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15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

**Last day of the Autumn term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**  
**First day of the Spring term Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

What an exciting week we have had, with this brief spell of cold weather! Our children have been fantastic at wrapping up warm, with coats, hats and scarves! Thank you all for making such an effort with labelling your items and to the children to looking after them!

As the end of term approaches, it is very typical for children to feel a mixture of tiredness and excitement. This year, I am sure that we will also have a real mix of emotions among our children as we also begin to talk more about returning to Holywell. This week we were visited by Rachel Wood from the mental health for schools team, who spoke to the children about their emotions and the skills that they may have developed through the journey that we have been on. They may feel confident to use some of this language at home, so please do know that it is very normal to feel mixtures of emotions and we will support them over the coming weeks and on return.

We are also planning a celebration event back at Holywell on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. I am delighted that Park and Pilton year 7 children will be invited to attend and see their old school. The event is intended to be an opportunity to see the new classroom(s) and the changes that have been made. We will be requesting that all children visiting on this day are accompanied by a parent/carer. I am very grateful to the PTA for their offer of support organizing fun activities to take place in the hall.

I am also now able to share that the transport is organised to bring all children to the Christingle service at Tawstock church. Taw and Torridge have been supportive to the school throughout our experience of the fire and I am delighted that they have offered us discounted transport to be able to attend.

Finally, we will be inviting our families into Roundswell on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to attend a performance of traditional carols and nativity retell. I will provide more details as they are confirmed.

Have a wonderful weekend – wrap up warm! 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](mailto: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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)*

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

**ParentPay**

These events are now available on ParentPay

**Year 5/6 Swimming – Now overdue.**

**Year 3 /4 Swimming – Now due**

**Year 3/4 Residential to the Calvert Trust – February**

**Year 5/6 city break – summer term**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and close on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

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 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5/6 selected children to West Buckland – Drama performance (transport provided)**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Roundswell Christmas Fayre – 3:30pm to 5pm.**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Ontrack PE session – Year 5/6**

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

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

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Let's go bowling – selected children only**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Vision Screening check – Reception children**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas carols and tableau performance – time TBC @Roundswell**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner - @ Roundswell**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at Tawstock church – 2pm start**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties in class**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**First day of the Spring Term – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – The school will be closed on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of January as stated in the letter/email sent home on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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