

11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Non-Pupil-Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October followed by Half Term.

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

As we approach half term, I must congratulate the children on an excellent start to the school year. It really has been jam-packed so far and every week we are seeing an incredible amount of progress in so many ways. Even today, at the end of a busy week, I have seen some super writing and wonderful phonics. We have also celebrated individuals today simply for just being themselves – our values of kindness and determination are really shining and I am very proud.



It goes without saying that the main highlight of the week has been the KS2 trip to the Eden Project yesterday. A huge thank you to Mrs. Bellew and Miss Boundy for organizing the trip and to all of the staff and volunteers who helped on the day.

Foxes class enjoyed their 'Chocology' workshop at the Eden Project. Making links to our learning by understanding where our food comes from and the importance of Fairtrade. The children completed their scavenger hunt challenge and learnt about the history of chocolate. They had a wonderful time listening to the sound of the rain on the domes which really added to the feel of

the rainforest experience! After lunch they squeezed in a quick trip to the Mediterranean before heading home - a great day of learning was had by all!



The Eden Project – by Freya on behalf of Squirrels

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Foxes and Squirrels class went to the Eden Project. They got into groups to do challenges. Squirrels did a workshop called Darwin's Doodles where they went to the rainforest biome and explained adaptation. Meanwhile, Foxes did a workshop on chocolate that was called "Chocology". In the afternoon, both classes looked around the Mediterranean biome. There was amazing artwork and it was exciting for the pupils.



Children, I am very impressed with your behaviour and your enthusiasm for the trip. It is amazing to hear how inspired you have been in your learning and I can see that this has really enhanced your understanding of your learning. Well done!

Of course, today, we also sadly say goodbye to Mrs Webber who has been working with us for some time now. Mrs Webber is going on to her own personal ventures and we are excited for her and her new business opportunities. We will miss Mrs Webber, but do know that we will see her again! We wish her every success and thank her for her hard work with the children.

I do hope that you have a wonderful weekend and perhaps catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights if they appear again! See you next week and enjoy parent conferences. Best wishes, Mrs Lowrey

#### Swimming – mislaid/lost property

This Tuesday Wilf mislaid 1 black Jordan sock when he went swimming, if your child picked it up in error and you have found it when sorting out their kit could you please return it to school and we will reunite it with Wilf. Thank you. Thank you to all of the parents for your efforts in collecting the children promptly, this has been really helpful.

#### ParentPay

These events are now available on ParentPay

**Year 5/6 Swimming** – due as soon as possible as the event has now started.

**Year 3 /4 Swimming** – after half term

**Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Trip to the Eden Project** – by the 7<sup>th</sup> October

**Year 5/6 Residential to the Calvert Trust** – by the end of September

**School Meals**

**Breakfast Club**

**After School Clubs**

#### Admissions to Year 7 and Reception September 2025

Applications for the new Year 7 Intake in September 2025 open on 1st September 2024.

Applications for the new Reception Intake in September 2025 open on 15th November 2024.

#### Admissions to Year 7 for September 2025.

The Application window for the September 2025 is live now! You have until the 31<sup>st</sup> October before the system closes.

#### Admissions to Reception Year for September 2025

Further details can be found at [Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/apply-for-a-reception-or-year-3-place-at-a-primary-school) The Application window for the September 2025 will open on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and close on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this busy time

School Admissions Team

Telephone – 0345 155 1019 (Education Helpline)

### **SAFETY ALERT**

[opss-issues-safety-alert-to-warn-of-the-risks-of-water-beads](#)

### **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/>

### **Diary Dates**

**Swimming Years 5/6 – please collect from the leisure centre at 3pm.**

**Parent Conferences – W/C 14th October – please book your conference nearer the time on Teams or if with Mrs Coulam you should have received a sheet to return to school. **Please check tapestry for your allocated time!****

**Tempest – Individual and Family photos on **Thursday 24th October** – School and Holywell Pre-School children only.**

**Harvest Assembly/service – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – location Roundswell Primary Academy**

**Swimming sessions – Years 3 and 4 – Nov/Dec**

**Swimming sessions – Years R, 1 & 2 – Jan/Feb**

**February 2025 - Year 3 & 4 Residential to the Calvert Trust – A letter was emailed home this week. The trip has been set up on ParentPay and a deposit to secure your child's place is due in September. Please email if you need to discuss an alternative payment plan.**

### **Term Dates**

Non-Pupil Day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

End of Autumn Term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

A full list of dates for the 2024/2025 academic year can be found on our website.

### **School Uniform**

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

**PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.** We will be having a delivery during the holidays and will be distributed by payment dates on ParentPay, except for new parents who are awaiting login details for ParentPay.

### 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 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](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

### **NEW Privacy Notices – November 2023**

#### **Important information**

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

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

### **Tawstock and Barnstaple Community News**

#### **Half Term – Library Event**

After the success of the sellout Moomins production with Lost & Found Theatre, we are delighted to welcome them back with a performance of Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October for two performances at 11am and 1pm.**

We are able to subsidise ticket prices thanks to a Flourishing Culture grant from North Devon Council, making ticket prices accessible to more families.

[Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers Tickets, Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers Tickets, Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

#### **Writing competition organised by Exmoor national Park**

<https://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/exmoor-for-everyone/stargazing-and-dark-skies/exmoor-dark-skies-festival/exmoor-dark-skies-festival-competition>

#### **What's on at the Barnstaple Museum**

We have a lot going on in the next few months and would like to share some of these events with you now (see also key dates at the end of the piece)

#### **Turner in Barnstaple Jul 20, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024**

With items on loan from the Tate, there will be watercolour paintings, sketchbooks and prints from engravings by JMW Turner, all inspired by his visit to the area around 1813-14

We have up to 40 places p/day with bursaries and discounts available.