

Thursday 30th April 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 23 Summer Term

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to the Summer Term and they have certainly brought the sunshine with them!

As you will have seen in the letter sent to you before the Easter holidays, St Giles-on-the-Heath School is now part of The Carey Federation.

On the last day of term, we had an assembly where the children of Halwill and Ashwater joined St Giles' children via Teams. We explained to the children that they would now all be part of one Federation and helped them to understand what this would mean for them. Children from all 3 schools had the opportunity to ask any questions. It really was a special assembly because the feeling of warmth and belonging from the children at all 3 schools was palpable. The Halwill and Ashwater children taught the St Giles children the motto, including actions. The St Giles children have really enjoyed learning the motto and explaining that in The Carey Federation we encourage the children to: Aim High, Be Resilient and Take Care of Each Other.

Website and Logo

We were busy over the Easter holidays incorporating St Giles into the Federation website. It is very important that all our schools feel part of the Federation, whilst retaining its own identity. As you can see, the Federation logo has been updated to include St Giles. We look forward to more opportunities for children to collaborate together.

Dates

As you will see most of the Summer Term dates have been set. We will shortly set the Open Evening & Summer Concert as well as Year 6 Leavers.

We hope you will join us for the **Class Assemblies on Friday 22nd May** which are an opportunity for children to share what they have been learning with you.

Class Assemblies

1.30pm Class 1

2.00pm Class 2

2.30pm Class 3

3.00pm Class 4

On **Monday 4th May** there is a Bank Holiday and please don't forget **Friday 5th June** is a non-pupil day. It is also the Friday of The Royal Cornwall Show.

The week of 11th May is SATs week. Year 6 children should continue to Aim High and do their best to revise and prepare for these doing any additional homework set. Whatever their results, the most important thing will be that have done their very best. It's also important to continue to be active and take part in clubs and activities and eat and sleep well and remember that the children's wellbeing is important. So, the aim should be a balance between working hard for tests whilst knowing that this is just one snapshot of their lives. The power point we shared with parents some weeks ago will be recirculated to you.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

May 1

SATs afterschool club

May 4

Bank Holiday

May 5

Wild Tribe – KS1

After school club – Athletics

KS1

After school club – Cheerleading

KS2

May 6

After school club – Board games –
Class 1-4

May 7

Swimming Y3/4

May 8

SATs afterschool club

May 11

11th May – 14th May – Y6 SATS

May 15

May Day Celebrations

May 21

Swimming Y3/4

May 22

Class Assemblies

1.30 Class 1

2.00 Class 2

2.30 Class 3

3.00 Class 4

June 5

Non pupil day

June 4

Swimming Y5/6

June 11

Swimming Y5/6

June 18

Swimming Y5/6

June 19

Tempest Leavers photos

June 23

Sports Day!

June 25

Swimming YR/1/2

June 26

YR, 1 & 2 The Gruffalo, Theatre Trip

July 2

Swimming YR/1/2

July 6

6th July – 10th July Y5 & Y6 Activities
Week

July 9

Swimming YR/1/2

July 16

Swimming YR/1/2

July 22

Last day of term

May Day Celebrations – Friday 15th May

Parents, Carers and families are invited to join us for our first May Day celebration! Please join us for an afternoon of fun followed by a BBQ.

All the school children will perform a dance at 2.30pm.

There will be games and refreshments at 3.30pm - Welly boot throw, lucky dip, plant a runner bean!

Poetry competition - judged per year group.

2nd handbook sale - Give your books a second life! Please donate your preloved stories, for a new home.

2nd hand uniform sale

BBQ at 4.30pm - please fill in the attached form by clicking on the link <https://forms.gle/5iNmphAGCpcv11wr7>. This will help us get a rough idea of numbers and dietary requirements.

It would help immensely if you could do this by Friday 8th May, as we will need to order the food next week.

Thank you for your support
From Friends and all the staff

After School Clubs Summer 1st Half 2026

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

Wild Tribe Summer 1st Half 2026

Class 1 and 2 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.

Bikeability

Year 5's have now completed their Bikeability, they did extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done to all.

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

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

As you will have seen from the letter sent to you today, governors of both boards have voted to federate with St Giles. Therefore, from Monday 20th April, 2026, The Carey Federation will comprise, Ashwater School, Halwill School and St Giles-on-the-Heath Primary School. We are delighted with this decision and feel confident it will strengthen the Federation further and provide even more opportunities for the children. Please see the attached letter on our website: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/letters/>

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/>

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
Thomas – Class 3	Franklin – Class 1	Chloe – Class 4	Luna – Class 1 Alfred – Class 2 Grace – Class 2 Bethany – Class 3 Arthur – Class 4	Finley – Class 4

Catering Providers

Please see our new menu on our website which are now on MICAS to book for next term.

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/school-dinner-menus/>

Educaatering 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.

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.

BOOK YOUR *CRICKET* SESSION NOW!

@HOLSWORTHY CRICKET CLUB



ECB ALL STARS CRICKET

THURSDAYS

5:15PM - 6:00PM

STARTING 21ST MAY

ECB DYNAMOS CRICKET

FRIDAYS

5:15PM - 6:15PM

STARTING 22ND MAY



TO BOOK ALL STARS
USE THIS QR CODE



TO BOOK DYNAMOS
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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.

Saturday 13th June 2026

Hatherleigh Carnival's
COLOUR RUN
with a
TWIST

Hatherleigh's Colourful Event of the year!

5k & 2.5k ROUTES

ADULTS £15 • CHILDREN £10



Each participant will receive a medal
& a white T-shirt!

The party will continue in the
square with the presentation of
this year's carnival royalty.

Scan to Enter!



BAR • FOOD • MUSIC from
HSB & The Ginja Ninja

Enter by 2nd June!

Registration from 12.30pm Run 3.30pm



<https://www.hatherleighcarnival.co.uk>