

Newsletter



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Website:

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

Email : holywell@thsp.org.uk

18th September 2026

Holywell is an allergy aware zone. No nuts please!

Last day of the Autumn Term - Friday 18th December

Non-Pupil Day - Friday 23rd October

Half Term - Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

End of Term – Friday 18th December

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Be kind- value of the half term

Be respectful

Be forgiving

Be determined

Be safe

Be honest

We have had a fantastic week here at Holywell with so much to share already! I am so pleased with the way that the children have adapted to new routines and expectations and they are showing a great deal of pride in their learning.

Firstly, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our three parents who volunteered their support for the role of Parent Governor. I am so grateful for their support and was overwhelmed by the number of families who took the time to vote. This just goes to show the fantastic community that you are in supporting your school – thank you! It was a very close run between all three candidates, but I am delighted to share that Beanie Piper was elected by yourselves to stand as parent governor.



Romar Football Club

You may or may not be aware that Romar Football Club run their football club on our site on a Friday after school. They have been in touch recently to share that numbers that have signed up are very low and they may not have sufficient numbers to run the club. If you are interested in the club – please can I ask that you sign up your child as soon as possible as they will need to make a decision on running the club if numbers remain low – thank you!

Please follow the link to sign up direct with Romar

Football – thank you! [Holywell Romar Football Sign up](#)

Final Mile

This week, we were visited by the Children's hospice who talked to the children about the "Final Mile" event at Rock Park next Sunday 27th September. Next week, all of those who are signed up will be **running their 12 miles in school hours!** The children do not need to bring trainers into school, we will run laps on the playground and I will send an update home to you every day with how far your child has run.

On Sunday, the children will meet at Rock Park for their final mile. Children **MUST** sign up and be supervised by their parents/carers on the day. I will be running with the children myself, as will Mrs Lowin – however, parents must stay and supervise their children. A letter with further details is attached with this newsletter.

A huge thank you to all who have signed up and started fundraising already – with a particular shout out to Freddie who has raised significant funds for the hospice already – please see the leader board – what a fantastic achievement from our pupils and families! Thank you!

1		Roundswell Community Primary Academy	Raised £1,408
2		Sticklepath Primary School	Raised £732
3		Holywell Church of England school	Raised £188
4		Lynton Primary School	Raised £62
5		Orchard Vale Community School	Raised £59

PTA – AGM



I am delighted to share that the PTA AGM will be held on Thursday 8th October on site in school. The flier is attached separately to this newsletter. If you would like to be involved with the school and their amazing fundraising events, please do come along!

May I also take this opportunity to thank Rachel and all members of the PTA this year for their fundraising efforts and generosity. We are very grateful for most recent donations towards the development of the library in school and for the application for grants (particularly to the North Devon Coast National Landscape) which have funded our

educational visit to Northam Burrows next week. What a fantastic opportunity for the children – that you all for your efforts and for the memories that you have helped to create.

Parent Survey

It is hugely important to me as Headteacher, as it is to all of us as a teaching team, that we listen to our families and respond to the needs of our school. As a starting point for this year, I would like to invite everyone to please offer key feedback to us as a team of teachers about the school. I would like to resend the survey to you on a regular basis as a means for ongoing feedback – please do share your thoughts.

For new families, please do contact the school through the year should you have any concerns or request an appointment to speak to either myself, Mrs Elliott or your class teachers. We will be setting up parents evenings mid-way through the term to allow the children to settle, but any issues before this time, please do not hesitate to ask.

Here is the link to our parent survey – I have left the name as optional, should you wish your feedback to remain anonymous that is fine. Also, if you would like contact from the school in regard to any feedback, please do add this in the final comment box and should you wish to clarify any points further, please always feel free to come and talk to us.

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk_cBxm7KP7e-ZMpJ57Dd1bWclUQUc3TzVYWEw4SVpLQkNVV1hLQlRSQjNXUS4u

Thank you!

Have a fantastic weekend and see you next week! Mrs Lowrey X



If you need to contact the school office via email, please ensure you use holywell@thsp.org.uk

ARBOR Payments

Thank you to those of you who cleared your debts by the given date, however there are a few still outstanding. Please can you try to pay for school meals in advance. All payments for School Meals, Wraparound Care (BSC & ASC), and Trips, including visits and swimming etc., must be paid via your child's account. If you haven't been able to access this could you please let us know.

PRE LOVED UNIFORM




GREEN LOGO UNIFORM £2



PLAIN AND GREY UNIFORM £1

 **CONTACT LISA ON 07713830710** 

Consent Forms

Please could we ask, if not already done so, to return the signed photo and off-site activities forms to school as soon as possible to ensure our records are kept up to date. If you require hard copies, please just ask in the office.

Nasal Flu vaccination

If you would like your child (Reception to Year 6) to receive the vaccine, then please ensure you complete the online form using the link detailed below. Consent must be given by 5th October. Your child will only receive the vaccination if you 'opt in' using the online form.

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=DV145767>

Diary Dates

Wednesday 23rd September – Open Morning at Pilton – Year 6.

Thursday 24th September – Beach Trip – Years 1-6.

Monday 21st September – Open Evening at Pilton – Year 6.

Monday 28th September – Appledore Book Festival – KS2.

Thursday 1st October – Appledore Book Festival – KS1.

Friday 2nd October – Appledore Book Festival x 2 – KS1.

Tuesday 6th October – Flu Vaccinations – Reception - Y6.

Friday 9th October – Proposed visit to Exeter – KS2 + Year 2.

Thursday 22nd October – Harvest service at St Peters Church, Tawstock.

Wednesday 11th November – Bike-ability Year 6 and possibly Year 5.

To be confirmed - Swimming for KS2 Autumn Term.

Thursday 17th December – Christingle Service at St Peters Church, Tawstock.

Term Dates

A full list of dates for the **2026/2027** academic year can be found on our website. [Holywell Church of England School - Term Dates](#)

School Uniform

All items are now available from Brandit, we do not hold any stock items in school.

[Brandit - Barnstaple](#)

School Menu – price £2.70 from September 2026

These can be found on the school's 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.

Harbour Job Vacancies

[Harbour Schools Partnership Job Search](#)

Including vacancies at local schools

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](#)

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://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-admission) School

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

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

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

Dates [School term dates - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-admission)

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

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

School transport information,
including free school
transport.

www.devon.gov.uk

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>



PILTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Monday 21 September 2026

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OPEN MORNING TOURS

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Thursday 24 September 2026

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