

12th July 2024

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from
Mrs. Lowrey

Firstly, I do hope that you have all now received your child's annual report by email. Apologies for the technical hitch on the first attempt, but hopefully these have been enjoyed at home. We are incredibly proud of the children, particularly during such an unusual year and they deserve huge praise for their achievements.

It was with great pleasure to send out our Year 6 SATs results and Year 1 phonics results with our reports this week. I am delighted to share with you that our Year 6 children did us all proud with their excellent achievements. Year 6, I hope that you know how very proud I am for the hard work that you have put in over the months leading up to your tests and the excellent attitude you showed during the testing week. Overall, the school has achieved 94% at the expected standard in reading and 82% in maths. This is a remarkable achievement to be significantly above national expectation in both subjects and stands as a testament to the fantastic children that we teach. I would also add thanks to Miss Boundy, Mrs Carlyon and Mr Garrett for their continued hard work through the year – congratulations to everybody, this is wonderful news to share.



Another celebration that I am delighted to share is the news of River's super running at the Sunset Runfest at Instow last week. River, I am so proud of your dedication and you wore your uniform with pride! Congratulations on your run, River and for sharing your lovely medal!

Obviously, this week we have received the disappointing news that the Holywell site will not be ready for a September start and will take a little longer than initially hoped. Thank you to those of you who have spoken to me for the kindness and understanding that you have offered me – I really appreciate it.

Roundswell staff have made us feel so welcome and when I see the children continuing to play and learn in a settled space, I am very grateful for their support. It was fantastic to see and meet our new Reception starters on Thursday and we are delighted to be able to welcome them to the community! I am delighted to share that we are full in this year group and the children have again settled brilliantly into their temporary classroom and are already making new friends!

If you are new to the school or are considering joining our PTA, please see the attachments to the email with details on how you can join in or help.

Disappointingly, it has been brought to my attention that some Holywell parents have contacted Roundswell office staff in order to complain about recent events that had been booked in for some time for their school and this has been upsetting for them as staff. Items such as the volleyball that they had organised for today, have been organised months in advance and Holywell were, of course, not known to still be on site at this time. There are many reasons why events cannot be simply shared on an ad hoc basis, such as risk assessments that would need to be put in place. I do feel quite disappointed that Holywell parents have felt it appropriate to speak to Roundswell staff in this way, especially as their professional generosity continues. Please could parents email or phone the Holywell office should you have an issue that you wish to raise in future. Thank you.

The busy end of term continues for the final week and we have some lovely days planned for the children and hope to get outside if the sun decides to make an appearance! Some parents have spoken to me about the opening times for Monday following the football, however, after some reflection, we will be open for normal school hours on Monday. I am basing this decision due to statistics regarding rises in domestic violence going up by 50% during England tournaments and particularly as a church school, feel I need to take this statistic seriously and act accordingly. I do hope that everyone enjoys the match – whichever team you support!

Thank you, as always, we have had a super week and Year 6, please do take time to enjoy the moment and enjoy your taster days if you have been at Park School. Have a wonderful weekend!

Driving and parking at Roundswell:

Please can we remind everyone driving their children to school to be extra careful when reversing. We have received a couple of complaints again this week of parents reversing and pulling out without looking when children are crossing the road.

We also have received phone call and written complaints from residents regarding the inconsiderate parking when dropping and collecting children from school. Can you please make sure that you are not parking in or blocking a driveway or parking on pathways which families use to make sure that their children can walk safely to and from school.

Thank you for your co-operation with this as we are sure you will all agree that our children's safety is paramount.

Parent Childcare Survey

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentsSurveySummer2024/>

ParentPay

As we are rapidly approaching the end of the Summer term could we please ask that you all check your ParentPay accounts at regular intervals and pay off any debts you may have.

The trips available for any outstanding balances to be cleared are:

Years 3 and 4 Swimming – a few payments still outstanding.

Years R, 1 and 2 Swimming – a few payments still outstanding.

Rosemoor Trip – taking place on Tuesday 7th May – a few payments still outstanding.

School Lunches – please clear all outstanding balances you can also add credits to cover meals to be taken before the end of term.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs – please can you clear your outstanding debts.

Pre-School Fees – please can you clear your outstanding debts.

Links you may find useful.

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

Diary Dates

16th July – Sports Day – The Roundswell side gates will be opened around 1:15pm (after all the children have gone in from lunch) and will be closed when the sports day starts at 1:30pm. Please could you arrive between these times.

22nd July – Leavers Service – At Roundswell – starts 9:30am Report to the reception at Roundswell at 9:20am
Other dates to be added when know e.g. Class trips, and leavers service.

Term Dates

Last day of term – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

First day of the Autumn tern 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>

Tawstock and Barnstaple Community News

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)

Devonian Monsters Apr 27, 2024 - Jul 6, 2024

Step back 400 million years ago to a time long before the dinosaurs. Encounter a world filled with curious creatures that lived in the geological period named after Devon – the Devonian.

Katy Lee – Going on Taw May 18, 2024 - Jul 6, 2024

Since January 2023 Katy Lee, lead artist and Creative Producer, has swum, walked and canoed the River Taw speaking to experts, gathering stories and working with seven different community groups who use/depend on the River or are geographically linked to it. Going on Taw is an 18-month storytelling & poetry project that travelled the length of the River Taw from Source to Sea – culminating in the exhibition at the Museum

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

Summer Holiday events and family friendly activities will be available throughout the school holidays, please check the website for the latest info

We also have a fantastic range of permanent displays, which are open to all, FREE of charge, during our normal opening hours: Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm

Beaford Art Centre – See Flyer

Aimed at students aged 8-14 for summer holiday enrichment, especially those with a talent and interest in the arts. Specialisms include visual art, storytelling, photography, and film. They can book 'Summer School Creatives' with Beaford Arts, located in Barnstaple via the QR code. Each day offers expertise from four artist-educators featuring teaching and learning techniques developed from a three-year project with over 300 children in ten local schools. This will introduce and extend knowledge and skills in a fun and engaging way for every child whatever their level of experience, including those who have already worked with us. A report on this project will be presented at the British Education Research Association this year, and it has been nominated for an award. Examples of outcomes can be found [here](#) and ways to work with us can be found on our website: [Beaford](#)

We have up to 40 places p/day with bursaries and discounts available.