

Newsletter



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Website:

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

Email : holywell@thsp.org.uk

15th May 2026

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

End Summer Term on 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

It is with great pride today that we celebrate our fantastic Year 6 children for the hard work and excellent attitudes that they have demonstrated through the SATs testing this week. Every single child worked their socks off! They have been well-behaved, calm and shown great maturity with some tricky papers – they have deserved their relaxed day today and the treats today! Praise also needs to be given to our Year 4 and 5 children in Squirrels who were excellent ambassadors for the supply teacher through the week – it is truly noted that changes to routine can be a challenge for young children, but they remained respectful, hard-working and polite throughout. Huge congratulations to all and to the staff – Mr Bloom, Mr Garrett, Mrs Carlyon, Mrs Mullen and Mrs Huckstep for the support through the year.



In other news, Emma has asked me to inform you that we have brought the table into the hall to place lunchboxes on. This is due to some very cheeky visitors who we have noticed stealing food from one of our lunchboxes! Also, thank you for all of the uniform donations – we have plenty of grey uniform items at this point, but any further green and logo-ed items are still



welcome. Thank you everyone!

Non-Uniform Day

Just a reminder that Friday 22nd May is the last day before half term and is also a Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a bottle towards the PTA Summer Fair. I will be available at the gate to collect any bottles!

Tempest Photographs

We will be hosting Tempest to take whole school, class and Leavers' photos on Wednesday 20th May next week. Please ensure children are wearing correct uniform on this day – thank you!

Year 3 & 4 Residential – Next payment due at the end of May. An email will be sent home soon regarding arrangements for the residential as we now have further details in regard to room allocations and kit lists which will be emailed before half term.

That's it for now, but have a lovely 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

Diary Dates

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

Friday 22nd May – Non-Uniform Day

Half Term - 25th to 29th May

Friday 5th June – PTA Disco – Village Hall,

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 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/>

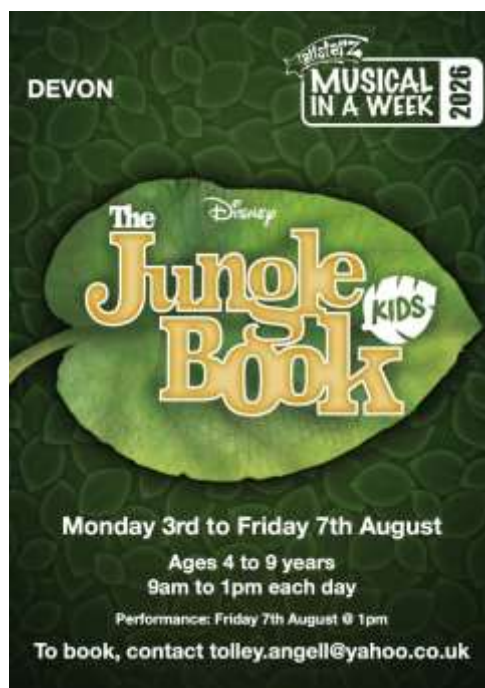
Ticks

[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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://devon.gov.uk/apply-for-an-in-year-place)

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

Admission Advice for international arrivals [Admission advice for international arrivals - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://devon.gov.uk/admission-advice-for-international-arrivals)

Guide to School Appeals [School admission appeals Archives - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://devon.gov.uk/school-admission-appeals-archives)

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

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School transport information,
including free school
transport.

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