

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 25 Summer Term

Dear Families,

I can't believe that we are already approaching half term! It's been a busy and productive few weeks.

Last week, Year 6 took their SATS tests. I am so proud of all of them. They showed great resilience and aimed high; they were a real credit to you and to the school. Well done to Year 5 who were excellent classmates, who took care of Year 6 during this challenging week.

May Day Celebrations

A huge thank you to the 'Friends' for organising a wonderful May Day celebration last Friday. There was an awful lot of organisation involved and, of course, work to do on the day. Thank you, your efforts really are appreciated.

It was lovely to see the children doing their traditional Devonshire May Day dance and well done to the parents who joined in! You definitely aimed high and showed resilience!!

It was a very enjoyable afternoon, with an opportunity to see many families taking part in the activities and weren't we lucky with the weather. The Welly Boot throwing was quite competitive! I must say a very special well done to Steve Gliddon, who certainly 'Aimed High' with his welly boot as he won the adult competition!!

Many thanks also to the staff who helped teach the children the dance and for helping on the day. A special thanks to Miss Miners for co-ordinating the whole event.



THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

May 19

Wild Tribe – KS1
After school club – Athletics

KS1

After school club – Cheerleading
KS2

May 20

After school club – Board games –
Class 1-4

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

End of term

June 1

Start of term

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

Author Visit – Anne Parsons

July 6

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

July 9

Swimming YR/1/2

July 14

Halwill Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

3:45 -4:45pm

July 16

Swimming YR/1/2

July 21

Halwill Summer Concert

(2:30-3:30pm)

and Open Afternoon (3:30 -4:15pm)

July 22

Last day of term



Handwriting Competition Winners:

YR R Ava
YR 1 Jessica
YR 2 Finley
YR 3 Chloe
YR 4 Ethan
YR 5 Bella
YR 6 Freya

Welly Boot Throw Winners:

KS1 - Finley
KS2 - Arthur
Adults - Steve Gliddon

Year 1 Phonics Screening & Year 4 Multiplication Statutory Assessments

Year 1 will have Phonics Screening statutory assessments during the week of 8th June and parents have already had a meeting about this. Year 1 children have been working hard in their Read Write Inc sessions to prepare.

Year 4 children have Multiplication statutory tests in the weeks of 1st June and 8th June. These are online tests, where children have to quickly answer a times table fact. Year 4 have been practising times tables in school and should continue to practise these at home,

Results of both tests will be shared in the end of year report.

Federation Leadership

After a very rigorous process, we have appointed to the two Deputy Head posts.

Rosie Cawsey is the Executive Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion, Attendance & Behaviour)

Jayne Miners is the Executive Deputy Headteacher (Achievement, Curriculum & Teaching)

Useful Links

School Contact

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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 2026-27

These are on our website:

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

Congratulations to them both! I am sure they will strengthen the leadership across all 3 schools as we continue to aim high in all we do for the children.

We now have our Federation governors in place. I am pleased to tell you that John Lawlor has been elected as the Chair of Governors. Becky Bridgman is the Vice Chair.

A full list of governors can be seen below:

Mr John Lawlor (Chair)

Mrs Becky Bridgman (Vice Chair/Co-opted)

Mrs Sue Russell (Co-opted)

Mrs Rosie Pearson-Woods (Co-opted)

Mrs Kathy Williams (Local Authority)

Miss Hayley Frayn (Co-opted)

Mrs Sandra Grocock (Co-opted)

Mrs Rebecca Osborne (Co-opted)

Dr Revd. Paul Fitzpatrick (Co-opted)

Mrs Sue O'Reilly (Co-opted)

Mrs Elisha Brown (Elected parent)

Miss Ella Dannan (Elected staff)

Author Visit

On Thursday 2nd July we have a local author Anne Parsons coming in to do some story telling with the children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4. She has recently published her 3rd book called Archie, Go! You can see more details about this at the end of the newsletter.

Dates

We have now set the dates for our Summer Concert & Open Evening as well as Year 6 Leavers. Please see the 'Upcoming Events' section.

Class Assemblies, Friday 22nd May

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

1.30pm Class 1

2.00pm Class 2

2.30pm Class 3

3.00pm Class 4

After School Clubs Summer 2nd Half 2026

We are just finalising clubs and a information will be sent later this week.

Wild Tribe Summer 2nd Half 2026

Class 4 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.

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	21/05
Y 5/6	04/06, 11/06, 18/06
Y R/1/2	25/06, 02/07, 09/07, 16/07

Warm Weather

Now that we are finally having warmer weather, please do remember hats, suncream and water bottles.

Class Pages on the Website

Teachers have updated useful information for your child's class. Please find a link to our Class Pages here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/children/class-pages/>

I hope the children have a well-deserved half term break when it comes. We look forward to welcoming them back on **Monday 1st June**. Don't forget **Friday 5th June** is a non-pupil day. It is also the Friday of The Royal Cornwall Show.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

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
FV – Class 1 Dylan – Class 4	Euan – Class 2 Ethan – Class 3	Elodie – Class 2 Reggie – Class 3 Henry – Class 4	Brody – Class 2 Scarlett – Class 3	NC – Class 1 Matilde – Class 4

Why are washing pods so dangerous?



The liquid detergent in washing pods and capsules is up to five times more concentrated than powder and can cause life-changing chemical burns to eyes, skin and throats.

Little ones may mistake brightly coloured laundry pods for sweets and bite into them. Or they may think they are a toy and squeeze them so hard they burst.

Some injuries are so severe that children need skin grafts or long-term tube feeding.

And if the alkaline chemicals get into the eyes it can burn and lead to long-term eyesight problems.

So, keep washing pods and capsules out of reach of children at all times.

Learn more: <https://capt.org.uk/washing-pods-and-capsules/>

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★ #ChildSafetyWeek 2026 is coming soon - Monday 1st to Sunday 7th June - Follow us for top tips to keep your family safe ★

#ChildSafety



Anne Parsons, a children's author, will be visiting our school on Thursday, 2nd July. Anne will be sharing the story of *Archie, Go!* with our classes and will be offering the chance of buying a signed copy of her book with a dedication.

In this book, Archie and Louise catch a thief who has stolen books from Louise's grandparents' bookshop. Subsequently, they find out about the roles Airedale Terriers have played in the past, being police dogs, and messenger dogs in the First World War. They make new friends with Maggie and her guide dog Ivy. Such experiences make Archie question his role in life as a family pet and a jumping champion.

Meanwhile, Archie is training hard for his competitions. Rory, Louise's brother, becomes involved with team agility classes, but just when preparations are going well, disaster strikes, and another training centre must be found urgently. The new location is already known to Archie and holds bad memories for him. Archie realises that he must overcome his fears and move on if he wishes to achieve his dream.

The opposition becomes more challenging as the national finals get nearer. When the competition day arrives, old rivals meet up, and a new team appears. Can his team beat them? Then Archie goes head-to-head with the new team leader in the individual jumping competition.

Life is never easy. All Archie can do is try his best and hope that will be good enough. Surely, fame is just a jump away!

Price - £5.00 (normal RRP £7.99)

If you would like to order at this special price, please contact the school office.



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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Are you fed up with vehicles speeding through the village?

If so, please consider volunteering to join Halwill Speed Watch

The village already owns an approved radar gun to use. You will be given training and then asked to spend up to an hour at a time monitoring speeds.

Speed Watches are recognised as one of the most effective methods of reducing excessive speeds.

Interested? Then contact the Don Osborne, clerk to Halwill Parish Council on: clerk@halwillparishcouncil.gov.uk with your name and contact details.