

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 29 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Thank you for your understanding and patience regarding the school closure last week due to the extreme heatwave. We will only ever close the school as a last resort but having taken all options into consideration, the health, safety and well-being of the children had to be the priority.

I hope you enjoyed our adapted Sports Day.



THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

July 2

Swimming YR/1/2
Author Visit – Anne Parsons
Okehampton College Science
Visit

July 6

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

July 7

After school club – Rounders
KS1/KS2

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 17

Class 4 Victorian Day

July 21

Halwill Summer Concert
(2:30-3:30pm)
and Open Afternoon (3:30 -
4:15pm)

July 22

Class 4 End of Year Show
9.15am

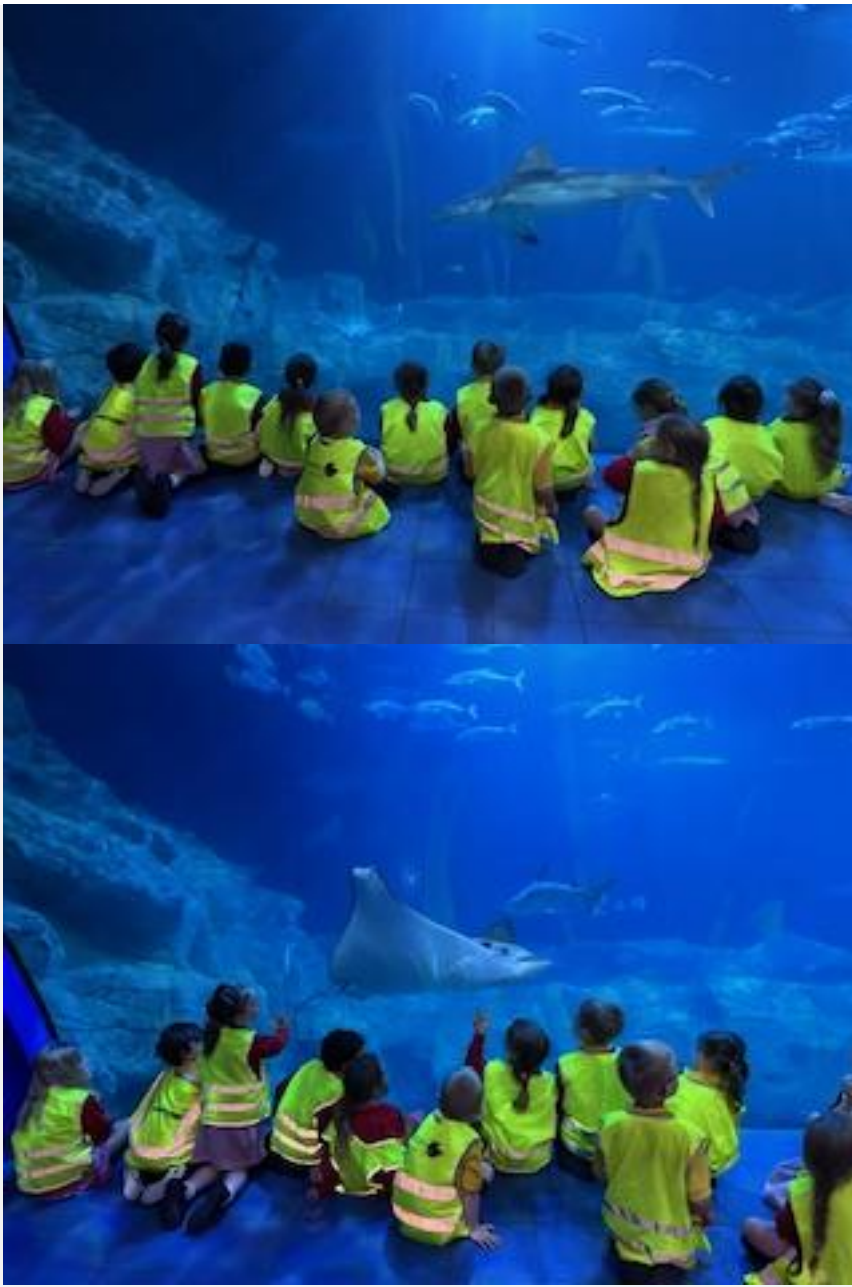
Last day of term

Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic trip to see The Gruffalo on Friday. It was still quite warm but the children did well, drinking regularly and thoroughly enjoyed the show.



They also visited the Aquarium yesterday and had a lovely day. They saw lots of different sea creatures, they learnt all about turtles too from one of the guides who had a turtle shell that the children could handle.





Thursday is a busy day with Class 4, a teacher from Okehampton College is coming in to do a science activity with Class 4 and we have an author visit from Anne Parsons for Class 1 and 2. You can see information on how you can order a copy of Anne's book at a discounted price at the back of the newsletter.

KS1 DISP Multiskills -rearranged for 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.

Class 4 Activities Week

I am sure all the children are excited about Activities Week next week. The office have re-shared the detailed itinerary with you today via MiCAs. Miss Miners has gone through this with the children and answered any questions.

Tent allocation will be confirmed on Thursday with a kit list sent out later this week.

It will be non-uniform all week.

Class 4 End of Year Show, Wednesday July 22nd, 9.15am

This year, Class 4 will be putting on a show on the last day of term. We welcome all our families to come and watch the production.

Swimming

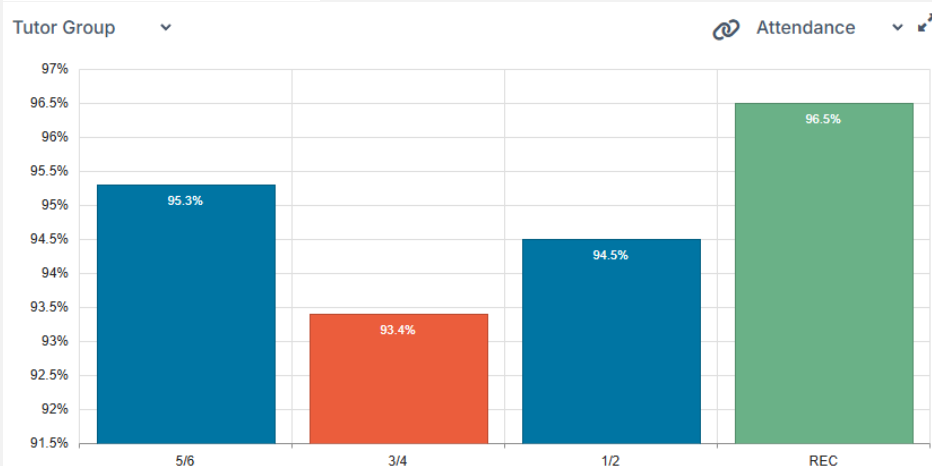
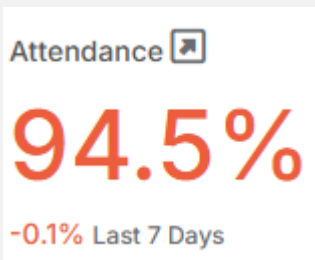
Year Groups	Dates
Y R/1/2	02/07, 09/07, 16/07

New criteria for Free School Meals - two types

Eligible targeted: this covers children in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. These children will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools. Other education entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will be based on targeted free school meals.

Eligible expanded: this covers children who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400. Children will be entitled to free school meals only.

Attendance Overall attendance



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:

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



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
Amber – Class 1 Megan – Class 4 Emily – Class 4 (29 th June)	Grace – Class 2 Jack – Class 4 (29 th June)	Charlie – Class 3 (29 th June)	Albie – Class 1 Alfred – Class 2 Mia – Class 2 Daisy – Class 3 Belle – Class 3 (29 th June)	

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding

NHS
South West London

UK Health Security Agency

HOT WEATHER

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

Going out in the sun?

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.

Friends of Halwill School
presents...

Charity Number: 1116245

22 Amazing prizes to
be won, to have fun
with family and
friends!

SUMMER SUPER RAFFLE

Draw to take place on
Tuesday 21st July at the
Open evening

£1 PER TICKET

BUY A TICKET, TO HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN:

- Okehampton Golf Club voucher for one round of golf for 4 people.
 - Exeter Race Course – 2 Complimentary tickets.
- Circus Funtasia – Family ticket (each family ticket for 4 people) x3!
- Alder Vineyard Wine Tasting and Vineyard Tour voucher – for 2 people.
 - Becky Falls voucher – ticket for 2 people.
 - Monster Slip & Slide Bude – 4 for 3 voucher.
 - Ruby Oaks Park – Family fun swim (2 adults & 2 children).
- Continue Arcade Plymouth (Retro Gaming Lounge) – £50 voucher
 - New Carlton Cinema Okehampton – 2 tickets.
- Bridge Bike Hire Voucher, Wadebridge – (2 adult bikes and 2 children bikes).
- The Devil's Stone Inn – Sunday Roast for 2 people (main course only).
 - Hocking Ice cream Voucher for 2 litres of vanilla ice cream.
 - Watermouth Castle – 2 Complimentary tickets.
 - Ganache Voucher – £25 voucher.
- RHS Rosemoor Family admission ticket (2 adults and 2 children).
 - Clawford Lakes – Paddle Boarding Voucher for 4 people.
- Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park – complimentary ticket for 2.
 - The Milky Way Adventure Park – 2 complimentary tickets.
 - Lydford Gorge – Family entry voucher.
 - Clovelly Inn – Basket meal voucher.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL THE BUSINESSES FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
KIND DONATIONS. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



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.

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



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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



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



COMMUNITY
FUND





LJD COACHING LIMITED HOLSWORTHY HAF PROGRAMME 2026

4 WEEKS OF FUN THIS AUGUST!



 **MONDAY TO THURSDAY**
3RD AUGUST - 27TH AUGUST 2026

 **TIME:**
9:00AM TO 2:00PM

 **LOCATION:**
HOLSWORTHY PRIMARY SCHOOL

 **COST:** for non HAF qualifying children
£30 A DAY



BENEFITS

-  **FREE SCHOOL MEAL PUPILS CAN ATTEND FOR FREE!**
-  **A LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**
with hot and cold options provided.
-  **STAY ACTIVE, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!**

LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD!

-  **MULTI-SPORTS**
-  **ARTS & CRAFTS**
-  **MUSIC**



USE THE QR CODE TO BOOK!

FUN, FRIENDS AND MEMORIES ALL SUMMER LONG!

 **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT!



SUMMER 2026 HAF PROGRAMMES

FUN, ACTIVE & INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
FOR CHILDREN ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY!

HOLSWORTHY



LOCATION:

Holsworthy Primary School



DATES:

Mon to Thur
3rd Aug - 27th Aug



TIME:

9:00am to 2:00pm



COST:

- £30 per day for non HAF qualifying children.
- Free for benefits related Free School Meals children.

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STRATTON



LOCATION:

Stratton Primary School



DATES:

Mon to Thur
3rd Aug - 27th Aug



TIME:

9:00am to 2:00pm



COST:

- £30 per day for non HAF qualifying children.
- Free for benefits related Free School Meals children.
- £10 per day for local residents and school attendees.

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PADSTOW



LOCATION:

Padstow community hub and muga



DATES:

Fridays
24th and 31st July.
7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August.



TIME:

9:00am to 2:00pm



COST:

- £30 per day for non HAF qualifying children.
- Free for benefits related Free School Meals children.
- £12.50 per day for local residents and school attendees.

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ACTIVE DAYS. NEW FRIENDS. UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.
BOOK NOW – SPACES ARE LIMITED!

For more information contact LJD Coaching