

Newsletter



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Website:

[Holywell Church of England School - Home](https://www.holywellchurch.org.uk/)

Email : holywell@thsp.org.uk

1st May 2026

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

End Summer Term - Tuesday 21st July
Half Term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Be kind
Be respectful
Be safe
Be forgiving
Be determined
Be honest - value of the half term

Thank you all for a fantastic week at school – a reminder, of course, that Monday is a bank holiday and school will remain closed on this day. We will be returning on Tuesday 5th May for the remainder of the week – the last of weeks before our Year 6 children complete their SATs tests the week commencing 11th May.

This week, we have had excitement building in EYFS with the caterpillars growing fast and we have seen some beautiful art work across the school. For the Year 4 children, we have focussed on practicing Times Tables for the MTC check in June and our Year 1s are flying in their phonics reading for the phonics screening in the same month. At Holywell, we notice how much the children take pride in their learning – very well done to all of them!

This week, we were visited by Mrs Pratt and Reverend Gary, who spent time talking to our pupils about our Christian ethos and we were so impressed with the mature way that they answered questions. George and Darcey led the way as Ethos leads and their answers were just delightful.

Clubs

For this week, Netball and Mindfulness will run as usual. The following week, (W/C 11th May) there will be no Welly Walking club due to the running of KS2 SATS. Mr Bloom will be running a rounders club later in the term on a Monday – we will share more details after KS2 SATs.

PE days

Some parents have been asking for clarification over PE days and I believe that this is due to the additional sports events days that are currently running for different Year groups. The general expectation is that PE days are **Tuesday and Friday**. Exceptions to this will be shared by teachers in individual cases.

Year 1 multiskills

On Wednesday 6th May, Year 1 children will be attending the Multiskills festival at Park School. For many, this will be the first opportunity to be part of a sports event, however we are very used to these events. Children will be supported by 3 members of staff and will be returning to school by reputable taxi firm with known adults in each taxi. The firm are also fully DBS checked for your awareness. We have trialled using taxi firms being a small school and note both reduction in cost as well as increased safeguarding measures – however, please do speak to us if you have any concerns.

Beach Trip/Exeter Trip

Having recently met with our amazing PTA, I am delighted to share that we are currently planning a KS2 trip to Exeter for this term as well as relaunching the Holywell whole school beach trip. We are currently finalising dates and I will share this with you as soon as possible. We are also planning the next school disco to be held in June – many thanks to the PTA for their ongoing support and creative ideas! I cannot wait to enjoy these with you!

Have a wonderful, long bank holiday weekend!

Best wishes, Mrs Lowrey

ARBOR Payments Due

Meals – Thank you to all of you who cleared their school meals debts by the end of term

Year 3 & 4 Residential

Diary Dates

Monday 4th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Week commencing Monday 11th May – KS2 SATS week

Wednesday 20th May – Tempest Photos Whole School, Class & Leavers

Half Term - 25th to 29th May

Wednesday 17th June – Sports Day. Prompt start at 1pm to be confirmed.

Monday 20th to Wednesday 23rd June – Year 3 & 4 Residential – Calvert Trust – 2 nights. Deposit Due by 20th April to secure your child's place. Letter and email have been sent out.

Monday 29th June – Pilton 1st Year 6 Transition Day – to be confirmed.

Tuesday 30th June – Back-up Sports Day

Wednesday 1st July & Thursday 2nd July – Braunton Year 6 Transition Days.

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Tuesday 7th July – Chumleigh Year 6 Transition Day.

Thursday 9th July & Friday 10th July – Park Year 6 Transition Days.

Friday 10th July – Whole School Transition Day

Tuesday 14th July – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 15th July – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 21st July – Last Day of Term – Children

Wednesday 22nd July – Staff Inset Day

Term Dates

A full list of dates for the **2025/2026** and **2026/2027** academic year can be found on our website. [Holywell Church of England School - Term Dates](#)

School Shop

PE t-shirts – these can be purchased through the ARBOR shop. Please notify the office by email when you have purchased a t-shirt via the ARBOR shop with the size required.

School Uniform

Brandit - Barnstaple

Please call into the shop where they now have our uniform in stock **except the PE t-shirts which are available from school only**. You should place your order for these through the ARBOR shop and then email the office with the size required.

School Threads – Bideford - also stock our uniform.

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

School Menu – price £2.60

These can be found on the school website, and any amendments will be sent out in the newsletter or by separate communication. [Holywell Church of England School - Home](#)

Piano/Flute/Recorder Tuition – Vacancies available from Spring Term 2026.

If your child is interested in starting lessons to learn any of the above instruments and your child is aged 6 years old or above, please contact Ania by email:

aniaflute@gmail.com

Ania will then liaise with you via email to arrange the lessons.

Pre-loved uniform sale

If you require pre-loved uniform, please contact Emma via the school email holywell@thsp.org.uk and she will get back to you.

Regular uniform sales will be held at the end of each half term / term but will also be available to buy as and when required.

PTA – donation of outgrown school uniform

We accept any good condition...

Holywell logo items, school summer dresses, grey pinafores, grey skirts, grey trousers, grey shorts. PE trainers, school shoes.

If you have any items you would like to donate, please leave them in the black donation box outside the school gate.

People looking for items over summer can contact friendsofholywell@gmail.com

Links you may find useful.

[Devon Family Hub - Monthly Newsletter.](#)

[HANDi Paediatric app: advice for common childhood conditions - One Devon](#)

[Online Safety](#)

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-videos/>

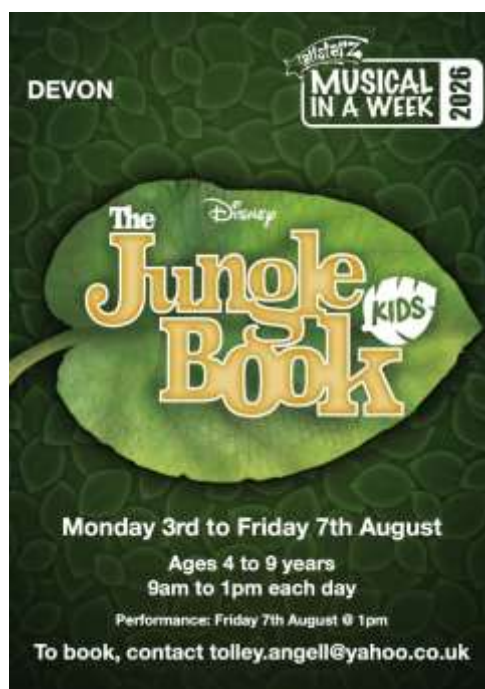
[Harbour Job Vacancies](#)

[Harbour Schools Partnership Job Search](#)

Including vacancies at local schools

[PTA News](#)

[Community News](#)



[Extra School Information](#)

[Useful Links and Information:](#)

Here are some useful links that may assist you with your query

In Year Admission Information - [Apply for an in-year place - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://devon.gov.uk/apply-for-an-in-year-place)

School Catchment Area Checker - [School designated \(catchment\) areas - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Admission Advice for international arrivals [Admission advice for international arrivals - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Guide to School Appeals [School admission appeals Archives - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

School Term Dates [School term dates - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-term-dates/)

School Admissions Team

Telephone – 0345 155 1019 (Education Helpline)

Free School Meals

Check if your child can get free school meals and additional funding support.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- 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).

How to apply

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

School Transport

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

[School and college transport –
Education and Families](#)

School transport information,
including free school transport.
www.devon.gov.uk