

Newsletter



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26th May 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey Return to school on Monday 5th June.

What a glorious week it has been! Full of sunshine, sport and summer events! There has been so much to celebrate. Firstly, congratulations to our Year 2 children, who have now finished their SATs testing. Their attitude to testing has been excellent and we are so proud of them all. They have all committed 100% to their learning, well done!

On Wednesday, I was privileged to take 16 children to Tiverton for the annual "Wilcombe Wobbler" cross country event. I was so impressed with the behaviour of the children and they were all such good ambassadors for the school. The event was made up of a Year 3/4 girls race, Year 3/4 boys race and the same for Years 5/6. They all showed amazing stamina to run long distance in the heat and I know that I could not have made it up that steep hill, children! The school are very proud of all the children and congratulations go to them all, with some stand-out performances from Ruby, Freya, Olivia, Bobby, Chandler and... an incredible 2^{nd} place to Lola! Well done all of you, it is a team event and you supported each other brilliantly!





Today also sees a team of fantastic sportspeople attending the Aquathon in Torrington! I cannot wait to share more with you next week, but Mr. Day informs me that they are behaving and performing brilliantly! What fantastic sportspeople and excellent sportsmanship they have shown.

I am sure many of you are looking forward to the continuing warm weather through half term! I hope that you all get to enjoy some family time and being outside! We look forward to seeing you again on 5th June. We will be contacting Years 4,5 and 6 as we will be organizing the timetable to be working across the year groups, including for some carousel activities such as art and PE.

The PTA have some wonderful events coming up, please do scroll further to find out more!

Have a wonderful week! Mrs Lowrey

School News



Parent Pay Debts.

We currently have **23 children** showing debts on their ParentPay school meals account, **6 children** on the breakfast club account and **7 children** on the after-school club account. Can we please ask that you check your accounts and pay these off during the half term break? Thank you

Diary Dates

12th June – Tempest – School and Class photos.
29th June – Sports Day – Please arrive at 12:45pm for a 1pm start.

Term Dates

Summer Half Term – 29th – 2nd June 2023 – inclusive. End of Term – last day Friday 21st July 2023.

School Uniform

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw's at Daw's Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford. As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at: https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e

PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers Including vacancies at local schools.

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 quaranteed 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 <u>Devon Citizens Portal</u>. 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

<u>NEW Privacy Notices - November 2023</u> Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/

Ventrus pupil privacy notice can be forum at https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf

Community News

All Stars and Dynamos at your Local Cricket Club

Allstars and Dynamos cricket start in Newton Tracey on Wednesday 24th May:

All Stars (5 - 8 years old) and **Dynamos** (8 - 11 years old) sessions.

The link below provides further details on the two programmes.

https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/SearchResults?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6cKiBhD5ARIsAKXUdybT2Ll9IDO2DnF6r95JQJV0UxBIF80sGEA0F9U7LGldC09ZettCygUaAqImEALwwcB

Booking via website

Join in on the day if spaces available (cash as no wifi)

Entry via Home Farm gate (info on website)

Free entry to Arlington Court for those booked onto event

Parents must stay & play - go on you know you want to!!





Family Adventures at Arlington Court - National Trust

This Bank Holiday weekend

Sun 28th & Mon 29th MAY

Free entry to Arlington gardens, house & Carriage Museum for those booked onto the event

2 Exciting Zones
1.5 hours of family fun
£7pp

- Team challenges
- Nature making
- **Smores**

Session times 10.00 11.30 13.00 14.30 There must be a paying adult with each group Covered activities so suitable for a rainy day!





Chulmleigh College Year 5 Taster Day

Tuesday 4th July 9am - 3.10pm



We are delighted to invite Year 5 pupils to join us for an exciting day at the College!

Pupits witt experience a wide range at activities, including: - PE. Desian & Technology, Food Technology & Science

OUT OF CATCHMENT? We offer a transport service from launsteple, Helhedeigh, Creditor, Reckesford & Carrington areas. (Fransport is not susilable for the Year 5 Taster Day)







Compassion Ambition Teamwork

