



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

We've come to the end of a very long but productive first half of the Autumn Term. I have been so proud of the children and staff who have 'aimed high' all term. The positivity in the classrooms and playground is palpable. Staff have worked hard to make their classrooms inviting and purposeful learning spaces. The classrooms at Halwill were redecorated over the summer which has helped to reinvigorate them.

Our staff meetings and meetings with the Friends have also been very positive. School staff and parents are always 'aiming high' to support the children further and provide more opportunities for them. I am so grateful to the Friends for agreeing to pay this year's subscription to Devon School Library Service of £1279.

I am delighted to tell you that we had our first visit from the School Library Service Adviser this week. She has audited our book stock and we will soon receive a further 200 books. These will focus on filling gaps in our current provision:

- Diverse and inclusive stories
- Increased range of quality, contemporary authors
- Up to date books for younger readers
- More choice in a wide range of genre
- Non-fiction for leisure reading

We will also receive staff training and help with library layout to make it more appealing and easier for children to access. As you can see, your contributions and support of fundraising by the Friends really do make a huge difference to what we can offer the children. Thank you!

Last Friday, some of our Key Stage 2 children were selected to participate in the highly challenging Stephen Shields Cross Country. A huge well done to all the children for their outstanding 'aim high' and 'be resilient' attitude towards the running. I would also like to commend them for their exemplary behaviour demonstrating our values of 'taking care of each other' and 'being respectful'. A number of staff have commented that the Federation children were amongst the best behaved children at the event.

A particular well done to Harry for achieving 21st place out of 150.



Friends of Halwill Primary School

Our next meeting is on
Tuesday 5th November at 2.30pm

All welcome! The committee roles have been filled but please feel free to join us to contribute towards ideas for fundraising events and to help out with the agreed fundraising.

Many thanks
Friends

House shield competition:

This year we would like one of you to design your house shield.

We need one for Owls and one for Bells. In your design, think about our School motto and the Carey Qualities: be resilient, be respectful, be resourceful, be reflective and build relationships. How are you going to incorporate these?

Please bring your design back into school by Friday the 8th of November.

School Council will narrow it down to top 3 and then we will do a school vote for the winner of each house.

Design sheets will be sent out on the last day of term.

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other.

House competition: Design your house shield.

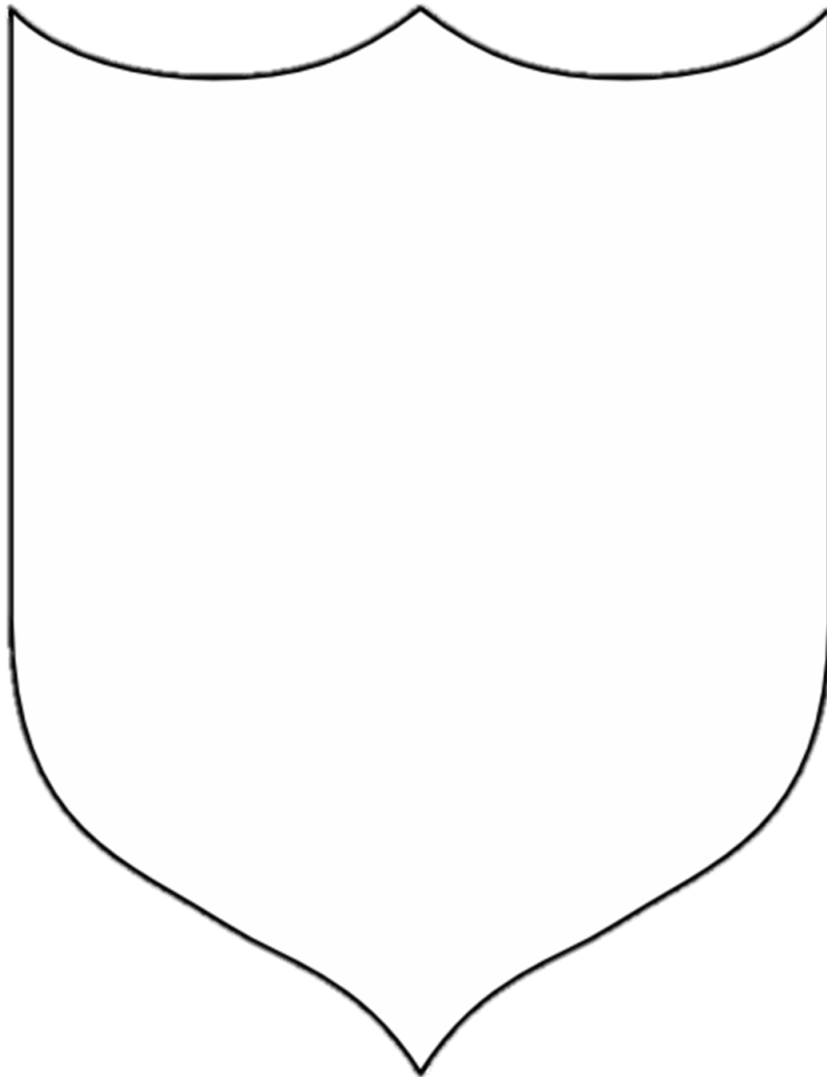
Think about the symbol for your house: Owl or Bell.

Think about our School motto and the Carey Qualities: be resilient, be respectful, be resourceful, be reflective and build relationships. How are you going to incorporate these in your shield design?

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Most importantly... be creative and have fun!



Name:

House:

Activity Passport

Carey Curriculum Activities

'In the Carey Federation, we are aspirational learners who build

Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful'**

In the Carey Federation we believe that our "Aim High Curriculum" enables all pupils to have the skills to be resourceful, independent, motivated and resilient learners in preparation for the next stage of their education.

We extend a breadth and depth in our curriculum by giving the children the opportunity to try new things and develop new skills. We know that this will help children to grow in confidence, expand their understanding of the world around them, or introduce a hobby or passion that could last for years to come. The impact of trying new activities is so positive.

A list of ten exciting activities will be shared during the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. The list of activities are inspired by our Carey Qualities and are relevant to the curriculum, foster collaboration and build an understanding the benefits of trying new things.

We want to encourage a genuine interest and zest for the exciting world, both locally, nationally and even internationally, in which we live.

We hope your child will have a fantastic time working through the activity list, both in school and at home with you, as a family.

When the children complete an activity, they can share their thoughts on a post it note and add to our Federation display. We would also love the children to share photographs on Class Dojo!

THE CAREY FEDERATION



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Tell a friend about different faiths.



Try something new.



How do our Carey Qualities reflect the British Values?

Wrap a Christmas present.



How are you resilient in school? Can you give examples from this week?



Play a board or card game.

Lay the table ready for a family meal.

Explore your family history. Think about the questions you could ask.

Catch a falling leaf and make a wish.



Find out about Christmas celebrations around the World.

Say something kind.



Explain how the SMART rules help to keep us safe on the Internet.



How do you keep safe in the countryside?

What would you like to do in the future?

Applying for a Primary School Place – Reception 2025

If your child was born between **1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021** they are due to start primary school in September 2025.

Applications for starting primary school in September 2025 open on 15 November 2024 and close on 15 January 2025.

The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as **'Offer day'**. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on **16 April 2025**.

For more information: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Every Day is Open Day

If you or someone you know is looking for a September 2025 primary school place or to join at another point, please do contact the office and arrange a visit. We would love to show you all the wonderful things we do. We don't have a particular open day as we love you to see the school in action on a regular day. We offer personalised tours that give you the opportunity to ask questions and meet our fantastic staff and children.



Year 6 Parents - Applying for a Secondary School Place

Has your child recently started in Year 6 and due to join secondary school in September 2025? If so, please remember that applications must be submitted by the **31st October 2024**.

Applications received after this date will be classed as late and they will be considered after all those who applied on time.

You can apply online by visiting:

https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2fKBEZQk8ku_4djGvFF1o66dNAQtvie1_yNrdPpLMH9Y8BqXb7msl3tso_aem_0ZynRI9C17JgOI7NgZ6huA

Wild Tribe

Wild Tribe is on Tuesday afternoons. The plan for the year is as follows:

Halwill:

Autumn ii Class 1 & 2

Spring i Class 4

Spring ii Class 3

Summer i Class 1 & 2

Summer ii Class 4



On Wild Tribe 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.



Parent Consultation

This is an important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher so they can share their academic and social progress with you. This term the meetings will be on

Tuesday 12th November. 1:45 – 6:00 pm

After we return from half term, you can call, email or come in to the office to book your ten minute slot. The meetings will take place in school but we can also offer a virtual meeting.

Celebration Assembly Awards

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
Hadley—Class 4 (11th Oct) Sidney—Class 3 Freddie W—Class 3 (18th Oct)	Euan—Class 1 Aiden—Class 2 Obie—Class 3 Joshua—Class 4 (11th Oct) Frankie— Class 1 Nicholas—Class 4 (18th Oct)	Ivy—Class 2 Niamh—Class 3 (11th Oct) Megan—Class 3 Charlie—Class 4 (18th Oct)	Jessica—Class 1 Ada—Class 2 Jack—Class 3 Freya—Class 4 (11th Oct) Emily—Class 1 Ryan—Class 3 (18th Oct)	Ellie—Class 4 (18th Oct)



Safeguarding



This week we have been reminding children about Halloween Safety.

How to keep children safe this Halloween

Halloween can be an exciting time of year for children, dressing up and going out after dark. But, whilst Halloween is supposed to be spooky there are some horrors that families will want to avoid.

So, here are our top tips for a safe Halloween that you can remember for all the right reasons.



1. Remember Halloween costumes are highly flammable

Many fancy dress costumes are not manufactured to the same safety standards as normal clothing, meaning they can ignite almost instantly and burn far faster.

That's why it is crucial to ensure children wearing Halloween costumes are kept well away from naked flames and other heat sources at all times.



2. Try to buy costumes from a reputable store or website

It may mean spending a bit more but buying from a reputable store or website will be safer. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.



3. Check costume labels for a UKCA or CE mark

These labels don't mean a costume won't catch fire. But it has been tested for fire safety so it should burn more slowly.

Also, The British Retail Consortium has introduced stricter fire safety tests for children's dressing-up costumes. Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability".



4. Encourage children to layer up

If children wear clothes under their dressing-up costumes, there is a layer of protection between the costume and their skin. This can help protect their skin if their costume catches fire.

[Discover what to do in an emergency with burns first aid](#)



5. Teach children to Stop, Drop and Roll

Ahead of Halloween, make sure children know what to do if their clothes catch fire. The instinct is to run. So, encourage them to practice stopping, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over a few times to put out the flames.

Stop.



Drop.



Roll.





6. Keep candles well out of the path of trick or treaters

Candles and lit pumpkins create a fantastic spooky atmosphere but can be dangerous. Keep them well out of the path of trick or treaters and away from any Halloween decorations that might catch light.

Remember not to put candles on a surface that may burn. And, in all the excitement, don't forget to blow them out when you're done.



7. Consider switching to battery-powered candles

You may want to switch to LED / flameless battery-powered candles to reduce the fire risk. But, be sure the battery compartment is secure. Many LED lights, and the remote controls for them, contain button batteries which can badly hurt or kill a small child if they swallow one and it gets stuck.

[Learn more about the dangers of button batteries](#)



8. Be visible

Visibility is important all year round. However, after the clocks go back, it gets dark much earlier. By Halloween it will be dusk by 5 o'clock, just when children are out trick or treating.

Reflective tape can make a fun addition to Halloween costumes and make children more visible to drivers at twilight, as it is picked up in car headlights.

Fluorescent glow sticks and glow jewellery can make good costume accessories and can also help make children more visible to drivers.

If you're going out earlier with little ones, then bright or fluorescent clothing is better for daytime visibility.



9. Stay safe near roads

Masks can make it harder for children to see or hear traffic. So, save the special masks for indoors and use face paint for trick or treating.





Encourage children to put mobile phones away when they are out trick or treating and crossing roads. Instead of using the phone as a light, carry a torch.

Children under 12 are best accompanied by an adult. Agreeing a pre-planned route for children over 12 and having a way of contacting a trusted adult if they need to offers freedom with less risk.

[Visit our road safety hub for more tips](#)



10. Carve carefully

Carving pumpkins has become a great Halloween tradition. If your child isn't old enough to handle a sharp knife safely there are plenty of 'no-carve pumpkin' ideas all over the internet. Just do a quick search on Pinterest. You will be amazed at the creativity.



11. Watch out for treats that might be a choking hazard for young children

Lollipops, hard candy and mini eggs in particular can pose a serious choking risk. Plus, remember it's best to avoid eating while walking or running, so you may want to save up all the treats to enjoy back at home.

[Learn more about choking prevention](#)



12. Be wary of button batteries

Light-up decorations such as pumpkins, cauldrons, torches and wands are fantastic for creating a spooktacular atmosphere. But many of these items are powered by button batteries which can badly hurt or kill a child if swallowed.

That's why it's so important when buying button battery-powered Halloween novelties that you check the battery compartment is secured with a screw or similar fastener to prevent children gaining access.

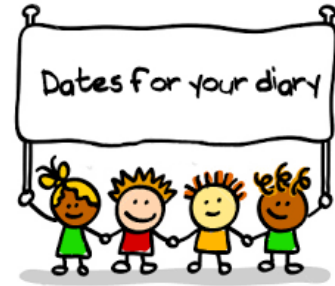
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We hope you have a safe and spooktacular Halloween!

October 2024

28th to 1st Nov *Half term*



November 2024

4th **Non-pupil day**
11th *YR1 and YR2 Multi skills Holsworthy College*
12th *Flu Immunisations (deadline 7th November)*
12th *Parent Consultation 1:45pm—6:00pm*

December 2024

10th *Christmas Play Class 2—9:15am—10:15am*
10th *Christmas Play Class 3—10:15am—11:15am*
11th *Christmas Play Class 2—5pm—6pm*
11th *Christmas Play Class 3—6pm—7pm*
16th *Church Christmas Service for all children—10am—11am*
17th *Christmas Church Service Class 1 and 4—09:30am—10:30am*
19th *End of term*

January 2025

6th *Start of term*

February 2025

17th to 21st *Half term*
24th *Non-pupil day*

March 2025

26th *Mary Poppin's whole school trip*



Term dates: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

Thinking about Extra^{*} Curricular Activities?!

Established in 2004 FOOTsteps offers a range of dance, movement and performing arts classes for ages 2yrs+ in Okehampton.

Styles include ISTD Tap, Ballet, and Modern Dance as well as Acrobatics Arts, Ballroom and Latin and Musical Theatre.

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Friends of Halwill Primary School

“The Friends of Halwill school” are parents who work together to help enrich the experiences of school, for example supplying craft and snacks at the Christmas Party! We are always looking for help and support, whether it’s offering ideas, help at events etc we would love to have you on board.

Other ways to support Friends is to sign up to easy fundraising, your shopping online can mean a donation to the school.

Or buying name labels from My Nametags, by using the school ID 28989 the school can get a donation from the sale and school uniform is more likely to get reunited with its owner!

We also have Facebook pages for Friends “Friends of Halwill Primary School” and “Halwill Primary School’s 2nd hand uniform” where for a small donation you can find some good quality used uniform.

Thank you
Friends of Halwill Primary School

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/assets/blt2159bb3d91e9d580/easyfundraising-poster-a4.pdf>

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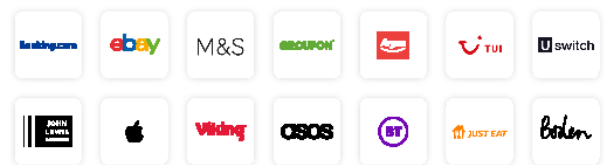
Friends of Halwill Primary School

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If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of the above:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils.

How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal (https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.