

121st June 2024

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey



This week, we have seen some excellent examples of work from our children, with everyone continuing to work hard, even though we are tired and nearing the end of term! Today, I was invited into Robins to see the children creating some beautiful art work where the children were drawing and painting flowers brought in by Mrs Coulam. I was very impressed with the detail in the paintings and the focus that the children were showing on a Friday afternoon!

Also, some of our very youngest children were seen drawing and labelling animals for the entire alphabet, using excellent drawing skills and using their phonics to decode and write – fantastic effort!



I know that the sun is due to return and be possibly a little warmer next week, so please do keep an eye on the weather forecast. Please remember sunscreen and a sunhat on particularly hot days – we have had so much rain recently, it is worth a reminder!

Playground play

At Holywell, we have always recognized physical play between children, however, we have experienced a few more accidents recently. These have been entirely accidental and no one is at fault, however, I have set a rule today to help the children to understand that we cannot play fight or engage in rough play. The children are very good at understanding this, however, to help all children to understand I have explained it as the following:

- No contact with our arms or feet
- No piggy backs
- No pushing or grabbing
- No contact while playing football

I absolutely understand that the children will question whether they can play “tag” or hold hands etc. and of course, this is absolutely fine. I also understand that accidents will happen, however, a rule on physical play will help stop any unwanted injuries. I would also advise the children that if an adult asks them to stop, they do please stop first time. Thank you!

Finally, the siteworks are progressing and builders are due in imminently to commence with the internal wall rebuild. I am receiving more regular communication and have seen the detailed scheduled works. I realise that I am asked regularly and that we are keen to know a return date, but I do not have that information yet. Please do try not to pay attention to hearsay, we are chasing regularly and will let you know as soon as I do know.

I must take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their recent discussion in regard to the purchase of items for the school and for their support with Year 6 leavers. Together with the school council, the PTA and the children have some amazing ideas for the future of the school and I look forward to sharing this with you soon! Thank you again everyone involved.

Have a great weekend – Mrs Lowrey

ParentPay

Please can you check you ParentPay account and pay off any outstanding balances.

The trips available for any outstanding balances to be cleared are:

Years 3 and 4 Swimming – a few payments still outstanding.

Years R, 1 and 2 Swimming – a few payments still outstanding.

Rosemoor Trip – taking place on Tuesday 7th May – a few payments still outstanding.

School Lunches –

Breakfast and After-School Clubs – **please can you clear your outstanding.**

Pre-School Fees

Year 3 & 4 - Exeter Trip – **must be paid by the Monday 17th June. If we do not receive enough payments to cover the cost of this trip, which is already being subsidised by the PTA, we may have to be cancelled.**

Links you may find useful.

[HANDi Paediatric app: advice for common childhood conditions - One Devon](#)

Diary Dates

24th June – Tempest Class/Group Photos

26th June – Year 5 cricket festival

27th June – Year 3 & 4 - trip to Exeter – details have been sent out.

25th June – Year 6 – Air Extreme.

28th June – Skern Lodge – rising stars

1st & 2nd July – Year 6 - Taster days Pilton

11th & 12th July – Year 6 Taster days Park

16th July – Sports Day – PM

22nd July – leavers service

Term Dates

Last day of term – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

First day of the Autumn term 2024-2025 – Thursday 5th September 2024

School Uniform

<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 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

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

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)

Devonian Monsters Apr 27, 2024 - Jul 6, 2024

Step back 400 million years ago to a time long before the dinosaurs. Encounter a world filled with curious creatures that lived in the geological period named after Devon – the Devonian.

Katy Lee – Going on Taw May 18, 2024 - Jul 6, 2024

Since January 2023 Katy Lee, lead artist and Creative Producer, has swum, walked and canoed the River Taw speaking to experts, gathering stories and working with seven different community groups who use/depend on the River or are geographically linked to it. Going on Taw is an 18-month storytelling & poetry project that travelled the length of the River Taw from Source to Sea – culminating in the exhibition at the Museum

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

Summer Holiday events and family friendly activities will be available throughout the school holidays, please check the website for the latest info

We also have a fantastic range of permanent displays, which are open to all, FREE of charge, during our normal opening hours: Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm

Beaford Art Centre – See Flyer

Aimed at students aged 8-14 for summer holiday enrichment, especially those with a talent and interest in the arts. Specialisms include visual art, storytelling, photography, and film. They can book 'Summer School Creatives' with Beaford Arts, located in Barnstaple via the QR code. Each day offers expertise from four artist-educators featuring teaching and learning techniques developed from a three-year project with over 300 children in ten local schools. This will introduce and extend knowledge and skills in a fun and engaging way for every child whatever their level of experience, including those who have already worked with us. A report on this project will be presented at the British Education Research Association this year, and it has been nominated for an award. Examples of outcomes can be found [here](#) and ways to work with us can be found on our website: [Beaford](#)

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