

28th March 2024

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from
Mrs. Lowrey

What a terrific end to the term today, with so much to celebrate during the week. For a four day week, it certainly has been jam-packed, with today seeing unexpected snow through Barnstaple and it was a wonderful drive in with the white-covered hills in the background. We certainly have had a term of unexpected events!

So, firstly, I must congratulate our Year 5/6 boys who attended the football competition on Tuesday. The boys were quite nervous about the day before they left, but proved themselves fantastic team players on the pitch! I was so impressed with the way that they supported each other and boosted each other's confidence. Not only that, but Mr Day and Mr Garrett were very proud of the natural sportsmanship that the boys demonstrated throughout the day. Very well done, all of you!



This week, I had asked the Year 5/6 children to write some of the moments that they are most proud of this term. We are incredibly proud of the way the children have worked hard at Roundswell and I was so pleased with some of the children's responses. Edward S, congratulations on achieving a merit in your grade 1 piano – I know you are a beautiful piano player, we are so proud that you are a part of our school. Naomi, you are right to be proud of your achievements in netball and your 88 club badge in maths! Mia and Ella, I loved hearing about your indoor skydiving – what a fantastic experience for you and I know you would have both shown such adventurous spirit in

doing it, as you do with your learning. Nancy, I love that you are so proud of walking 10 miles in the holidays and want to walk or ride even further. Daniel, I love that you are so proud of achieving 29.006 steps in a day. There are many more sporting, artistic and academic achievements that they want to share, that I won't have space for them all. Needless to say, what a fab bunch they are and their individuality shines through every day and in every year group.

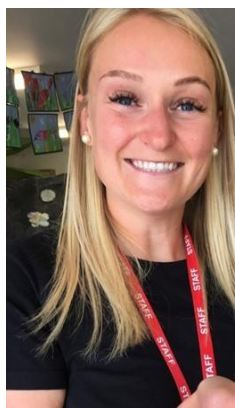
Thank you so much to the parents who have emailed some very kind, positive feedback this week both for the boys football tournament and for the Easter service. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and loved sharing their experience with you. My thanks go to Reverend Gary for his support and to the PTA for their generous thought of the Easter gifts.



Finally, it goes without saying that the visit from the Ice Cream van was a huge hit across both schools. My very sincere thanks goes to the PTA for organizing this treat – ending the day with their faces lit up with giant ice-creams! What a lovely memory for the children. I do know that our bus children missed out and I am aware from Philly that an alternative is being arranged, so apologies for that children on the bus. I do hope that you get to enjoy some chocolate treats and we will make sure that you get your treat at another time. Thank you so much to the PTA for organizing!

You will have now received my letter regarding the delay to the return to school, but please rest assured that people are working hard to make sure that our return is thorough and well-planned. Until then, we will continue to work hard and support all children with their learning. We do wish you all a very happy, restful Easter

with your families. Best wishes – Mrs Lowrey



Message from the SENDCo

I just wanted to send a quick message to wish you all a very happy Easter and to thank-you all for your continued support this term. It has been a busy term, and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying such wonderful experiences, facing new challenges and I have been very proud of how they have all managed so many unexpected changes!

A reminder that I am always on site at Holywell on a Thursday- If you ever have any concerns or questions regarding the needs of your child, you can always send an email, drop me a call or arrange a meeting and I will be very happy to discuss this with you further. The best way to contact me is via the school office.

Whilst I am not on site on the remaining days, I am still working, and will always try to respond within 48 working hours.

Thank you again for your support- I wish you all a very happy Easter break!

Annie Challacombe
SEN Co-ordinator

First day of the Summer Term – Monday 15th April 2024
School

Summer menu

The new summer menu is attached and can also be found on the school website.

Term dates

We have listed the relevant term dates for the remainder of this year academic year below. These are also available on our school website along with the term dates for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026.

Links you may find useful.

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

Diary Dates

15th April – Year 5 Leadership training with Chris Farr

26th April – KS1 – Trip to Rosemoor – Pond dipping workshop – more details to follow

30th April – KS2 Lifeguard talk.

1st May – Year 2 Tennis festival

13th May – 17th May – Year 6 SATs week

22nd May – Wilcombe Wobbler

24th May – Torrington Aquathlon

27th June – proposed date for a trip for Foxes class – details to follow

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

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

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

Term Dates

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024 inclusive.

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>