

Newsletter



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Website:

[Holywell Church of England School - Home](https://www.holywellchurch.org.uk/)

Email : holywell@thsp.org.uk

10th July 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

Please note – Welly Walking Club has now finished for the year – there will be no club on Monday!

This is such a special time of year in school and I was delighted to finally be able to share another warm, sunny sports day with our community on Tuesday – what a fantastic afternoon we had! I was very proud of our children, showing great sportsmanship throughout and huge congratulations to St. George's house who won the overall trophy again this year! We have certificates and some surprises for the children to hand out next week with Mrs Maguire. Well done everyone and thank you to all those in the community who attended.

Another event to celebrate was the attending of the Year 6 children at the Warriors athletics at Park school on Wednesday. This brilliant event was enjoyed by all and

marked the start of the transition days to Park school for those moving on there. We are really proud of you, year 6, we wish you every success!

Beach Trip

Please note, we are watching the weather very closely over the weekend to ensure that we are safely able to attend the beach. Should any hot weather warnings be issued around the day of the trip, we may need to make last minute changes. We have noted that it may be windy, however if you do have any small pop up gazebos that you are able to let us borrow for the day, please could you let us know by Monday.

Cake Sale

Squirrels class will be doing some cooking in their DT lessons on Monday as part of their curriculum. They will be inviting children to buy their treats on Wednesday as a cake sale at the end of the day – please do bring some pennies to school – all funds raised will go towards the school. Thank you!

Parking – disabled parking space

In order to support a member of our school community, I am enabling the disabled car park spot to be reserved for them at drop off and pick up in order to ensure that they are able to access and depart the school with ease. Please can families be mindful to avoid blocking this space as access needs to be readily available, particularly at the end of the day. Should any other members of our community require access to the disabled parking spot, please do speak to us, we are not intending to be exclusive. Please can I also remind our families to not park on the stones leading to the lane as children need to be able to access the car park safely. Thank you!

Finally, a huge congratulations to Max, Henry and Jack who have worked consistently hard throughout the year at Pilton Farm on their allotment. The boys designed, dug out and planted all of the vegetables and flowers that are there and I am delighted to share that Holywell was judged to come 1st Place out of all of the allotments at the farm. The farm leaders complimented the boys hugely on their hard work, excellent behaviour and commitment to the project – I am deeply proud of you all, well done boys!

We do hope that you have a restful and safe weekend in the sunshine – please enjoy the family time!

Best wishes, Mrs Lowrey X

School Meals – Price Update

We would like to inform all parents that, after careful consideration, we are increasing the cost of school meals. From **1 September 2026** the cost per meal will be **£2.70**.

Please be reassured that this decision has not been taken lightly. As with many areas, we continue to face increasing costs in delivering high-quality meals for our pupils. We know this is a challenging time for many families and have taken care to keep the increase as small as possible whilst ensuring the sustainability of our catering provision.

We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support.

ARBOR Payments Due

All debts on Arbor must be cleared by the 21st July

Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th July – Whole school beach trip

Tuesday 14th July – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 15th July – Parent Consultations

Thursday 16th July – Parent Consultations

Friday 17th July – Year 6 - Air Extreme – Parents collect from Air Extreme at 3pm

Friday 17th July – Holywell school Art Exhibition opens at St Peter's Church, Tawstock – parents welcome.

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 7/8 and 12/13 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 – we have been informed that School Threads have ceased trading although their website is still live. We strongly advise that you check this out before ordering.

All our uniform is available at Brandit as mentioned above.

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/>

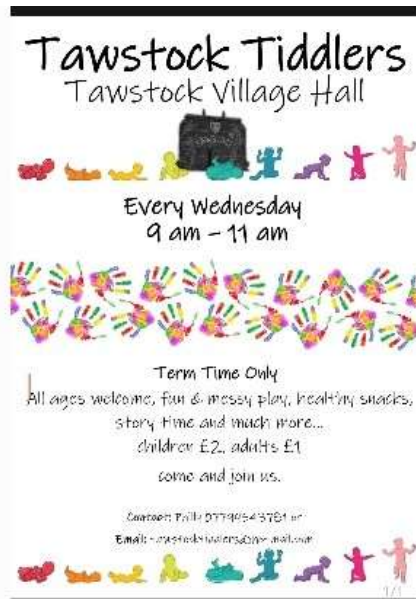
Ticks

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

[Harbour Job Vacancies](#)
[Harbour Schools Partnership Job Search](#)

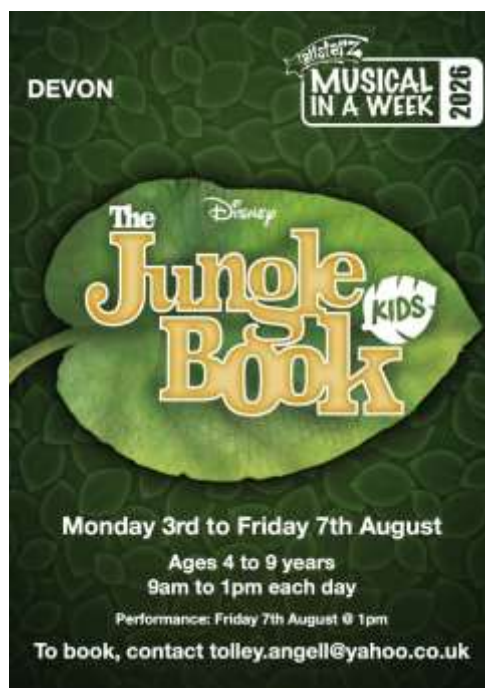
Including vacancies at local schools

PTA News



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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://devon.gov.uk/apply-for-an-in-year-place)

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

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

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

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

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/>

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School transport information,
including free school
transport.

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