

18th October 2024

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

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

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

What a super day in school, and a lovely way to end another week at Holywell. It was a real pleasure to welcome visitors to the school and share how well the children have been doing. I have seen some outstanding pieces of home learning, both made items and wonderful pictures posted on Tapestry and Teams.

Firstly, a huge well done and thank you to the children who were selected to run in the cross country Stephen's shield event today. Mr Day and Mrs Jones attended the event with the team, who represented the school brilliantly. The children were incredible today; well behaved and wonderful ambassadors for the school. Mr Day commented that there was a huge number of children running and we were so proud of how Holywell children competed.



Results for the children were as follows:

Harvey: 17th
Mackenzie: 113th
Oscar: 121st
Lola: 19th
Blezsha: 20th
Violet: 7th
Phoebe: 93rd

Site update

This week, I am delighted to share some pictures of the completed plasterwork and I know that the roof is well under way. Once the roof is complete, I understand that the scaffolding will come down and the building will be more visible and accessible. In addition, the painters have been decorating the Robins class and the teacher are busy planning our return. I have received

so many kind offers of help from our families and I am delighted that I should be able to invite the local community to be involved. I will keep you all informed as to what this may look like and thank everyone who has made suggestions for how they could help.



I was also so grateful to the PTA this week for their continued efforts. I particularly wanted to thank Aneka for everything that she has done to support the school in her role and would like her to know much we have valued her commitment and hard work. Thank you and thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. I can see that the Holywell generosity continues with the items that have been ordered – what fantastic ideas!

One item that I would like to mention – the PTA are currently low in stock of used uniform that is fully logood. If you do have used, logood uniform, please could you contact Lauren and they are happy to store the uniform for resale/donation. Thank you!

Finally, just a reminder that next week is a four day week, with school being closed to Holywell children on Friday 25th. We break up for half term on Thursday 24th October and return on 4th November to Roundswell school **Please do note, there will be no breakfast or after school club on Monday 4th November.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

ParentPay

These events are now available on ParentPay

Year 5/6 Swimming – due as soon as possible as the event has now started.

Year 3 /4 Swimming – after half term

Year 5/6 Residential to the Calvert Trust – by the end of September

School Meals

Breakfast Club

After School Clubs

Admissions to Year 7 and Reception September 2025

Applications for the new Year 7 Intake in September 2025 open on 1st September 2024.

Applications for the new Reception Intake in September 2025 open on 15th November 2024.

Admissions to Year 7 for September 2025.

The Application window for the September 2025 is live now! You have until the 31st October before the system closes.

Admissions to Reception Year for September 2025

Further details can be found at [Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/apply-for-a-reception-or-year-3-place-at-a-primary-school) The Application window for the September 2025 will open on the 15th November 2024 and close on the 15th January 2025.

Useful Links and Information:

Here are some useful links that may assist you with your query

In Year Admission Information - [Apply for an in-year place - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/in-year-admission)

School Catchment Area Checker - [School designated \(catchment\) areas - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-catchment)

Admission Advice for international arrivals [Admission advice for international arrivals - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/admission-advice)

Guide to School Appeals [School admission appeals Archives - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-appeals)

School Term Dates [School term dates - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-term-dates)

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this busy time

School Admissions Team

Telephone – 0345 155 1019 (Education Helpline)

SAFETY ALERT

[opss-issues-safety-alert-to-warn-of-the-risks-of-water-beads](#)

Links you may find useful.

[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 3/4 – please collect from the leisure centre at 3pm – swimming starts Tuesday 5th November

Tempest – Individual and Family photos on **Thursday 24th October** – School and Holywell Pre-School children only.

Harvest Assembly/service – Thursday 24th October at 10.30am (10.15am arrival at Roundswell)

Swimming sessions – Years 3 and 4 – Nov/Dec

Swimming sessions – Years R, 1 & 2 – Jan/Feb

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.

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=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>

Tawstock and Barnstaple Community News

Half Term – Library Event

After the success of the sellout Moomins production with Lost & Found Theatre, we are delighted to welcome them back with a performance of Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers on **Tuesday 29th October for two performances at 11am and 1pm.**

We are able to subsidise ticket prices thanks to a Flourishing Culture grant from North Devon Council, making ticket prices accessible to more families.

[Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers Tickets, Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers Tickets, Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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>

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.