

Monday 27th July 2026

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 31 Summer Term

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

September 7

First Day of Autumn Term

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of the academic year for 25/26, with the children having had so many opportunities inside and outside of school, as well as having worked so hard this year making great progress.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Concert and Open Afternoon on Tuesday last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing their instruments and showing all they have been learning with our music teacher Alex Rogozinski. Our cheerleaders performed brilliantly and sang French songs which was lovely to hear, thank you again to Jess Bailey and good luck in your new adventures.

We hope you enjoyed our taster session with Educatering to sample our Autumn term menu ahead of September, I think we can all agree the food was delicious and a lovely variety for the children when they return. Thank you again to Anne Parson's a local children's author who returned to Halwill to sign copies of her book. Thank you to Friends for providing teas and coffees and for organising the raffle, well done to all who won!

Class 4 were absolutely brilliant in their end of year show on Wednesday, it was lovely to see them all aiming high and performing with such confidence.



Updates for September 2026

Forest Schools

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.

**School Lunches – please
book by Sunday for the
following week**

Forest Schools sessions will continue to provide children with valuable opportunities to explore, investigate and learn in a natural environment. Through a range of hands-on activities, children will develop their confidence, independence, problem-solving skills and resilience, while also fostering a deeper appreciation of the world around them. We are looking forward to seeing the many benefits that Forest School will bring and are grateful to Miss McLean-Thorne for leading these sessions across the Federation.

Forest School will take place on a Friday afternoon as follows:

Autumn 1 – Class 1 & 2
Autumn 2 – Class 3
Spring 1 – Class 4
Spring 2 – Class 1 & 2
Summer 1 – Class 3
Summer 2 – Class 4

On Forest School days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs, then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Long hair should be tied up. Unfortunately, if children don't have the correct clothing they will be unable to participate as it is a requirement of the risk assessment.

Specialist PE Lessons

In addition to our regular teacher-led PE sessions, KS2 children will also continue to benefit from specialist PE lessons delivered by Mr Scott Hayler through LJD Coaching.

PE lessons with Mr Hayler will take place on Thursday afternoons for Class 3 and Class 4.

You may be aware that the DfE have cut sports funding to schools so we have worked really hard to be able to introduce Forest Schools as a substitute to Wild Tribe and retain specialist PE teaching for KS2.

We will have to keep this under review, depending on funding, however, we will do our very best to maintain the provision.

Year 6 leavers

We wish all our Year 6 leavers good luck in their next chapter! They have been a fabulous Year 6 group, excellent role models and will be missed by us all at Halwill School. We have no doubt that they will continue to aim high, be resilient and take care of each other as they move on the next stage of their education.





Farewell

We want to wish Miss Preece all the best for the future and safe travels. We look forward to seeing you back sometime at Halwill to share with us all your adventures.

You will be greatly missed by all children and staff.



Pricing for September

Following a recent review with the Governing Board, we would like to inform families that there will be a small increase in the cost of school lunches, breakfast and after school clubs from the start of the next term. This decision was made carefully and reflects rising costs associated with food, resources and staffing. The governors and school leadership team have worked to keep any increase as low as possible while ensuring we can continue to provide the excellent opportunities and nutritious meals that our children enjoy. We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support.

Please see our updated prices for next term

£2.65 School dinners

£3.80 Breakfast club

£3.80 After school club

£1.00 Clubs for those eligible for Pupil Premium

After School Clubs will commence in the second week of term and information will be sent out during the first week back.

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.

Happy Holidays!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing the children back to school on **Monday 7th September**. Wishing you all a brilliant summer break!

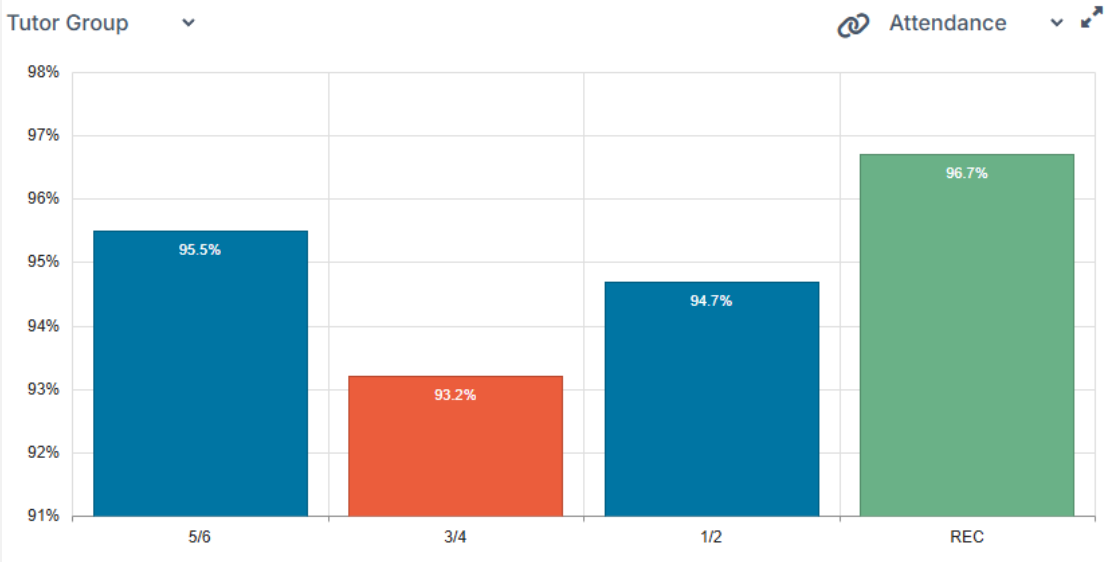
Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Attendance
Overall attendance

Attendance 

95%

+0.0% Last 7 Days



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



FLAGS



(Black/White Flag)

This area is for water-sports like windsurfing and surfing, kayaks & paddleboards.



(Red/Yellow Flag)

This is a lifeguarded area. This is the safest area to swim or bodyboard.



(Red Flag)

This means danger. NEVER go into the sea where this flag is flying.



(Orange Flag)

Indicates offshore or strong wind conditions. Never use inflatables when it's flying.



Dear parent / guardian,

We are delighted to share with you a new NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties; **Lumi Nova**. With the end of the school year approaching, we wanted to remind you to take advantage of our offer as your child/ren transition into the summer and new academic year.

What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

Watch this short animated video to learn more: [Lumi Nova Introduction Video](#)

Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears, worries, or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias.

Lumi Nova can help your child to face their worries by breaking them down into small manageable challenges and can support your child with:

- Returning to school or starting a new school
- Making new friends and going to social events
- Speaking in front of a group
- And lots more!

How do you access Lumi Nova?

Accessing Lumi Nova is quick and easy. Use the link below to register and you will receive a text message to guide you through getting started or scan the QR code.

luminova.app/devon

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.



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

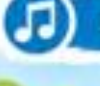
 **COST:** for non HAF qualifying children
£30 A DAY



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!



The poster is for the Summer 2026 HAF (Holiday Activity and Fundraising) Programmes. It features a bright blue sky with a sun in the top left and a beach ball in the top right. At the top center is the LJD COACHING Limited logo, which consists of a stylized green and blue swirl above the text 'LJD COACHING Limited'. To the right of this is a circular logo for 'TIME MOVE Holiday Programme' with a silhouette of a person jumping. Further right is a gold medal icon with the text 'NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS 2024'. The main title 'SUMMER 2026 HAF PROGRAMMES' is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below the title is a green banner with the text 'FUN, ACTIVE & INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY!'. The poster is divided into three columns for different locations: Holsworthy, Stratton, and Padstow. Each column contains details about the location, dates, time, and cost, along with a QR code to book. At the bottom, there is a green grassy area with a soccer ball and silhouettes of children playing. A dark blue banner at the very bottom says 'ACTIVE DAYS. NEW FRIENDS. UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES. BOOK NOW - SPACES ARE LIMITED!'. Below this banner is the contact information for LJD Coaching, including social media icons for Facebook and Instagram.

LJD COACHING Limited

TIME MOVE
Holiday Programme

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS 2024

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'.

Speech and Language Therapy

EASY ACCESS DROP IN

We are starting new easy access drop ins for pre school children.

Would you like any advice and support for your child's speech, language and communication skills? Visit one of our easy access drop ins with your child to see a Speech and Language Therapist. Get advice, support and strategies from the team.

Drop in sessions are now being held in different locations across Torbay, South Devon and North Devon. Exeter, East and Mid Devon.

If you would like to attend a drop in, please scan the QR code below to find a location and time that works for you.

