

Monday 22nd June 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 28 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Sports Day tomorrow MORNING 9-11! Tuesday 23rd June

We have been carefully monitoring the weather forecast and it is an Amber warning for heat. We intend to go ahead with the Sports Day but have made the following adaptations for the safety and well-being of all children, families and staff.

We are moving the Sports Day to the morning - 9.00 - 11.00 am. We are sorry for any inconvenience as we appreciate parents have made plans to come in the afternoon. However, the morning is more pleasant and considerably cooler.

We usually do team activities in the morning and races in the afternoon. This year we will do the team activities and slightly condense the races and do them altogether in the morning. This means children won't be out all day and has the added benefit that parents can watch both. The team events will earn house points which will contribute to the final total.

We will provide gazebos for all children.

We ask if any parents are able to provide gazebos for parents and families watching, please let us know today. You will be able to come in earlier to set them up (and get the best seats!!). We will be very grateful if anyone can help.

Please ensure children have water bottles. We will ensure they regularly top these up and drink regularly.

There will be refreshments on sale for families including cold drinks. In addition, we provide jugs of water so all can keep hydrated.

If we need to take a break from the heat, we will take the children inside.

We will open up the library for families if you need to go inside for respite from the sun, at any point during the morning.

All children must wear a sun hat and have suncream applied in the morning and bring in to school to reapply when needed.

We will keep the situation under review and will let you know if we are unable to go ahead, however, we very much hope to see you all tomorrow morning.

Friends will be selling ice creams, so don't forget to bring cash with you. All school children will receive a free ice cream.

*If you would like to see the ice cream ingredients and allergy information, please ask at the school office.

We also have our Year 6 fundraiser '100 Squares' at £1 each so don't forget to bring money for this also and a raffle, at £1 a strip.

We look forward to seeing you there!
After school clubs will run as normal.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

June 23

Sports Day! 9-11
After school club – Rounders
KS1/KS2
After school club – Cheerleading
KS1/KS2

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 8

KS1 DISP Multiskills Hatherleigh

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

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

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/>

Hot Weather

A reminder to please send children in with water bottles, hats and apply sun cream in the mornings. Children can bring in sun cream to reapply themselves (plus please ensure nut free). If it is too hot and there is not adequate shade, children will be kept inside at play time.

External doors to classrooms are being kept open to allow air flow and children are being monitored and regular opportunities to drink water are being provided.

For health and safety for our kitchen staff, we will be providing jacket potatoes and pasta only on Wednesday. If you have already selected the roast or veggie option, please amend your order ahead of Wednesday. Thank you

Staff News

Miss Preece will sadly be leaving us at the end of the term to explore and travel the world. We will all be really sad to say goodbye to Miss Preece, as she has been an outstanding teacher. I am sure you will join me in wishing her very happy and safe adventures.

Class Teachers Academic Year 2026-27

I am pleased to be able to share the class teacher placements for next year.

As you are aware, Mrs Cawsey is now our Executive Deputy Head (Inclusion, Attendance and Behaviour) so will be spending more time on this. Therefore, Mrs Matthews will continue as Class 1's teacher next year and will be the main teacher.

In Class 2, Mrs Laura Beer, who has taught all the children at some point and was in Class 1 for many years, will be job sharing with Mrs Jeanette Neale, who is moving from St Giles. Mrs Neale is a longstanding teacher in St Giles and is looking forward to working at Halwill.

In September, Miss Jayne Miners, who is now Executive Deputy Head (Achievement, Curriculum and Teaching), will need more time out of the classroom to commit to this role so will be job sharing in St Giles. Mrs Rothery, who is very experienced and has taught all the children at some point, will be teaching Class 4.

We welcome Mrs Hayley Waters to Halwill and she will be teaching Class 3. Mrs Waters has done some work at Ashwater and attended some of our Federation staff development so is therefore familiar with Halwill.

In summary from September 2026:

Class 1: Mrs Sarah Matthews
Class 2: Mrs Laura Beer & Mrs Jeanette Neale
Class 3: Mrs Hayley Waters
Class 4: Mrs Alix Rothery

The children will be told today who their teachers for next year will be. Mrs Waters and Mrs Neale will be in school today and will meet the children. They will also be available at pick up, if you want to say hello to them.

They will come in again during the remainder of the half term to meet current teachers to ensure a smooth hand over. We will also have a moving up day when all children have the opportunity to spend time in the new classroom, with their class and teacher so all new staff will be in for this. On July 21st, we have an Open Evening. This is an informal opportunity to look at the children's work, say goodbye to your child's current teacher and say hello to their new. This will be an opportunity to meet Mrs Neale and Mrs Waters properly.

KS1 DISP Multiskills -rearranged for Wednesday 8th July

Although looking out of the window now you would not believe it, last week's DISP Multiskills was postponed because of the rain. It has been rearranged for the morning of Wednesday 8th July. Collection from Halwill will be 9:30am. Children can wear PE kits into school.

The children will be back in time for lunch. You won't need to complete another consent form, however, if anything has changed since you completed it or your child is unable to attend, please let the office know.

After School Clubs Summer 2nd Half 2026

<https://www.thecareyfederation.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

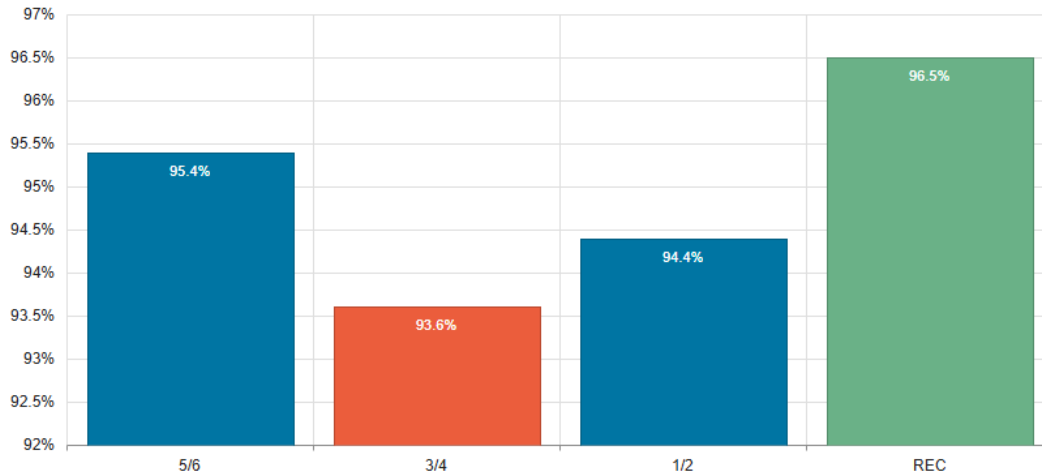
Attendance 

94.6%

+0.1% Last 7 Days

Tutor Group 

 Attendance  



Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding

NHS
South West London

UK Health Security Agency

HOT WEATHER

Going out in the sun?

Staying safe in hot weather

If you or others feel unwell, get dizzy, weak or have intense thirst, move to a cool place, rehydrate and cool down your body

Stay well in hot weather
by drinking plenty of fluids, staying in the shade when the sun is strongest (11am-3pm) and limiting strenuous physical activity during the hottest part of the day.



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.

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Join us on
SATURDAY
27TH JUNE
2026
 10AM – 5PM

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 Local businesses, crafts & gifts

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 Displays, competitions & demonstrations

FOOD & DRINK
 Delicious local food & treats

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 Children's activities, games & more!

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TICKETS
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STARTING 22ND MAY



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EARLY NOURISHMENT
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FREE nature walk and
activities in Stanhope Park
Tuesdays 11am
starting 9th June 2026
For pregnant people, babies,
and children under 5.



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Stanhope Park
Holsworthy

EARLY NOURISHMENT

Little Pebbles Nature Walk

Holsworthy

Tuesdays 11am-midday

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

Booking essential
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Community Hospital

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

Book your space at
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