

Tuesday 16th June 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 27 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Well done to Year 1 children who have worked hard in their Phonic Screening as well as Year 4 who undertook the Multiplication Check. All year groups from Y1-5 have also been doing assessments. Well done to all of them for aiming high.

This is a busy term of trips and visits. These give children a wonderful enriching experience but I do appreciate that there is a cost implication with these opportunities, particularly with coaches being so expensive. Sometime our Friends are able to help with these and we are really grateful for this. Thank you to parents for supporting with financial contributions to trips. We never want any child to miss out so please do get in touch if you need support with the financial contributions requested.

Bird Box Donation From Halwill Gardening Club

A huge thank you to the Halwill Garden Club, which has sadly recently folded. They decided that they would like to make a gift donation of some bird boxes to Halwill School with some of its remaining funds.

Earlier this year, we purchased 6 boxes from a local company, Devon Timber based in Drewsteignton. They only use Devon or South West Timber, which is durable and untreated.

The boxes are individual and are suitable for different birds, so will hopefully attract a variety of species. They were placed in the school grounds earlier this year and the birds have been enjoying them!



THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

June 16

After school club – Rounders
KS1/KS2

After school club – Cheerleading
KS1/KS2

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

June 30

KS1 Plymouth Aquarium

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



Rare Tree Donation

Halwill Parish have donated us a rare Devon Whitebeam sapling, which is a breed unique to Devon. We are very grateful for this. As you may have seen, it has been planted in the roundabout at the front of the school.



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/>

DISP KS1 Multiskills

Year 1&2 have a Multi-skills event at Hatherleigh. This will involve the Hatherleigh school staff developing a variety of ball skills with the children, e.g. throwing, catching, kicking, batting etc. which are the building blocks for future team sports. It is also an opportunity to do activities alongside children from different schools.

Parking Reminder

A reminder please, not to park or drop-off in the area below. This is not a designated parking area and it is very dangerous when cars turn around to leave having parked or dropped off in this area. Please use the Parish Hall Car Park, which is a space the school rents from the Parish Council.



Friends

Hello Everyone

Friends will be having a meeting on Wednesday 17th June at 2.30pm just to discuss the last few things for Summer fund raising.

Please come along, we would love to see some new faces and have more helpers.

We will sadly be losing Tiffany and Ian at the end of the year, who have helped with Friends for a number of years and they will be truly missed - thank you for everything you've done to help Friends and the Children 😊

As a minimum we need 3 people. Tiffany is our Secretary so we will need to replace this role for September 2026.

The remainder of the committee have children in older classes so following next year we will also be losing more of us. It would be great to have some interest now, so things can be passed on smoothly for the next committee - who ever you may be?

We really try, to keep things as easy as we can, as we are all busy with work and other commitments but more people would really help lighten the load for everyone involved.

There is only one reason, and one reason alone we do this... and that's for the Children. Its them that miss out, if people dont volunteer. So please consider being on friends. Its a great way to get to know staff and children, and engage in a positive way.

If you have any questions please ask Laura Griffith , Guy L Wood or Rebecca Osborne 😊

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 R, 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.

After School Clubs Summer 2nd Half 2026

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

Swimming

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

Sports Day Tuesday 23rd June

Don't forget Sports Day is next Tuesday! Friends will be selling Farmer Tom's Ice Creams so please remember to bring cash with you. We look forward to seeing you then!

Sports day Tuesday 23rd
June

Ice Cream and cold drinks

Farmer Tom's Tubs £2

- Biscoff
- Malty munch
- Chocolate
- Vanilla
- Strawberry
- Mint Choc Chunk

Dairy free Coconut Milk options -
Honeycomb or Chocolate

Rocket Lolly 50p

All drinks £1

Friends of Halwill School Charity Number 1116245

Attendance

Overall attendance

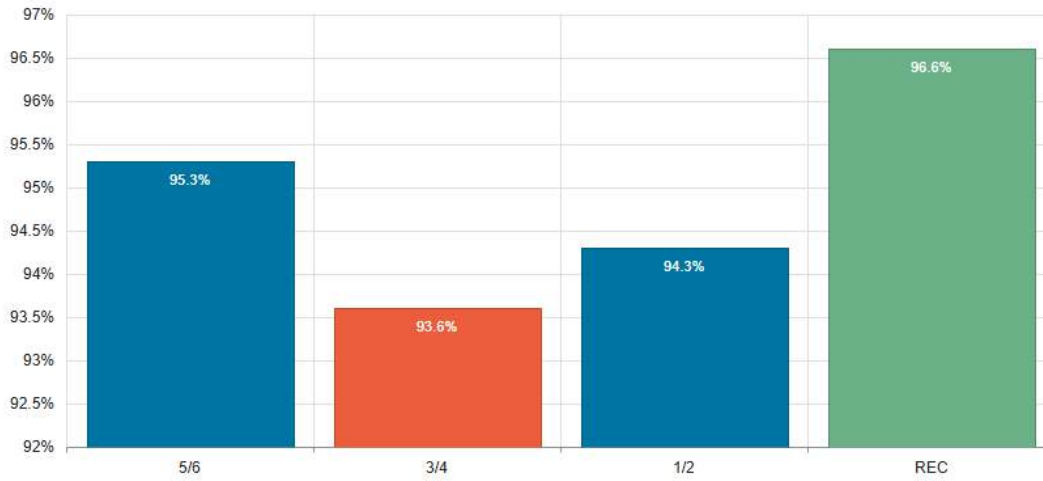
Attendance 

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
Mia – Class 1	Frankie – Class 2	Jago – Class 1	Bruce – Class 3	NC – Class 1
Emily – Class 4	Elsie – Class 3	Jessica – Class 2		Chloe – Class 3
Freya – Class 4	Obie – Class 4			

Safeguarding

Does your child love these squishy dumplings? They're the latest craze – with unboxing videos gaining millions of views.

But their popularity and high demand mean lots of fakes are now available to buy. And the counterfeit versions may contain harmful levels of dangerous chemicals.

- ✓ Buy from trusted retailers if you can – fakes may not meet our safety standards
- ✓ Check for proper labelling – missing safety information is a sign it's fake
- ✓ If the toy is damaged, leaking or smells unusual, stop using it
- ✓ Avoid buying for under 3s - they're most at risk from dangerous toys.

More tips on buying safe toys: <https://capt.org.uk/buy-safe-toys/>

#SquishyDumplings #BuySafeToys
#ChildSafety #ChildHealth





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.

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.

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@HOLSWORTHY CRICKET CLUB

ALL STARS CRICKET
THURSDAYS
5:15PM - 6:00PM
STARTING 21ST MAY

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5:15PM - 6:00PM
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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
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Suitable for babies aged 8 weeks until crawling



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FREE nature walk and
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Tuesdays 11am
starting 9th June 2026

For pregnant people, babies,
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QR code



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