

5th January 2024

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Welcome back to Spring Term at Holywell based at Roundswell Community Primary Academy. We have been made to feel extremely welcome here and many of the staff have complimented Holywell on the behaviour and the attitudes of our children. I am very impressed with the excellent approach that our children have taken towards being hosted in a different school and I am proud of each child. They have been outstanding – thank you



children! I also must take this to thank all the Roundswell staff who have gone over and above in to support our school.

This week, we have settled quickly routines and the curriculum has introduced swiftly, with children their learning with excellent attitudes. I have seen some quality work already and super attitudes. I do hope that the have spoken to you at home about experiences. PE has taken place as we will quickly be into other aspects



opportunity and families taking time

into been back into positive excellent learning children their normal and of normal

school life, such as swimming and trips.

For those children who are taking the bus to and from school, we experienced a small hurdle on the first day of the bus needing to turn and the gates needing to be closed until 3.30pm. For this reason, when returning on the bus, we will now leave the school at 3.30pm and **arrive back at Holywell at 3.40pm** (depending on traffic). Please do contact the school if this is causing you any difficulties.

For those of you who bring your child to Roundswell, please could I kindly remind all parents to be mindful of residents with **parking**. Some residents have mentioned that their driveways have been blocked recently. Thank you!

Also, don't forget that our Holywell phones are all in place at RCPA. If your phone call is unanswered, please do leave a message as Mrs Palmer will pick up all messages from the answerphone as soon as she can.

Finally, please note some added dates in the newsletter below for your information. We have some sporting events already in the diary and will let you know as soon as more information becomes available.

Have a fantastic, chilly weekend and thank you as always for the support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Lowrey

School News

Dental Survey

If your child was one of the 8 reception children who received this corm at the end of November can you please return to the Mrs Coulam, Mrs Rolfe or Ms Benstead by Friday 12th January.

SOE3's and Consent forms – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

These forms were also sent home at the end of November before the move to OV. If you have not yet returned them could these, also be returned to Mrs Coulam, Mrs Rolfe or Mrs Benstead by Friday 12th January.

School Contact

You can contact the school by phoning 01271 345908. If the phone is not answered, can you please leave a message on the answerphone. These messages will be responded to as soon as possible.

Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. 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 [weblink](#) and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>. Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined on 31st January 2024 and published in the same places by 15 March 2024.

Admissions to Reception Year for September 2024

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 2024 Intake will open on 15th November 2023.

Links you may find useful.

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

Diary Dates

Dental Survey – Children Aged Year 5 – Wednesday 21st February. Please return the forms sent home.

Tennis Festival Year 4 - Wednesday 10th January – Tarka

Swimming Year R, 1 and 2 – 16th, 23rd and 30th January and 6th and 20th February. Please collect your child from the Tarka Leisure Centre at 3pm. Siblings will be looked after at Roundswell until you arrive.

Park School sports athletics - Friday 19th January - 12 children attending

Term Dates

Spring Half Term – Monday 12th February to Friday 13th February (inclusive).

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>