

28th June 2024

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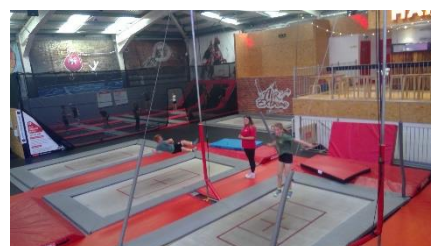
Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Well, what a fantastic week it has been at Holywell, it has been one where we must stop and reflect and be so proud of our children. A huge thank you goes to all staff this week, who have organized events and trips and who go over and above in making sure that our children have some fantastic experiences.



Firstly, Tuesday saw the arrival of our Year 6 leavers' treat trip to Air Extreme. Miss Boundy, Mrs Carlyon, Mr Garrett and all adults at Holywell are extremely proud of the progress that our Year 6 children have made. On a personal note, Miss Boundy and I were speaking only today about how much we will miss our Year 6 children as they begin to think about moving to secondary schools. Our Year 6 children have such a mix of beautiful personalities and they have formed such strong

friendships. They even continue to impress us as the end of the year approaches, keeping up with the efforts and being true to themselves. The visit to Air Extreme was a huge success and the children represented the school with excellent behaviour and attitudes. Very well done, everyone!



On Wednesday, it was time for the Year 5 children to celebrate at the cricket festival. I was extremely grateful to Mr Day and Mrs Rolfe for organizing to be available on the day in order to take the children to the event. Our school came 4th overall out of 10 teams – another fantastic result for Holywell. As with the Year 6 children, our Year 5s showed impeccable behaviour and I particularly wanted to give a shout out to Thomas and Bleszha, who attended in spite of their injuries and insisted on being a part of their class experience. Both children have demonstrated so much resilience and are continuing to enjoy all aspects of school life – I am very proud of both of you for attending and being a part of a team. Very well done to all Year 5s.

Yesterday was another exciting day for Years 3 and 4 with their class trip to Exeter Cathedral and The Royal Albert Memorial museum. It is fantastic that I can rely on all of our children to represent the school so well while off site. Mrs Bellew, Mrs Scott, Mrs Huckstep and Mrs Mullen again went over and above in offering their time to organize such a trip. What a fantastic opportunity to visit such an important site – Mrs Bellew is also extremely proud of her class.

Site works

Contractors have been on site this week and work is continuing on the building. I have been made aware that the roof has been removed and has revealed some deterioration in addition to damage from the fire. It remains unclear about a return date, but of course, I will let you know as soon as I hear as there are continuing unknowns that may be found. In the meantime, thank you to those of you who have fed back so positively about the work that we have undertaken at RCPA and we are very thankful for their support.

Tempest Photos

You should all have received an email with a link for your child's year group and class photo. As mentioned in the body of the letter you will be able to order these on-line. Tempest are saying that the free delivery with the photos being delivered to school will be open for approximately 14 days. If you would prefer for them to be delivered to your home address, there is an extra charge. Also, if you miss the time that the link is available for the free school delivery to school you will also be required to pay postage and have them delivered to your home address.

Driving and parking at Roundswell:

Please can we remind everyone driving their children to school to be extra careful when reversing. We have received a couple of complaints again this week of parents reversing and pulling out without looking when children are crossing the road.

We also have received phone call and written complaints from residents regarding the inconsiderate parking when dropping and collecting children from school. Can you please make sure that you are not parking in or blocking a driveway or parking on pathways which families use to make sure that their children can walk safely to and from school.

Thank you for your co-operation with this as we are sure you will all agree that our children's safety is paramount.

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

Links you may find useful.

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

Diary Dates

1st & 2nd July – Year 6 - Taster days Pilton
5th July – Year 5/6 – Instow Beach trip
8th July – Wimbledon trip
10th July – Year 6 – Athletics @ Park School – selected children only
11th & 12th July – Year 6 Taster days Park
16th July – Sports Day – 1.30pm start
18th July – teacher takeover day
22nd July – Leavers service at Roundswell – am

Term Dates

Last day of term – Tuesday 23rd July 2024
First day of the Autumn term 2024-2025 – Thursday 5th September 2024



Enjoy learning how to play the piano / keyboard. Complete beginners welcome. Fun approach to note reading and playing.

Summer childrens piano concert at Tawstock Village Hall this Sunday June 30th at 2.30pm, all families and budding piano players welcome!

Tea & cake being served afterwards.

For more info or to book a taster lesson please call Vicki on 07535 724628



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.