

14th June 2024

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Despite a bit of a rainy end to the week, the children have been in good spirits today and still working hard! We have been fortunate to have some extra time with Mr Day this week and he was able to set up some fantastic gymnastics in the hall today, using the Roundswell climbing equipment and vaults and mats. It may be worth keeping an eye on the forecast as many children were without a coat today – rather have something in the locker and not need it during this unpredictable weather that we are having!

This week has been incredibly busy, so I do imagine the children will be very tired. We have had multiplication tables checks in Year 4, SATs testing in Year 2 and phonics screening in Year 1! Year 4s, I am so pleased with the efforts that you have put into the 99 club this year, it has really paid off in your MTC and I look forward to sharing those scores with you when we have finished. Likewise, Year 1 and 2s – I can see how much your reading and phonics work has also paid off. I am so proud of you all for the commitment that you have shown – very well done!

Year 2 SATs are no longer a statutory requirement, however, we have opted as a trust to continue to deliver the SATs to support teacher assessment. This will be reported in your annual report as a teacher assessed score. The phonics screening mark is a pass mark which is not yet confirmed, however, you will also receive your child's score out of 40.



This week, we congratulated Mr Garrett on the arrival of his beautiful baby boy. The children were incredibly excited to see Mr Garrett in the week and meet the baby. It always makes me so proud to see the way our children were gentle, kind and so pleased for Mr Garrett and his family. A heartfelt congratulations from the Holywell family, Mr Garrett.

I love to share the achievements of our children and I was so delighted to hear that Lola and Violet both raced in Bude on Wednesday evening. The girls entered running races in their age range and Lola came 2nd in her race, with Violet coming 1st in her race. Amazing achievement, girls, we are all very proud, not only with your running, but you are excellent role models and have fantastic attitude to learning all-round. Congratulations!

I have been meeting with the project managers for the siteworks and can confirm that the layout and design has been approved as well as the final

schedule of works. I am of the understanding that the work is now progressing quite quickly and we are chasing daily for more precision about a date for return. I apologise that I cannot be more definite, however, please rest assured that I am working very hard to try to secure this information for you.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I share the information with you that Reverend Cathy has made the decision to take early retirement from her position with the church and has moved back to Wales to be with her family. I understand that Cathy is recovering slowly and has made this difficult decision to support her health. Reverend Gary has been in touch and will support the school at the moment and has kindly agreed to be a part of our leavers' assembly and support with worship in July. Our thoughts are with Cathy and we wish her all the best. She was a wonderful soul and her energy and enthusiasm was greatly valued as part of our school community.

I hope that you all enjoyed your parent conferences this week and we certainly enjoyed the opportunity to speak to you face to face. It was a lovely atmosphere and great to see as many of you as we did.

I hope you do have a fantastic weekend and enjoy Father's Day.

Best wishes, 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

25th June – Year 6 – Air Extreme.

26th June – Year 5 cricket festival – Barnstaple cricket club (more details to follow)

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

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

5th July – provisional squirrels trip

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

16th July – Sports Day – PM

Other dates to be added when know e.g. Class trips, and leavers service.

Term Dates

Last day of term – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

First day of the Autumn tern 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=VENTRUMUL&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>

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