

Newsletter



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Website:

[Holywell Church of England School - Home](#)

Email : holywell@thsp.org.uk

8th May 2026

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

End Summer Term son Tuesday 21st July
Half Term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Be kind
Be respectful
Be forgiving
Be determined
Be safe
Be honest – Value of the half term



This week, something mysterious seemed to happen in Foxes class, appearing to magically go back in time...! Our Foxes pupils have been learning about the Stone Age and are focussed on cave painting in their Art learning. It was quite a surprise to me to walk into the classroom to find the children completing their art work on the ceilings of their "caves". Thank you to Mrs Scott and Miss Rae for sharing their art work – their cave paintings are very realistic!

We were so delighted to take our Year 1 children to the Park School Multiskills festival on Wednesday. The children took part in a wide variety of sport skills based

activities and were, of course, very well behaved throughout. What super ambassadors for the school – thank you, Year 1 children.

Punctuality and attendance

As the academic year is progressing, I have noticed that an increasing number of children are beginning to arrive late. This is just a gentle reminder please that the register is open at 8.45am. The school gate is always open at 8.30am and there is a 15 minute window for children to arrive and take part in morning activities. Children benefit hugely from these daily practice times for learning. The gate is closed at 8.45am. Children arriving at 8.50am or after are asked to sign in at the office and children arriving after 9am is marked late after register closes – this is automatically registered as absent and sadly does affect attendance.

Please can I also ask that parents remain at the school gate unless prearranged with staff – this is for safeguarding purposes – thank you! Should you need to send a message to your child's teacher, please speak to either Emma or myself or Elaine in the office and we will ensure that it is passed on. Alternatively, for sensitive issues, we can arrange for your class teacher to speak to you directly or phone you during the day. Thank you for your support in this.

School Disco

The PTA have kindly agreed to organise a school disco for the children on Friday 5th June. The disco will take place in the village hall from 3.15pm-4.30pm. The children will be invited to bring their disco clothes into school and school staff will also be present at the disco. We look forward to sharing more information with you in due course.

Trips

Unfortunately, the proposed trip to Exeter is unable to go ahead – we are in the process of organising a whole school beach trip later for later in the term. Please watch this space!

Finally, we wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck next week as they take their KS2 SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked and know they will be fantastic! Good luck to all and have a restful weekend – Mrs. Lowrey X

ARBOR Payments Due

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

Packed Lunches

Please can we ask that you cut up any finger food which your child will require in smaller pieces to eat safely e.g. tomatoes, carrots and cucumber etc, Many thanks for your help.

Diary Dates

Week commencing Monday 11th May – KS2 SATS week

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

Half Term - 25th to 29th May

Friday 5th June – PTA Disco – Village Hall – 3.15-4.30pm

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

Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th 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.

Tuesday 30th June – Back-up Sports Day

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

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

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 purchase 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/>

Ticks

[Enjoy the great outdoors but #betickaware. - News](#)

Harbour Job Vacancies

[Harbour Schools Partnership Job Search](#)

Including vacancies at local schools

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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

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/>

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including free school
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