

Tuesday 14th October 2025

# Halwill Primary School



Upcoming Events

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

Newsletter No. 6 Autumn Term

Dear Families,

Well done to all the children for their brilliant presentation in our Harvest Festival today. The theme of 'Common Ground' really resonated the importance of building relationships through food. Thank you to our governor Angela Banfield, who also represented the Methodist Church. Angela spoke to the children about the importance of sharing. Thank you to all our families for attending and supporting. It was wonderful to see you all. Thank you also for your donations which will go to the food bank.



Last week, the Class 3 and Class 4 children had a visit from an employee of the Houses of Parliament who visits schools in the South West. He spoke about the two Houses of Commons and Lords. He explained that both Houses had the same three jobs; debating important issues, checking that the government are doing their job, making new laws. He spoke about our school being in the constituency of 'Torrige and Tavistock', approximately 100,000 people and the skills you might need to be an MP. We were really impressed with the children – so many hands up to answer this question. He requested about 8 answers, mostly the children spoke about being respectful, knowing the community, understanding people's feelings, seeking fairness, not discriminating, speaking clearly etc. Well done to the children and a great opportunity to learn about democracy, one of our British Values.

On Monday, Clive Pig, 'International Story-Fella' brought Ancient Egypt alive for the Class 3, when they joined the full day workshop.



## **OCTOBER**

### **October 15**

After School Club – Football

Year 4, 5 and 6

### **October 16**

Stephen Shield Cross Country, Torrington

– selected pupils only

### **October 21**

Tempest Individual

08:30 families

photographs/siblings

### **October 22**

Y5/6 DISP Football Tournament Hosted at Halwill School, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

### **October 24**

End of Term

## **NOVEMBER**

### **November 3**

Non pupil day

### **November 4**

First day of Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half

### **November 10**

Flu Immunisation

### **November 11**

Parent Consultation 1:45- 6:00pm

### **November 22**

KS2 children singing at Exeter Cathedral

### **November 27**

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe,

KS2 Theatre Trip

## **Breakfast Club**

A reminder that this starts at 8:00 am and we are unable to let children in before this time. We request that you don't arrive too early as we aren't able to pay staff to be in any earlier. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Club**

Football Club has now opened for Year 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesdays. This will be taken by Mr Alford. Please see details on the website <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/> or ask for a form at the office.

## **Clubs Price Increase**

We really want to increase our After School Club provision but it is proving challenging because the cost involved in paying staff to run the clubs outweigh what we are charging. Therefore, we are having to increase the cost of After School Clubs to £3 per session from after October Half Term. This is still below what other schools are charging. We are sorry to have to make this change but ultimately it will mean we can offer more clubs on different days.

## **Success Outside of School**

A huge congratulations to Finley who has won the British Bike Trials Championship! Finley has competed in 4 rounds all over the country. The final round was in Scotland. Finley came 1st, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all the rounds. He has worked incredibly hard, aiming high and being resilient over the last year, training after school and at weekends. He is very passionate and dedicated towards his trials. Well done Finley! It is an amazing achievement to win the national championship.



## **Y5/6 DISP Football Tournament- Hosted by Halwill Primary School- Wednesday 22nd October**

As mentioned previously, we are working with a group of maintained schools called Devon Independent Schools Partnership. Through this, children attended a Tag Rugby Festival at Winkleigh School a couple of weeks ago. Soon it will be the Carey Federation's opportunity to host at Halwill School. We will shortly select the teams and a letter will be sent home if your child is involved.

## **Bags2School**

This raised £69.00! Thank you to all for your donations and thank you to the Friends for organising this.

## **DECEMBER**

### **December 10**

Christmas lunch

### **December 11**

Class 2 Christmas play

9:15am and 3.45pm

Class 3 Christmas play

10:30am and 5pm

### **December 16**

Christmas Church Service

(Class 1 and Class 4 parents)

Tuesday 16th December at

9:30 am and 5:00 pm at the

Baptist Church

## **Term Dates 2025 - 2026**

These are on our website:

<https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/ash-water-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

## Christmas Dates

We have set our Christmas dates, please see the 'Upcoming Events' list. Class 2 and Class 3 will be performing plays. Class 4 will be leading the church services and Class 1 will be performing their nativity in the church services.

Please note, where there are two performances or services, this is to enable us to fit in as many parents and extended family as possible so we request that you only attend one of the events. We will be ticketing this nearer the time. However, children are asked to be at **both** performances.



## 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](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.

## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 221476

Email:

[admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk)

### Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

## Attendance

Thank you for your support with your child's attendance. I know our families do send children into school when they are well enough to be here. I am also aware that there have been bugs going around and we do ask that children remain off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhea. We appreciate that this will affect children's attendance but cannot be helped. Therefore, it is very important that children are in school when they are able to be. Please see an important letter regarding holiday requests later in the newsletter.

## Change of Non-Pupil Day 2026 – Royal Cornwall Show, Friday 5th June 2026

This year we had a non-pupil day that wasn't attached to a holiday. Next year we have the same planned in the Summer Term on Monday 22nd June 2026. However, on reflection, we feel that it would benefit our farming families if this non-pupil day was moved to coincide with The Royal Cornwall Show. This would allow families to attend the show on Friday 5th June 2026. We hope that many families will make the most of this opportunity to enjoy an event that is so important to our rural heritage. Please note, as we are providing this opportunity, we will not be able to authorise requests to attend the show on Thursday 4th June.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

### 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Bethany – Class 3 Chloe – Class 4 (9 <sup>th</sup> Oct) Rex – Class 1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct)	Ava – Class 1 Frankie – Class 2 Daisy – Class 3 Jack – Class 4 (9 <sup>th</sup> Oct) Belle – Class 3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct)	Ivy – Class 3 Freddie W – Class 4 (9 <sup>th</sup> Oct)	Jago – Class 1 Hazel – Class 2 (9 <sup>th</sup> Oct) Thorin – Class 3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct)	Elsie – Class 3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct)



Dartmoor  
Multi Academy  
Trust

3rd October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Holsworthy Community College is part  
of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust  
family



It was fantastic to meet so many future students, parents, carers and families at our recent Open Evening. We hope that you enjoyed exploring the school site and meeting many of our current staff and students. If you need to revisit the presentation or digital copy of the prospectus, these can be accessed via the link below:

[Transition | Holsworthy Community College](#)

The next stage of our transition offer is through a series of open morning events. These are designed to allow students in the current year 5 and 6 with their parents/ carers, to visit the school during its normal working hours. This will give you the opportunity to tour the school and see the typical teaching and learning that takes place across all our curriculum subjects. This is undoubtedly the best way to experience a typical day at Holsworthy Community College.

We expect these open mornings to be popular so booking a slot is essential. To reserve your place, please contact our reception team via [admin@hccdevon.org](mailto:admin@hccdevon.org) or 01 409 253430.

Open mornings take place on the following dates and times; we envisage that they will last an hour.

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am and 9.40am
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 11.10am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am and 11.10am

If you have any questions or queries about the College or any aspect of the move from primary school to secondary education, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Mr P Ruse  
Vice Principal

## EASYFUNDRAISING

- Start your online shop on the [Easyfundraising](#) website/App.
- We get a little money from the retailer when you shop.
- Scan, sign up and choose Halwill Primary.

## PLEASE SIGN



For help setting up speak to the Friends: Guy Becky or Laura.  
\*Stand a chance to win £250 for the school this month.



# HALLOWEEN DISCO

Halwill Parish Hall

Friday 31st October

4pm—5.30pm



Spooky Activities (Included in Entry price)

Tuck shop, Refreshments, Hot dogs & Lucky Dip  
(for a small charge)

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL (Non Halloween Welcome)

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED



OPEN TO 11's & UNDER  
ACTIVITIES SUITABLE FOR  
EARLY YEARS & KEY STAGE 1  
PARENTS MUST  
ACCOMPANY CHILDREN

**DON'T FORGET—LIGHT:QUEST STARTS IN THE VILLAGE AT 5.30PM**



# Scouts

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