

Monday 10th November 2025



# Halwill Primary School

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

Newsletter No. 8 Autumn Term

Dear Families,

The children have settled back into the second half of term very well. I hope they had a good half term break and are ready for another busy few weeks!

Just before we broke up, we hosted the DISP Football Tournament. This was a fantastic occasion including Halwill, Ashwater, Shebbear, Winkleigh, St Giles, Monkleigh, Hatherleigh and Bow.

All the children did brilliantly, they aimed high and were respectful to each other. Congratulations to Hatherleigh who won overall and well done to Shebbear, who were the runners up. Thank you to the Friends for providing refreshments, including doughnuts to the Halwill team. Thank you to Mr Alford, Miss Frayn and Mr Hayler for their help before and on the day. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Wilson for her help with a lot of behind the scenes organisation.



## Upcoming Events

### **November 10**

Flu Immunisation

### **November 11**

Remembrance Assembly (children only)

Wild Tribe Class 1&2

Parent Consultation 1:45- 6:00pm

Club – Tag Rugby & Showtime!

### **November 12**

Club – Board games and Lego

### **November 13**

Club – Football & Fitness

### **November 14**

Children In Need

### **November 18**

Wild Tribe Class 1&2

Club – Tag Rugby & Showtime

### **November 19**

After school club – Board games and Lego

Class 1 Parent Workshop, 2:30 pm

### **November 20**

After school club – Football

After school club – Fitness

### **November 22**

KS2 children singing at Exeter

Cathedral

### **November 24**

Club – Fitness - **NOTE CHANGE OF DAY**

### **November 25**

Wild Tribe Class 1&2

Club – Tag Rugby & Showtime!

### **November 26**

Club – Football - **NOTE CHANGE OF DAY**

Club – Board games and Lego

### **November 27**

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, KS2 Theatre Trip



### **Remembrance**

Tomorrow, 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will hold a special Remembrance Assembly with the children. Poppies are still available in the office, if children would like to wear one in the assembly.

### **Parent Consultation- Tuesday 11th November, 1:45 – 6:00 pm**

If you haven't already booked your 10-minute appointment slot please call, email or come to the school office. We can arrange a TEAMs meeting, if you would prefer this. If you aren't available on Tuesday, the office will arrange an alternative date for you.

### **CLUB CHANGE OF DATE – Football & Fitness**

Due to the KS2 school trip on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November and the Christmas Fair Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Football and Fitness will be on different days in those weeks. The new dates are:

Football – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Fitness – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

### **Class 1 Phonics & Maths Workshop for Parents, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2:30 pm**

Please come along for a workshop on how we teach phonics and maths in the Early Years.

### **Wild Tribe**

Children doing Wild Tribe need to bring in waterproof overalls or long sleeves and long trousers (not jeans), long hair must be tied up.

The plan for Wild Tribe will be:

Aut 2 Class 1 & 2

Spr 1 Class 4

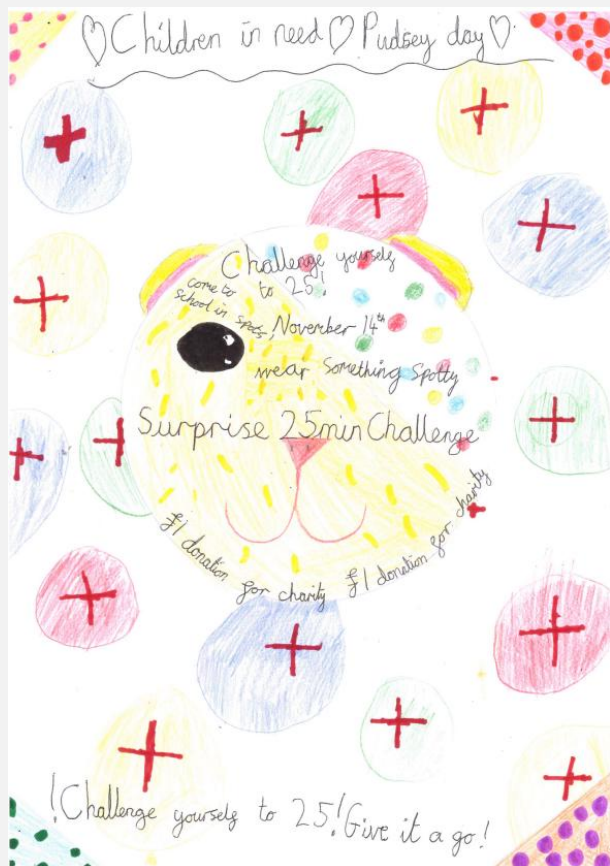
Spr 2 Class 3

Sum 1 Class 1 & 2

Sum 2 Class 4

## Children In Need Friday 14th November (Poster by Evelyn and Chloe - Class 4)

The dress up theme is 'dress like a superhero' or 'wear something spotty', if children would like to, for a £1 donation. There will also be a 'Surprise 25' challenge led by the School Council.



## Exeter Cathedral Chorister Outreach Programme – Saturday 22nd November

This term we have the pleasure of taking part in the Chorister Outreach Programme Andrew Downton, Singing Development Director at Exeter Cathedral will be teaching our Key Stage 2 children, 3 songs during three workshops in school. (There is no cost for these workshops).

The children then have the fabulous opportunity to perform these songs at Exeter Cathedral with other schools within the Torridge area along with Exeter Choir and the Cathedral Choristers on **Saturday 22nd November**. It will be a great experience for the children to be able to attend. We will be asking parents to make arrangements for children to be dropped to and from the Cathedral. Parents, siblings, grandparents, and family friends are all welcome to come to the (free) concert at the end of the afternoon.

A letter will be sent out in due course with details and consent form. We are looking forward to a wonderful afternoon and we really hope as many children as possible will attend. Below are the timings for the Saturday performance:  
Saturday 22nd November:

- 1.15-1.30pm: Children to arrive and are supervised by school staff.  
(Please ensure that children have had lunch and been to the toilet before they arrive)
- 1:30 Rehearsal
- 4.00pm: Short break (Children may wish to bring a drink and snack)
- 4.25pm: All performers into "offstage" position
- 4.30pm: Concert – everyone welcome. (approx. 5:20 finish)

## DECEMBER

### December 1

Club - Fitness - **NOTE**

### **CHANGE OF DAY**

### December 2

Wild Tribe Class 1&2

Club – Tag Rugby &

Showtime!

### December 3

Club – Board games and

Lego

Club – Football **NOTE**

### **CHANGE OF DATE**

### December 4

Christmas Fair 3:30 – 4:30

### December 10

Christmas lunch

### December 11

Class 2 Christmas play

9:15am and 3.45pm

Class 3 Christmas play

10:30 am and 5:00 pm

### 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

### December 18

Last Day of Autumn Term

### January 5

First Day of Spring Term

### Term Dates 2025 - 2026

These are on our  
website:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/as>

## Attendance Letters

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. We have reviewed attendance for the first half of the Autumn term. If your child's attendance is below 95%, you will receive a letter this week. We appreciate that parents might be disappointed to receive a letter, however, it is important that we flag to you if your child's attendance is below the expected so you are aware.



### **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.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

## **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

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>
Alfred – Class 2 (23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct)	NC – Class 1	Daisy – Class 3	Amber – Class 1	Luna – Class 1
Henry – Class 4 (6 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	Matilde – Class 4	Bella – Class 4 (23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct)	Chloe – Class 3 (23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct)	FV – Class 1
	Freya – Class 4 (23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct)	Elsie – Class 3	Franklin – Class 1	Obi – Class 4 (6 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
	Jessica – Class 2 (6 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	Evelyn – Class 4 (6 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	HB – Class 2	
			Charlie – Class 3 (6 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	

# Friends of Halwill School

## 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.



# Scouts

## Bridestowe

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Be more.**

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