

13th September 2024

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Non-Pupil-Day Friday 25th October followed by Half Term.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

As we reach the end of our first full week back, I have been so impressed with the children. I am sure that you may have some tired children at home this weekend, but thank you to everyone who has shared how much happy chatter they have shared at home. It has been a delight to see the children arriving at school with their school council posters and sharing their powerpoints. This year, we have seen an incredible amount of entries and children wanting to be part of the school council.

We have had our elections today and I am pleased to announce that the school council roles have been voted for as follows:

Chair: Lota

Vice Chair – Freya

Treasurer – Daniel

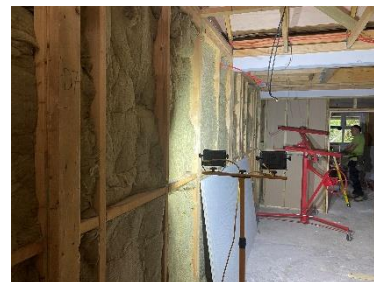
Year 5 – Jacob and Ella

Foxes – Darcey and Jack

Robins – Charlie and Isabelle

We have also elected children from each class to ensure that their voices are shared. Very well done to all of the children for their hard work, I am very impressed with your efforts!

Holywell Site news



Earlier this week, I received photographs of the progress of the siteworks that I can share with you here. The classroom is taking shape and we can see the spaces that will become final teaching and staff

spaces. You may be able to see in one photograph, the added space that we have allocated to a

teaching intervention room. This will have a smartboard and teaching space and we have taken time to consider the necessary upgrades of technology used. As mentioned previously, we are proceeding with the ramp for access in order that we are providing improved inclusive access for any adult or child with mobility issues. I hope that you enjoy sharing the photographs with the children as the works are progressing.

Cake sale

We have cordially been invited to join Roundswell School for a cake sale on Monday! Please see the flier in community news for full details. I know that Bea is looking to get her Brownie Badge and is raising money for the dogs' trust. Well done Bea for your efforts and thank you so much for inviting us! Any bus children, please bring your pennies too and we will help you to get a cake to eat on return to Holywell. I would suggest 50p-£1 for those on the bus.

Breakfast and After-School Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast and After-School Club now takes place in the hall. Please drop off and collect children from the first hall door, through the main playground gates. If the gates are locked, please ring the doorbell.

Links you may find useful.

[Parent guide should my child stay off school guidance-poster](#)

[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/>

Diary Dates

Swimming Years 5/6 – A letter is being sent out about the swimming sessions. As soon as we can set up ParentPay for payments, we will let you know. If you haven't already done so, could you please return the consent form and SOE3 forms, which were sent home this week, to school as soon as possible.

Eden Project visit Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 – 10th October 2024. Again as soon as we are able to set this up on ParentPay for payment we will let you know.

February 2025 - Year 3 & 4 Residential to the Calvert Trust – A letter was emailed home this week. The trip has been set up on ParentPay and a deposit to secure your child's place is due in September. Please email if you need to discuss an alternative payment plan.

Swimming sessions (for all year groups) – proposed timetable – Years 5 & 6 – Sept/Oct, Year 3 & 4 - Nov/Dec and Years R, 1 & 2 – Jan/Feb

15th, 16th, 17th October – Parent conferences – evenings Times and location TBC

Term Dates

Non-Pupil Day – Friday 25th October 2024

Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

End of Autumn Term – Friday 20th December 2024

A full list of dates for the 2024/2025 academic year can be found on our website.

School Uniform

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school. We will be having a delivery during the holidays and will be distributed by payment dates on ParentPay, except for new parents who are awaiting login details for ParentPay.

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

Event at Roundswell Community Primary

Bea's Cake Sale – Homemade Cakes and Treats - In aid of Dogs Trust – 100% of proceeds go to our local Dogs Trust

Monday 16th September – 3pm – 3.30pm

Please support Bea to earn her GOLD Brownie Badge

Writing competition organised by Exmoor national Park

<https://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/exmoor-for-everyone/stargazing-and-dark-skies/exmoor-dark-skies-festival/exmoor-dark-skies-festival-competition>

Park Community School Open Evenings.

Choosing your Secondary School?
Open Evening Thurs 19th Sept
Open Mornings 23rd-25th Sept



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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)

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

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