an extension Halwill Primary School which will allow Sallywags to become part of school with a purpose-built Early Years Foundation Unit.

Halwill Primary School has put together the proposal in consultation with the Sallywags Committee and staff, with support from Devon County Council and architects.

The provision will provide space for all existing Sallywags, with additional spaces. We will also look to take babies starting from 9 months – this is much needed in the area.

Whilst there is a long way to go – we are looking forward to working together – and very excited for the project to move forward – **we hope to be opening in 2027!**

[Sallywags](#) families will all be invited to an Extraordinary General Meeting in due course and we will keep you all up to date with our progress

Please do get in touch with either Halwill Primary School or Sallywags if you have any questions.

This is an exciting opportunity for all the Halwill community.

Yours sincerely

Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher
Halwill Primary School

Lorraine Crocker
Pre-School Manager & Play Leader
Sallywags Pre-School

John Lawlor
Chair of Governors
The Carey Federation

Lorna Prickett Treacy
Chair of Trustees
Sallywags Pre-School

March 25

DISP cross country – selected pupils
After school club – Board games and
Lego Class 1 – 4

March 26

Football Festival – YR5 and YR6 4pm

March 27

SATs afterschool club

March 30

Sats meeting for Yr6 parents and
children 3:45pm

March 31

Wild Tribe – Class 3
After school club – Tennis
Class 3 & 4
After school club – Dance club
Class 3 & 4

April 1

Easter Tea Party
After school club –Board games and
Lego Class 1 – 4

April 2

SATs afterschool club
Last day of term

April 20

Term starts

April 24

SATs afterschool club

April 27

Bikeability Yr5

May 1

SATs afterschool club

May 4

Bank Holiday

May 8

SATs afterschool club

June 5

Non pupil day

June 19

Tempest Leavers photos

June 26

YR,1 & 2 The Gruffalo, Theatre Trip

July 22

Last day of term

Bags2School

Thank you to all those who donated, we made £57.00!

Mini Football Festival, Thursday 26th March

I am delighted that there will be a Mini Football Festival for Halwill, Ashwater and St Giles Y5&6 this Thursday at 4:00pm, hosted at Halwill. If your child is involved, you should have already received a letter about this.



**FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
REFRESHMENTS**
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 4PM

Served by Friends of Halwill Primary School

*Hot drink and Doughnut £2
Cold drinks £1
Ring Doughnuts £1*

*Please remember to bring cash.
Many thanks for your support
Friends*



Bikeability - Year 5' only - Monday 27th April - Friday 1st May 2026

Bikeability is a Department for Transport scheme and is a way of helping children to ride safely on the roads and is aimed at children who already know how to ride a bike. It is delivered by a trained Bikeability instructor. If you haven't already done so, please give your consent via the following link <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/yes-guard-part>

Halwill Year 6 SATs Meeting Monday 30th March at 3:45 pm

There will be a meeting for Year 6 parents and Year 6 children to go through the SATs information.

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.

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/>

Swimming

We are delighted to continue to offer swimming lessons in our Summer term. Please see the table below displaying the dates and year groups. In previous years, we have not charged for this, however, as costs are rising, this year we will be looking for a contribution of £5 per child for swimming and the coach.

Year Groups	Dates
Y 3/4	23/04, 30/04, 07/05, 21/05
Y 5/6	04/06, 11/06, 18/06
Y R/1/2	25/06, 02/07, 09/07, 16/07

Safeguarding

Whether you're a Spring cleaner or not, this is the perfect time of year to think about where you store your cleaning products. Are they by the loo or under the kitchen sink? Make sure they're in a high cupboard out of reach. This is especially important if you have a little one who has just started crawling or will be on the move soon.

Learn more about preventing poisoning:

<https://capt.org.uk/resources/prevent-poisoning-fact-sheet/>

#ChildSafety #SpringCleaning #ChildHealth #FirstDayOfSpring



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 23rd March. <https://forms.gle/RovijxKbH8ypzjdj68> 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



The flyer is a light blue rectangular card with a decorative border of green leaves and flowers. At the top, it reads 'Friends of Halwill Primary School' in a dark green serif font, followed by 'Charity Number: 1116245' in a smaller font. The main event is 'Wednesday 1st April Easter Tea Party 2pm to 3pm Everyone Welcome!' in orange and green fonts. Below this, there are illustrations of a cupcake, a steaming cup of tea, and a green daisy. The text continues: '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.' A green daisy is on the right. Below that, it says 'The Easter raffle will be drawn during the Easter Tea party - £1 per ticket'. The final paragraph asks for help with cakes and bakes, mentioning a nut-free school and that ingredients must be listed. It ends with 'Many Thanks' and illustrations of various cakes, cookies, and colorful Easter eggs.

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Charity Number: 1116245
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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

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

Please find a link here <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/letters/> to the consultation letter which was sent to you on 9th 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 or via the post box in the school office.

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 11th 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 5th 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.

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
Kacey – Class 1	Erin – Class 2 Evelyn – Class 4	Millie – Class 1 Obie – Class 4	Jessica – Class 2 Ethan – Class 3 Sidney – Class 3	Niamh – Class 4

Wild Tribe Spring 2nd 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 2nd 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 13th March, the first of 7. Please note the **2nd 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.

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

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher



THE CAREY FEDERATION

SUMMER MENU

WEEK ONE



- MAIN ONE
- MAIN TWO
- JACKET POTATO
- DAILY PASTA
- DESSERT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni Pizza with Wedges and Sweetcorn	Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Carrots	Roast Pork and Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli	Brunch, Pork Sausage, Bacon, Mash Brown and Baked Beans	Chicken Chunks with Chips and Peas
Margherita Pizza with Wedges and Sweetcorn	Vegetable and Mixed Bean Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Carrots	Vegan Vegetable Parcels with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli	Vegetarian Brunch, Quorn Sausage, Mash Brown, Grilled Tomato and Baked Beans	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Peas
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
Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese	Plain, Tomato or Cheese
Fresh Fruit Salad	Lemon Drizzle	Orange Jelly	Toffee Apple Cake	Icee Sponge

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 can't guarantee that cross contamination will never occur, we do take every possible precaution to prevent this from happening.



THE CAREY FEDERATION

SUMMER MENU

WEEK TWO



- MAIN ONE
- MAIN TWO
- JACKET POTATO
- DAILY PASTA
- DESSERT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Salmon and Broccoli Pasta and Peas	Chicken Burger with Potato Balls and Peas	Sausage Toad in the Hole and Gravy with Mash and Peas	Mild Beef Chilli with Sweetcorn and Rice	Sausage Roll with Chips and Beans
Mozzari Cheese with Broccoli and Peas	Mushroom Biryani with Chopped Salad and Peas	Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole and Gravy with Mash and Peas	Five Bean Chilli with Sweetcorn and Rice	Cheesy Wheels with Chips and Beans
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Fresh Fruit and Ice Cream	Strawberry Mousse	Strawberry Jelly and Fruit	Choco Brownie	Rocket Lolly

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SUMMER MENU

WEEK THREE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN ONE

MAIN TWO

JACKET POTATO

DAILY PASTA

DESSERT

Hot Dogs with Wedges, Rainbow Slaw and Veg Sticks

Veggie Nuggets with Wedges, Rainbow Slaw and Veg Sticks

Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings

Plain, Tomato or Cheese

Fresh Fruit Platter

Bolognese with Pasta, Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn

Quorn Sausage and Tomato Bake with Homemade Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn

Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings

Plain, Tomato or Cheese

Lemon Cookie

Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli

Yorkshire Pudding Bean and Veg Cottage Pie, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli

Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings

Plain, Tomato or Cheese

Chocolate Orange Mousse

Chicken Wraps with Rice and Veg Sticks

Cauliflower, Chickpea and Butternut Curry with Rice and Veg Sticks

Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings

Plain, Tomato or Cheese

Flagjack

Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans

Pizza Wrap with Chips and Beans

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Plain, Tomato or Cheese

Rice Crispy Cake

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Hop on over for our

EASTER

Holiday Programme **Stratton Primary School**

Bikeability

Book online here:

April - Monday 13th 10-12pm (Learn 2 Ride all ages)
<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/easy-final-boat>

Tuesday 14th 10-12pm (Learn 2 ride all ages)
<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/pie-aba-train>

Wednesday 15th 9am-2pm Level 2 (year 5 -year 8)
URL: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/watch-gold-rod>

Thursday 16th 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>



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

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.



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

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