

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

# St Giles-on-the-Heath Primary School

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

Newsletter No. 28 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Well done to Year 1 children who have worked hard in their Phonic Screening as well as Year 4 who undertook the Multiplication Check. All year groups from Y1-5 have also been doing assessments. Well done to all of them for aiming high.

This is a busy term of trips and visits. These give children a wonderful enriching experience but I do appreciate that there is a cost implication with these opportunities, particularly with coaches being so expensive. Sometime our FPTA can help with these and we are really grateful for this. Thank you to parents for supporting with financial contributions to trips. We never want any child to miss out so please do get in touch if you need support with the financial contributions requested.

Last week Class 2, had a wonderful trip to Launceston Castle linked to their learning about the Normans. A huge thanks to the FPTA who covered the cost of the coach meaning that there was no cost to parents for this trip.



THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

**June 16**

Sports Day – 1:30 – 3:30pm

**June 17**

Class 3 residential to Bideford

KS1 DISP Multiskills

**June 22**

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

**June 29**

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

**June 30**

Reserve Sports Day

**July 6**

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

Transition Meeting for New YR Parents

2:30pm

**July 8**

St Giles Summer Concert 2:15pm and

Open Afternoon 3:00 -4:00pm

**July 9**

Class 1 Trip to Bude

**July 10**

FPTA Summer Fayre

**July 13**

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

**July 17**

Discovery Day

**July 22**

Last day of Summer term

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

2:30 – 3:00 pm

## Sports Day- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. 1:30 – 3:30 pm

We look forward to welcoming families to Sports Day tomorrow. The children are excited and I am sure will be aiming high in all their events. Although light rain is forecast, at this stage we are planning to go ahead and will update you if this changes. The FPTA will be putting on refreshments during sports day for you to enjoy, this will be cash only. Please can all children come to school wearing their PE clothing and trainers & bring water bottles. We politely ask for everyone to park in the village hall as the school car park will not accommodate the whole school so will be closed. Those with mobility issues can park at the front of the school. The pedestrian gate will be open for you to come in from 1:20pm as the afternoon starts at 1:30pm. The gate will then be locked at 1:45pm.

### Headlice

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in headlice recently, please can all children with long hair wear it tied back to stop the spread.

### Class 1 Trip to Bude

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Class 1 will be going on a trip to Bude Museum to study the local history of the town. As well as going along the canal to learn about what transport is used. They will be finishing the day having some fun at the beach! Letters will be sent to you shortly.

### Launceston College Science Workshop for Y5/6

Children in Years 5 and 6 have been given an exciting opportunity to attend a Science workshop at Launceston College on 2nd July 2026. The workshop will run from 12.45-2.45 with children needing to arrive at 12.30. Lunch will be provided as usual for the children, but at a slightly earlier time. As it will be prohibitively expensive to organise a bus for this, we will be asking parents to collect children from St Giles from at 12.15 and then pick them up from Launceston College at 2.45. A letter will be sent to you shortly but we wanted to give you as much notice as we appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience and parents may wish to have some time to organise lift shares.

### Trips This Week

Good luck to Year 5 and 6 who have their residential this week.

Class 1 have a Multi-skills event at Hatherleigh. This will involve the Hatherleigh school staff developing a variety of ball skills with the children, e.g. throwing, catching, kicking, batting etc. which are the building blocks for future team sports. It is also an opportunity to do activities alongside children from different schools.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

### Useful Links

### School Contact

### Details

**Tel:** 01566 772191

**Email:** [admin@st-giles-heath-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-giles-heath-primary.devon.sch.uk)

**Website:** [St Giles On The Heath 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

Mrs Nicola Taylor

Mrs Jeanette Neale

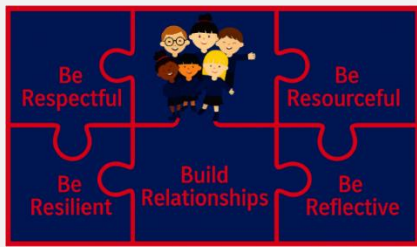
Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

### Term Dates

**These are on our website:**

[Term Dates – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)



The Carey Qualities

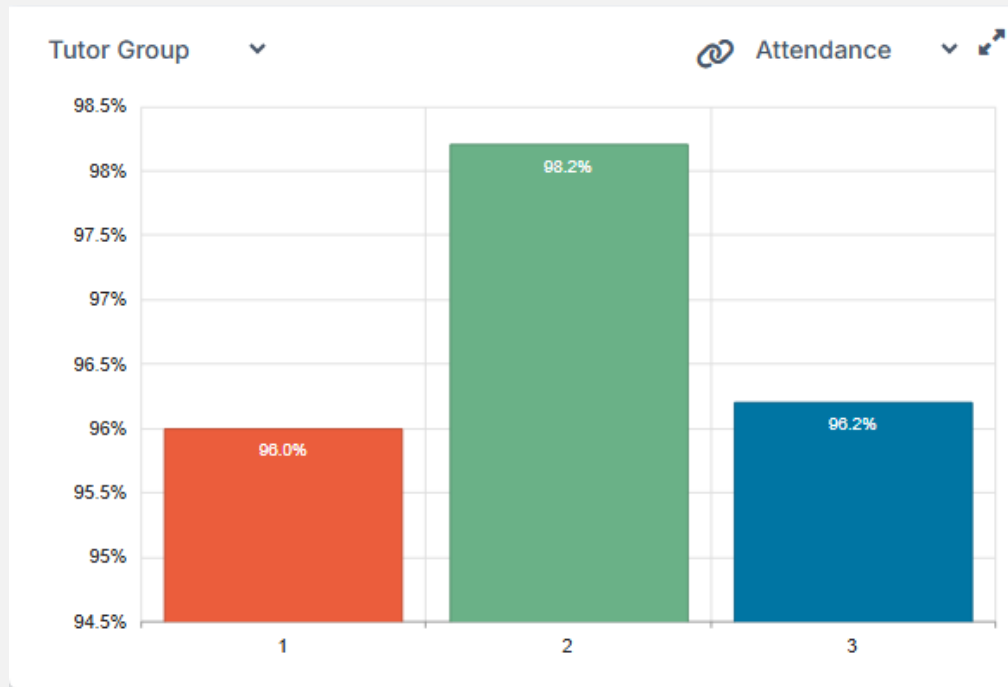
We **Build Relationships** by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

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>
	Louis – FSU  Sam – Class 1  Mason – Class 1  Tommy – Class 2		Erin – Class 2  Parker - Reception  Gracie – Class 3	

## Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last 7 days is 96.8%.



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](http://earlynourishment.eventbrite.com)



### Safeguarding

Does your child love these squishy dumplings? They're the latest craze – with unboxing videos gaining millions of views.

But their popularity and high demand mean lots of fakes are now available to buy. And the counterfeit versions may contain harmful levels of dangerous chemicals.

- ✓ Buy from trusted retailers if you can – fakes may not meet our safety standards
- ✓ Check for proper labelling – missing safety information is a sign it's fake
- ✓ If the toy is damaged, leaking or smells unusual, stop using it
- ✓ Avoid buying for under 3s - they're most at risk from dangerous toys.

More tips on buying safe toys: <https://capt.org.uk/buy-safe-toys/>

## Fake squishy dumpling warning

May contain harmful levels of chemicals

child accident prevention trust



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### **Unauthorised Holiday/Leave Request**

As you will be aware, Government Guidance advises that schools should not authorise requests for term time absence unless the school has received suitable evidence of exceptional circumstances. The Government does not consider a family holiday to be an exceptional circumstance.

In the absence of suitable evidence of exceptional circumstances, on this occasion the school cannot authorise your request for a Term Time Absence. We believe that if students are to benefit from education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement, and full attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career.

I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you still choose to take your child out of school unauthorised, then the school must refer the absence to the Local Authority for the consideration of initiating Parental Responsibility Measures. If you have Parental Responsibility, this could mean receiving any of the following.

- A Penalty Notice. Should a Penalty Notice be issued, one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £160, which is reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated. If a previous Penalty Notice has been issued within the past 2 years, then the Local Authority will proceed straight to Court.
- A Magistrates Summons that could lead to a criminal record, a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

We understand the disappointment that a refusal may cause, but as you can appreciate, this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards ensuring your child's full and efficient education.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher



## **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.

### **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.

### **Newsletters**

To view any historical newsletters, you can follow the link to the website where they are all kept for you to look back on.

[Newsletters – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)