

Newsletter



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Website:

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

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22nd 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



It has been a magical week in school this week, with a particularly joyous end of the week in Non-Uniform in aid of the PTA summer fair. Today, we shared a particularly wonderful moment in school with our Hedgehogs and Robins as the caterpillars that they have been observing changing over time had finally gone through their transformation to become beautiful butterflies! Mrs Coulam and Laura released the butterflies with the children today – it is always amazing to see how the children interact with the butterflies and show such gentle care for the creatures.



Today was also a delight to see the children enjoy the sunshine for their non-uniform day. Having spoken to Rachel, I know that we were both over the moon with the amount and variety of bottles donated towards the summer fair. I am sure that you will agree that this was a fantastic idea from the PTA and I am extremely grateful to them for their creative ideas and for giving up their time to raise vital funds for the school. Thank you to you all as parents for your support with these ideas, the children had a really lovely day!

After half term, the children in Year 4 will be sitting their multiplication tables check within the first two weeks of term. We have started using the practice checks online in school. If you would like to practice at home, you can use the Soundcheck in TT Rockstars or you will also find very similar online tools that mimic the check. The children are given random times tables in their tables to 12 and have 6 seconds to answer each question for 25 questions. Thank you for the support – encourage your child not to panic or go too quickly – 6 seconds is much longer than you think!

In June, our Year 1 children will also be sitting their phonics screening check. The children are doing brilliantly with their reading and have experienced some practices through the year through their daily teaching. We complete these checks in a non-pressured way and children are very used to doing this. My advice would be to just keep reading!

Parking

Just a gentle reminder please to avoid parking on the gravel, please do use the car park. The gravelled area needs to remain safely clear for parents and children to be able to walk in and out of school safely – thank you for the support with this.

That's it for now, have a fantastic half term and thank you for the ongoing support!
Best wishes, 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

Half Term - 25th to 29th May

Wednesday 3rd June – 3.30pm – Residential parents meeting

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
Monday 20th July – Leavers' Service – Village Hall 1.30pm
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

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/>

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

School transport information,
including free school
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