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24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

**Non-Pupil-Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October followed by Half Term.**

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Many of us cannot believe how quickly the first half term has flown by. It was such a pleasure to welcome so many parents and families into Roundswell school on Thursday – we genuinely could not believe how many people were able to attend – thank you all very sincerely for your support. We received lovely feedback from our parents and also from Roundswell staff who were so impressed with the singing and music that they could hear around the school. A huge thank you to Edward who always steps up to play piano and is such a talent – we are proud of you, Edward! And, of course, we are really proud of you all for the way that you behaved and understood the spirit of our Harvest service. Thank you, also, to Reverend Ally who was able to attend and bless the service.

We have now shared important information regarding the return to Holywell in January. We are currently in the process now of organising community days as I know that many of you are keen to be involved. During the half term, I will draft provisional plans with dates and information of ways to help – should you be able to, of course. There is no pressure to be involved and I do understand the pressures on families, so please do not feel obliged.

Over the half term, I am aware that we have Bonfire night approaching. It seems particularly prudent to mention fire safety to the children, especially since Covid where some children have had less experience of sparklers and fireworks. Please do remind children about never returning to a lit firework and not picking them up off the floor.

I also thought to highlight the darker days and colder weather – if your child is walking or cycling to school, please do check the light when they leave and think ahead to the end of the day. As you begin to need hats or scarves, please try to encourage your child to put them in their lockers, label them if you can or they can keep them in their bags/pockets. We will do our best to keep an eye on any lost property.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please note, as this is a Non-Pupil Day for Roundswell pupils, **we will not be able to run a breakfast or after school club on the Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will have this again on the Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes, Mrs Lowrey

### **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 – after half term**

**Year 5/6 Residential to the Calvert Trust**

**School Meals**

**Breakfast Club**

**After School Clubs**

### **Admissions to Year 7 and Reception September 2025**

Applications for the new Year 7 Intake in September 2025 open on 1st September 2024.

Applications for the new Reception Intake in September 2025 open on 15th November 2024.

#### **Admissions to Year 7 for September 2025.**

The Application window for the September 2025 is live now! You have until the 31<sup>st</sup> October before the system closes.

#### **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**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nove - Swimming Years 3/4** – please collect from the leisure centre at 3pm.

**Christingle Service** – date TBC at Tawstock Church

**Christmas dinner and events** – dates to be confirmed, with a mix at Roundswell and Tawstock

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

**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**

Return to school – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

End of Autumn Term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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>

**Tawstock and Barnstaple Community News**

**Half Term – Library Event**

After the success of the sellout Moomins production with Lost & Found Theatre, we are delighted to welcome them back with a performance of Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October for two performances at 11am and 1pm.**

We are able to subsidise ticket prices thanks to a Flourishing Culture grant from North Devon Council, making ticket prices accessible to more families.

[Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers Tickets, Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)  
[Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers Tickets, Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Writing competition organised by Exmoor national Park**

<https://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/exmoor-for-everyone/stargazing-and-dark-skies/exmoor-dark-skies-festival/exmoor-dark-skies-festival-competition>