

Newsletter



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Website:

Holywell Church of England School - Home

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13th June 2026

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

End Summer Term on Tuesday 21st July

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

At this time of year, as Summer term fully kicks in, we see so much to celebrate in school. This week has been no exception, with the Year 3's starting us off with a series of sporting events attending the cricket festival at Park School. The behaviour was excellent throughout and Mrs Rolfe and Miss Maguire having a fantastic time! It was lovely for me to hear about the excellent sportsmanship of the Holywell children from my daughter, who was sports leading the event and told me that they were amazing at catching the ball!

Thursday also saw the introduction of a new sports event called the "Whiddon Wobbler" an extension to the former cross country event the "Wilcombe Wobbler". Our trust is very keen to continue to work together to build more opportunities for our schools and on this occasion, the event was attended by 17 North Devon Harbour schools. The Holywell children that attended showed outstanding behaviour

throughout and performed superbly, coming in at 9th overall – a tremendous achievement for our small school. A big thank you to Jo Jones for her support attending the event and to Mr Garrett and Mrs Rolfe for their support. The children did comment that they loved hearing everyone cheering them on and, although the course was a tough run, they felt a sense of pride crossing the finish line – very much Holywell spirit – well done children!

Also this week, our pupils have continued to keep working hard as we are completing the Year 4 MTC (multiplication tables check) and our Year 1 phonics screening checks. We are very impressed with all children and the way that they continue to show such commitment to their learning.

Summer Fair

Just a brief note to make you aware of the date of the PTA summer fair! This will be on **Friday 26th June** from 3-5 in Tawstock Village Hall. Please see the separate flier for more information.

Sun and rain!

It is really easy at the moment to get caught out by the weather! I, for one, had not predicted the need for suncream on Tuesday when it was cool and overcast! At the moment, the sun is much stronger than we probably realise, so please do consider using suncream if the children are due to be outside for longer periods of time.

Finally, please note that for the Sports day on 30th June, we will be hosting sports day from 1pm in the afternoon with a 3pm finish. Parents are, naturally, invited to watch our celebration of sport.

Have a really good weekend and see you next week! Mrs Lowrey x

ARBOR Payments Due

Meals – Thank you to all of you who cleared their school meals debts by the 1st June.

Year 3 & 4 Residential – The May Payment is now overdue. If you haven't already paid this can you please do so by Monday 8th June.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th June – Olympic Legacy – Select children only

Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th June – Year 3 & 4 Residential – Calvert Trust – 2 nights.

Tuesday 30th June – 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 – Potential whole school beach trip

Tuesday 14th July – Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15th July – Parent Consultations
Friday 17th July – Holywell Church exhibition – 2pm
Wednesday 20th July – Leavers Service – 2pm – Year 6 parents only.
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

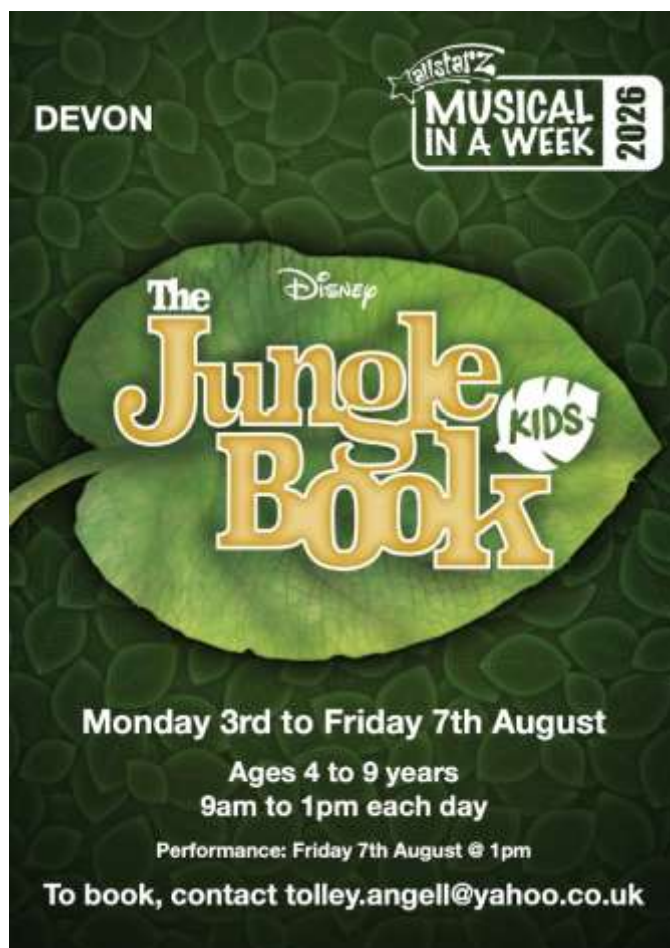
[Enjoy the great outdoors but #betickaware. - News](#)

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

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 transport.

www.devon.gov.uk

