

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Last day of the Autumn term Friday 20th December 2024.
First day of the Spring term Thursday 9th January 2025

Message from Mrs. Lowrey



What a super celebration day we have had today, raising money for such a good cause of Children in Need with a fantastic pyjama day! It was wonderful to see everyone relaxed and running around outside in their smart PJs! Thank you to school council for their idea and organization and to everyone for their generous donations! Daniel, our treasurer, announced in collective worship that we had managed to raise a magnificent £74.82.

We were also delighted to announce the winners of the Pudsey colouring competition! We had so many entries and I know that it was very difficult to choose, however, the winners were:

Squirrels – Harry
Foxes – Darcey
Robins – Grace
Reception/Hedgehogs – Harriet

Congratulations to everyone who took part and to the winners for their excellent designs! It really was a wonderful way to end the week.

Yesterday, Mrs Coulam and I were so pleased to attend the open evening at St. Michael's Nursery. We both were incredibly proud to see the response to the work samples that we took with us and to be able to describe how proud we are of our children. The evening was so well represented and it was great to hear of future pupils who may wish to be attending as we consider the return to Holywell.

On site at Holywell school, we have been busy throwing away unwanted items and refreshing some of our outdoor equipment. We have ordered some new items and they are steadily arriving

on site! Thank you to all of those families who have volunteered time to come and help with various jobs nearer the time – I am so pleased for the offers of help. You will have noticed, I am sure, that the scaffolding has now been removed and I can confirm that the cranes will be on site on Monday to remove some of the builder's cabins and equipment. The flooring is now down and paintwork continues..! It is very exciting and there is excitement in the air.

I do hope that you have a lovely weekend – it is due to get much colder next week, so please do wrap up warm and remember coats, hats and scarves next week. Brrrr! No PJs next week!

Best wishes, Mrs Lowrey

Piano/Flute/Recorder Tuition – Vacancies available from Spring Term 2025.

When we return to Holywell Ania one of our current music teachers will have some free slots for tuition if you would like your child to start lessons learning any of the above instruments.

Your child must be aged 6 years old or above.

If you/your child is interested in this, please contact Ania by email:

aniaflute@gmail.com

Ania will then liaise with you via email to arrange the lessons. Ania - piano/flute and piano teacher would like to make the parents aware that she will not be in again until the new year.

Admissions policy for 2026-27: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2026-27. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals and have your say. Our proposed policy is on our admission page [link to school website](#) and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>. Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The formal consultation runs until 10th January 2025. Policies will be determined on 29th January 2025 and published in the same places by 15th March 2025.

ParentPay

These events are now available on ParentPay

Year 5/6 Swimming – Now overdue.

Year 3 /4 Swimming – Now due

Year 5/6 Residential to the Calvert Trust

School Meals

Breakfast Club

After School Clubs

Admissions Reception September 2025

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

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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#) 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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

School Catchment Area Checker - [School designated \(catchment\) areas - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Admission Advice for international arrivals [Admission advice for international arrivals - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Guide to School Appeals [School admission appeals Archives - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

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

Weds 27th November – Year 5/6 selected children to West Buckland – Drama performance (transport provided)

Thursday 28th November – Roundswell Christmas Fayre – 3:30pm to 5pm.

Thursday 28th November – Ontrack PE session – Year 5/6

Friday 29th November – Year 5/6 selected children to Drama workshop – morning only – West Buckland

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

Monday 9th December – Vision Screening check – Reception children

Friday 13th December – Christmas carols and tableau performance – TBC @Roundswell

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas dinner - @ Roundswell

Thursday 19th December – Christingle Service at Tawstock church – 2pm start

Friday 20th December – Christmas parties in class

Wednesday 8th January – Celebration event at Holywell school

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

End of Autumn Term – Friday 20th December 2024

First day of the Spring Term – Thursday 9th January – The school will be closed on the 6th, 7th and 8th of January as stated in the letter/email sent home on Monday 11th November.

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>



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