

Monday 8th June 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 26 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term. I hope you all enjoyed the glorious weather of the break. It is a shame it didn't last into last week. I hope the children enjoyed their day off on Friday.

We have a very busy half term ahead.

Year 1 Phonics Screening & Year 4 Multiplication Statutory Assessments

Year 1 will have Phonics Screening statutory assessments during this 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.

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.

DISP KS1 Multiskills

Our school is part of DISP (Devon Independent Schools Partnership). This is a group that we setup as heads a few years ago to enable collaboration between local maintained schools. As part of DISP, Year 1 and 2 will be attending a Mutiskills event at Hatherleigh Primary School on 17th June. All three Federation schools will be going together so it will be a nice opportunity for them. Letters will be coming home with the children today.

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.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

June 9

After school club – Rounders

KS1/KS2

After school club – Cheerleading

KS1/KS2

June 11

Swimming Y5/6

June 17

KS1 DISP Multiskills

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

Devon County Sprints

A huge well done to Bella Seaborn, who represented Okehampton Otters at the Devon County Sprints on Sunday 7th June. She took on all four strokes: 50m Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Freestyle and delivered an outstanding performance across the board. Bella achieved personal bests in every single event, showing brilliant determination and progress. Her biggest leap came in the 50m Butterfly, where she took an incredible 6.23 seconds off her previous time, a truly remarkable improvement.

We are so proud of Bella's hard work, resilience, and positive attitude. Well done Bella, keep swimming strong and believing in yourself. The whole club is cheering you on.



After School Clubs Summer 2nd Half 2026

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

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/>

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 2026-27

These are on our website:

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


Attendance

Overall attendance

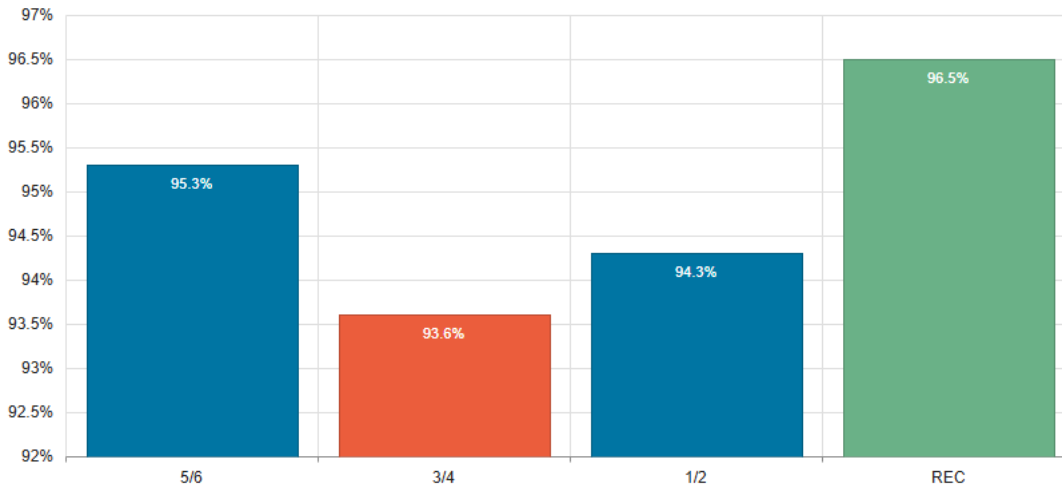
Attendance 

94.5%

+0.0% Last 7 Days

Tutor Group 

 Attendance  



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
	Lucas – Class 2	Poppy – Class 3	Rex – Class 1	Millie – Class 1
	Finley – Class 2	Freddie V – Class 4	Amelia – Class 3	Ellie – Class 4
	Sidney – Class 3	Joshua – Class 4		

Any child can drown

Even strong swimmers!



We often talk about small children drowning. But any child can drown - even strong swimmers.

They may overestimate how strong a swimmer they are or underestimate risks in the sea or open water, like lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

Please talk to your older children about water safety:

💧 Teach them to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards

💧 Explain the risk of swimming in open water. Even on a very warm day, open water can be cold enough to cause cold water shock. This physical reaction makes it hard to control breathing or to swim, causing swimmers to panic.

💧 Talk to them about what to do if this ever happens. And teach them how to float.

Find out more <https://capt.org.uk/drowning/>

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

#ChildSafety #WaterSafety
#DrowningPrevention



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.

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.

BAR • FOOD • MUSIC from **HSB & The Ginja Ninja**

Registration from 12.30pm Run 3.30pm

Scan to Enter!



Enter by 2nd June!

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

Are you feed 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.

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 USE THIS QR CODE



CALL MY BLUFF

Our
HEAD TEACHER!

Our **RECTOR !!**

An
UPSTANDING !!!

member of our
community

**WOULD THEY
LIE TO YOU !!!!**

Join us...
we shall see!!

Saturday

13th JUNE

Parish Hall

Halwill Junction

7.30pm

Suggested

Tables of four - £3 per head

Book a table

Contact:- David Trout

Tel: 01409 221316



BAR 
☺ Bring your own snacks

EARLY NOURISHMENT

Little Pebbles Nature Walk

Holsworthy

Tuesdays 11am-midday

For pregnant people, babies & children under 5 @ Stanhope Park Holsworthy

Booking essential
earlynourishment.eventbrite.com



Baby Massage

A free 4 week course @ Holsworthy Community Hospital

Every Friday 1-2pm for 4 weeks
12th June to 3rd July 2026

Book your space at
earlynourishment.eventbrite.com

Suitable for babies aged 8 weeks until crawling



EARLY NOURISHMENT

Little Pebbles Nature Walk

is coming to....

Holsworthy

FREE nature walk and
activities in Stanhope Park

Tuesdays 11am
starting 9th June 2026

For pregnant people, babies,
and children under 5.



Book your space at
earlynourishment.eventbrite.com or via the
QR code



Stanhope Park
Holsworthy