

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

This week, again we have so much to celebrate in school. New learning topics are beginning to take shape and I am enjoying seeing some of the play emerging from their learning. Year 6s are getting closer to their SATs testing and I admire the continued hard work that they are putting in.

Today, our children attended the Tag Rugby at Barnstaple Rugby Club. Firstly, I am so proud of those who put themselves forward to play and represent the school. I love the fact that we have a mix of girls and boys who all enjoy the sport. They were so animated about the day and they were all excellent ambassadors for the school.



Mr Day says, “Well done to some of the year 5 & 6 children who represented Holywell today at the Barnstaple Schools Tag Rugby Competition at BRC. 🎯 After winning all 4 of their group games convincingly, they narrowly lost by 1 try in the quarter finals. They soon dusted themselves down by going on to win their remaining 2 playoff games to finish 5th overall out of 16 teams. 🏆 The children showed great team spirit, sportsmanship & resilience after a painful defeat in the quarter finals, we are very proud of you all!” 😊

Many of you are aware that the contractors will be on site on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and I am sure the children will be excited to see the work beginning. I must thank Mr Coles for his work in the past weeks where some of the preparation has started. Steve has also done a lot of work himself, clearing other aspects of the playground to make the school spick and span for a swift return once we are able. As the work develops, we will try to enable some children the opportunity to go over to visit.

This year, we are looking to host parent conferences in June (as mentioned in the dates below). We will be sending our annual reports as always in July and are hoping to make a few changes to the format of these. The parent conference will open up any discussion that you wish to have regarding your child’s progress and attainment with the annual report being a commentary and summary of your child’s performance through the year.

Next week, we have more sporting events coming up and hopefully we will see a return of the sunshine! It is fantastic to see the children running around on the field now that it is dry.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Lowrey

Links you may find useful.

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

### **Diary Dates**

**30<sup>th</sup> April** – KS2 Lifeguard talk.

**1<sup>st</sup> May** – Year 2 Tennis festival

**7<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 3 & 4 Cricket

7<sup>th</sup> May – Proposed trip for Years R, 1 & 2 - details to follow

**10<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 Multi Skills

**13<sup>th</sup> May** – 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week

**24<sup>th</sup> May** – Torrington Aquathlon

**11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Parent conferences – details to follow.

**13<sup>th</sup> June** – Tempest Class/Group Photos

**27<sup>th</sup> June** – proposed date for a trip for Foxes class – details to follow

**20<sup>th</sup> June** -

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 Taster days Pilton

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Taster days Park

Other dates to be added when know e.g. Class trips, sports day, and leavers service.

### **Term Dates**

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 inclusive.

Last day of term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

First day of the Autumn term 2024-2025 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### **Tawstock Community**

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### **School Uniform**

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

**PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.**



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TASTER  
SESSIONS**

**GIRLS RUGBY YEARS 5+6**

**No experience needed  
Just turn up and give it a go!**

**BARNSTAPLE RUGBY CLUB**

**FRIDAY 17th MAY 18:30**

**Questions?**

**[info.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com](mailto:info.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com)**



## **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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