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17th November 2023

**Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

**Message from Mrs. Lowrey**

As the weekend approaches, it is important to take a moment to think about how busy we have been this term and with three weeks to go until the end of term, the children have been fantastic and are still working so hard! Well done, everyone!

This week, I have been so proud to receive so many positive messages from external visitors to the school. Firstly, Ventrus director, Andrew commented on the fantastic children that we have at Holywell and also the gentlemen from Bikeability were both incredibly complimentary on the behaviour of our children. It is absolutely fantastic when these visitors stopped me to say that our children were the best of all the schools that they had visited and that they were genuinely impressed by their safe behaviour and excellent manners. Congratulations, Year 5/6.

Some of the work that has been brought to my attention has also been of a very high standard and I am so proud to share these books with visitors. With our governors last night, I was explaining again what a pleasure it is to see our children articulating their learning through discussing their books with visitors. It is fantastic at this time of the year, especially as children begin to get so excited in the run up to Christmas.

Please could I just keep reminding parents to please drive and park carefully around the school. This is so much improved and I can see that this has made busy times of day so much easier. I am just aware that everyone will be getting tired and busy and I know that this can make school pick up and drop off more stressful. Keep going – nearly there!

I must also congratulate you all on such a massive improvement in attendance. I know that you have all made some small adjustments to your child’s attendance and this has had a huge impact on everything around school. Your efforts to be punctual for school are also truly recognized and this is helping the children in so many ways. We see improved concentration and attention and readiness to learn because of this increase in attendance – so a big thank you!

I hope you do all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming you in for Christmas plays and services before the term is finished.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lowrey

**Book your tickets here for the Christmas play!**

[Wednesday 6th December @ 2pm](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPFLdk_cBxm7KP7e-ZMpJ57Dd1bWclUMVA3QVRQS1FQNDZIU0gzRzFXRjkwVloxRi4u)

[Thursday 7th December @ 9.30am](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPFLdk_cBxm7KP7e-ZMpJ57Dd1bWclUMElWU0xMNTFIVUowSzBHODZWWUZXSUUzTC4u)

**School News**

**Tempest**

If you are not ordering your photos online, please make sure your order has been delivered to the school office my the end of the day on Monday 20th November.

**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](http://www.primaryschoolsbarnstaple.co.uk/website/admissions_policies/627029) and you can see all policies at [http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fdevon.cc%2Fschoolpolicy&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7Ce7059382d80847ff632208dbd95bbec0%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638342760289264841%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rszGoljRotG8gHpOwG19vHp6wLr%2Bdu3xBjFdq4TU9Uo%3D&reserved=0) . Further information is here: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Fadmissionarrangements&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7Ce7059382d80847ff632208dbd95bbec0%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638342760289421080%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fACAwUb49no3U3tAHOdJrCQf%2ForknrV0%2BgAc%2BgW%2FE0k%3D&reserved=0)

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.

**Year 3 & 4 Swimming**

Thank you to those parents who have paid for the Swimming sessions this term. We have arranged on ParentPay that this can be paid in two instalments so if you have not yet paid can we please ask that you do this as soon as possible.

**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)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fapply-for-a-primary-school-place%2F&data=05%7C01%7Celaine.palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7C3180d7b3b896472170b408dbba9bbba4%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638308950263009479%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RmRsy6bJaf8ipCiyUoHEVgZ2gIYSv32snPYBs69hxcY%3D&reserved=0)  The Application window for the September 2024 Intake will open on 15th November 2023.

**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)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fapply-for-an-in-year-place%23%3A~%3Atext%3DThe%2520majority%2520of%2520schools%2520in%2520Devon%2520participate%2520in%2Cof%2520the%2520form%2520to%2520be%2520sent%2520to%2520you.&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fCDapfUDjgmdm%2FXYc8T9xph4ynwB6FMn60Auj6KRCWE%3D&reserved=0)

School Catchment Area Checker - [School designated (catchment) areas - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fschool-designated-areas&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=98dSKMMk7s8r1v9dpmADvdWkqYFesaDoGDH79lYK%2BK0%3D&reserved=0)

Admission Advice for international arrivals [Admission advice for international arrivals - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fadmission-advice-international-arrivals&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MLFhctHzcmybRiJJ940%2FNjM5PuDgdS9IM%2FaAiRAoz44%3D&reserved=0)

Guide to School Appeals  [School admission appeals Archives - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fguide%2Fguide-to-school-admission-appeals&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=W%2Bl3XJrGZf99iGnazEtw7wTtfRpMvltL%2BtEEsu0qpKw%3D&reserved=0)

**Diary Dates**

**Year 3,4,5 & 6 Cross Country** - Thursday 9th November, at OV (afternoon event for 16 selected children)

**Parent Conference** - Tuesday 14th November – further details to follow.

**Parent conference** - Thursday 16th November – further details to follow.

**Children in Need** – 17th November

**Christmas Plays** – Monday 4th December, further details to follow.

**Christmas lunch and Christingle** – Wednesday 13th December, further details to follow.

**Christmas Jumper Days** – for a one-off donation of £2.00 per child for Save the Children charity – Friday 1st December, Friday 8th December and Friday 15th December.

**Term Dates**

**End of Autumn Term – Friday 15th December**

**LET’S TALK**

A series of free online sessions for parents and carers of young people aged 9 – 12.

**https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Flets-talk-pre-teens-september-2023-tickets-680101400597%3Faff%3Doddtdtcreator&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7C07cef0981f874fda0a8108dbab7b83de%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638292319191735230%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l7IDTWBJ9C6bdvG07OH5SWQyNG2Bo2X1sqarjZEJFC0%3D&reserved=0**

**School Uniform**

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw’s at Daw’s Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford.

As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at:

[**https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e**](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](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fschool-meals%2Fnew-starter-pupil-premium&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7C7109e4304a9443c58c6708db26ce8e88%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638146440824987705%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=E1xb%2B33KaszaeeBnofCVVbtqTBsE1ead7Mmg28rMO34%3D&reserved=0)‘ 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](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foneonline.devon.gov.uk%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2FAccount%2FLogin%3FReturnUrl%3D%252fCCSCitizenPortal_live&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7C7109e4304a9443c58c6708db26ce8e88%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638146440824987705%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TDzWR7PVGNQy40PMgfbNnyUdRz%2BFPER5%2F05sUzSpOXM%3D&reserved=0). 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.

**<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fschool-meals%2F&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7Cecb748a1694549cf9d0d08dbab7b6f66%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638292318849767515%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MPmLE78rMu0DP1khLjP7BHOHwf5yQWoQEPlCI7ngJO4%3D&reserved=0>**

**School Transport**

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

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|  | [School and college transport – Education and Families](https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/)  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 forum at <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf>

**Community Information**

Barnstaple is set to become the celestial centrepiece of North Devon this December, as "Museum of the Moon", a captivating artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram, lands in the newly regenerated Barnstaple Pannier Market.

Get ready to visit the market in a whole new light and immerse yourself in something truly extraordinary. This stunning artwork has been presented in over 300 different ways, across 30 different countries, and has captivated the hearts of more than 20 million people worldwide.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of this global sensation right here in Barnstaple! Secure your FREE place now to avoid disappointment – [https://www.seetickets.com/tour/museum-of-the-moon](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.seetickets.com%2Ftour%2Fmuseum-of-the-moon&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C24955d555bbd4165fe6a08dbe0470d84%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638350368032427689%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BrrPrKWKAyzs0Ol7NklwK4DXsZ53o2VF3%2F4BshGoJfY%3D&reserved=0)

We understand that some visitors may prefer a quieter, calmer setting, which is why we have times available with enhanced lighting and lower music levels. Plus, we're limiting the number of available places to ensure everyone can fully immerse themselves in this experience. Book your experience now: [https://www.seetickets.com/tour/museum-of-the-moon-relaxed-viewing](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.seetickets.com%2Ftour%2Fmuseum-of-the-moon-relaxed-viewing&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C24955d555bbd4165fe6a08dbe0470d84%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638350368032427689%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UfYnXSskz5b7wj4XCn%2FB1dNPwkOcBt2n%2FUc9LwIBc8s%3D&reserved=0)

As well as the viewing of the moon, we have some additional activities running alongside, one being:

Family Silent Disco beside the Moon

North Devon Silent Disco and Silent Disco World bring you a unique Family Silent Disco like no other. The UKs Best Silent Disco Djs playing the most uplifting party tunes on the planet with Barnstaple’s historic Pannier Market lit up like you’ve never seen it before.

What better way to start the New Year than with a full family party in the shadow of Luke Jerram’s MOON!

Choose from three Channels of anthems, classics and sing-along bangers served up by the UKs top silent disco DJs.

80’s 90’s Naughties and NOW, Pop, Commercial, House, Garage, Rock, Hip hip, DnB

Buy your tickets now: [https://www.seetickets.com/tour/family-disco-beside-the-moon](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.seetickets.com%2Ftour%2Ffamily-disco-beside-the-moon&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C24955d555bbd4165fe6a08dbe0470d84%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638350368032427689%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HrRRCUkZGyk%2BwU%2BzrPATkrTL1dzbprGG45AXAJz2Y1U%3D&reserved=0)

Venue: Barnstaple Pannier Market

Date: Monday 1 January 2024

Times: 2:30PM - 5PM

We hope you will join us.