

Tuesday 14th July 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 30 Summer Term

Dear Families,

We have had a very busy couple of weeks! Read on to find out what we have been up to.

Author Visit

Anne Parsons delighted the children with her story telling. Anne is a local children's author. She will be at the Open Afternoon on Tuesday 21st July, where she will be signing copies of her book. They will be on sale for £5

Educatering taster Session Tuesday 21st July

Also, during the Open Afternoon, we have a food taster session on from 3.30pm onwards, run by Educatering, who have been providing our catering since April. Please do come along and try some of our new menu, ahead of the new term.

KS1 DISP Multiskills

Year 1&2 had a great morning attending the Multi-skills event at Hatherleigh, along with children from Ashwater and St Giles. Thank you to Hatherleigh School who put on a very well organised event.

Pizza Making Class 3 Halwill and Class 2 Ashwater

As part of their Design Technology curriculum, the children made pizzas together at Halwill School.



THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

July 14

After school club – Rounders
KS1/KS2

After school club –
Cheerleading KS1/KS2

Halwill Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

3:45 -4:45pm

July 16

Swimming YR/1/2

July 17

Class 4 Victorian Day

July 21

Educatering food taster
session 3:30pm

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

July 22

Class 4 End of Year Show
9.15am

Last day of term

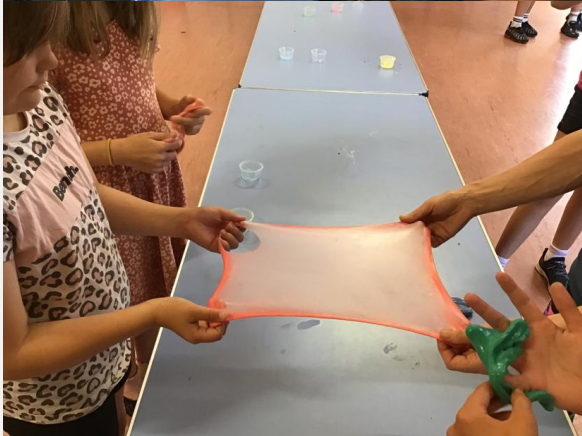
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First Day of Autumn Term



Science Teacher Visit

Ruth from Devon Science came to visit Halwill School as part of Activities week for Years 5 and 6 from Halwill and Ashwater. The children enjoyed making bath bombs and slime!



Useful Links

School Contact

Details

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admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Website: Halwill

[Primary School –
Halwill and Ashwater
Primary Schools](http://Halwill)

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/>

Class 4 Activities Week with Ashwater Y5/6

Wow, what a week! Class 4 had a fantastic and varied week, from surfing at Widemouth Bay, to a city break in Bristol to soak up the culture, a visit from a scientist and camping out in Halwill School field. It was a pleasure to chat to the children while we enjoyed our hot dogs. They really have had a lovely week. It was also a pleasure to see the children from Halwill and Ashwater integrating so well. A huge thanks to all the staff who helped this week happen; Mrs Wilson who organised the trips and undertook risk assessments as well as joining the trips, Miss Miners and Miss Frayn for leading the week and sleeping over and Miss Preece who joined overnight. Thank you to Mrs Skinner who cooked the delicious camp meal.

Surfing in Bude



Bristol



Camping at Halwill



End of Year Reports

Reports will be sent home on Friday 17th July. If your child took Year 1 Phonic Screening (or Year 2 retake), Year 4 Multiplication Check or Year 6 SATs tests, these will be included with the report. You may have heard in the news that SATs results have been delayed. We hope to receive them on Thursday and therefore, anticipate being able to include them in the school reports. If children have separated parents, a report will be sent to both parents, if we have their contact details.

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.

Updates for September 2026

I am pleased to tell you that we will be offering Forest Schools, run by Miss McClean-Thorne, who is a teacher with Forest School training from St Giles. This will replace Wild Tribe which was offered via Arena. Forest Schools will run on a Friday afternoon in a similar half termly rotation.

I would like to thank Belinda Midwinter who taught Wild Tribe over the last 7 years in the Federation, through Arena. The children have thoroughly benefited from outdoor learning and we are committed to continuing this through the introduction of Forest Schools.

Sadly Jess Bailey isn't continuing next year. Thank you Jess for all you have done in enriching our curriculum.

We will continue to have PE lessons with Scott Hayler.

Caroline Boothe, who covered Mrs Rothery's absence, will be helping with teacher release time, alongside Ella Danan, who, I am pleased to tell you, has been seconded to the role of Cover Supervisor.

Hot Weather

We have another hot week! Please ensure all children have a hat, water bottle and apply sunscreen in the morning. Children can also bring in (nut free) sunscreen to reapply themselves.

Swimming

Year Groups	Dates
Y R/1/2	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.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

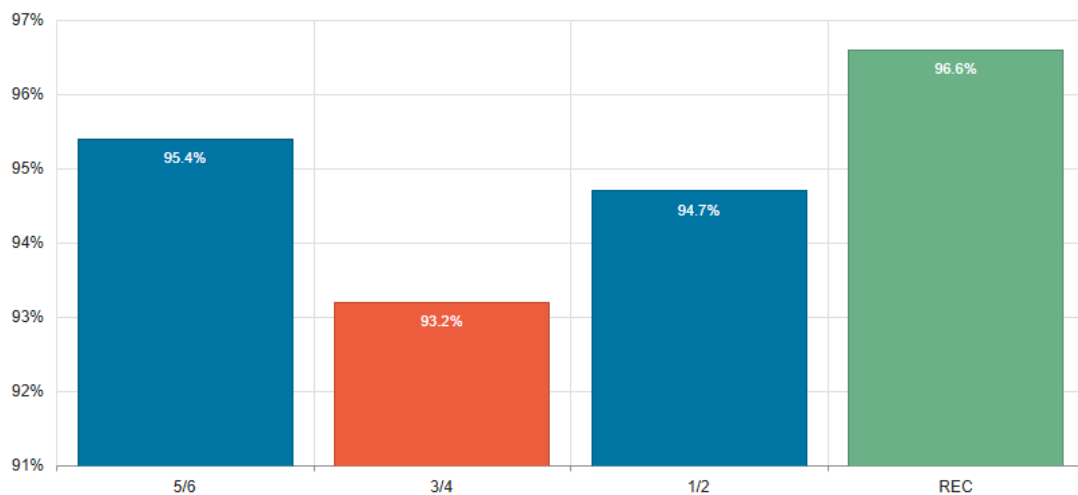
Attendance Overall attendance

95%

+0.1% Last 7 Days

Tutor Group 

 Attendance  



Attendance Percentage	Days of School Missed
98%	4 days
96%	8 days
94%	12 days
92%	16 days or three weeks
90%	20 days or four weeks
85%	30 days or 6 weeks

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Safeguarding




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




HOT WEATHER

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.

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
Jago – Class 1 Poppy – Class 3	Millie – Class 2	Rex – Class 1 Ava – Class 1 Thomas – Class 3 Bethany – Class 3 Dougie – Class 3 OBH – Class 4	Ivy – Class 3 Ada – Class 3	Mila – Class 2 Hazel – Class 2 Erin – Class 2 Evelyn – Class 4

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!

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





End of Term DISCO



Friday 17th July ~ Halwill Parish Hall

£1 Entry

plus the below treats
for a small charge

Tuck
Shop

Temporary
Tattoos

Glow
Sticks

**Early Years & Key
Stage 1 (up to Year 2)**

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Children must be
accompanied

**Key Stage 2 (School
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)**

7pm - 8.30pm

Children must be signed in
by an adult





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




Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP Secretary of State for Education