

NEWSLETTER

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

This is our final newsletter of the academic year.

On behalf of all the staff and governors at Highweek, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our children and families a happy, safe and relaxing summer break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 8th September 2026 for the start of the new academic year.

Have a wonderful summer!

JULY

Monday 13th

- Transition morning for all pupils, this is an opportunity for pupils to meet their new class teacher for September 2026.
- Meet the Teacher open evening at 3:30pm. Parents are welcome to meet their child's new class teacher for September 2026.

Tuesday 14th

- KS2 Summer Disco.

Friday 17th

- Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9:30am
- School closes for the Summer break.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 8th

- School re-opens for the Autumn Term.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Year 4

Residential Trip – 23rd, 24th & 25th September 2026

Payment due by: August 2026

Year 5

Mamma Mia! – 21st January 2027

Payment due by: 1st July 2026

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Summer Term
Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the summer holidays, I find myself reflecting on just how much our children have achieved over the past twelve months. It has been a year filled with learning, laughter, challenge and success, and I could not be prouder of every member of our school community.

Our children continue to impress us every day, not only with their academic progress but with the way they live out our school values of **Respect**, **Responsibility** and **Resilience**. Whether they are supporting a friend, persevering with a difficult piece of work, representing the school at a sporting event or simply showing kindness in the playground, they remind us daily what a wonderful community we have. They are a credit to their families and to our school.

One of the real strengths of our school is the wealth of opportunities we provide beyond the classroom. This year, children have enjoyed an incredible range of clubs, educational visits, sporting fixtures, performances and residential trips. These experiences build confidence, independence and lifelong memories, and we are immensely proud to be able to offer them. Thank you to our staff, who give so generously of their time to make these opportunities possible.

There is also much to celebrate academically. We are thrilled with our phonics outcomes and are especially proud of our Year 6 writing results, which reflect the hard work and dedication of both our pupils and staff. We now eagerly await the Year 6 SATs results, which will be released next Thursday, and we are looking forward to celebrating all that this fantastic cohort has achieved.

To our Year 6 children, thank you for everything you have brought to our school. You have been wonderful role models, showing maturity, humour and determination throughout your final year with us. As you move on to secondary school, remember to embrace every opportunity, believe in yourselves and continue to show the values that have made you such valued members of our school family. We wish each and every one of you every success and happiness in the future. **I look forward to seeing our Year 6 parents and carers next Friday at our Leavers' Assembly as we come together to celebrate the children's many achievements and wish them a fond farewell.**

At the end of the year, we also say goodbye to some much-loved members of staff. We would like to thank **Mrs Fran Toms, Miss Ellie O'Brien, Miss Mahlia Hodge-Brooks and Mr Iwan Strasdin** for their commitment, care and the positive impact they have had on the lives of our children. While we will miss them greatly, we wish them every happiness and success as they begin their new adventures.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff for their dedication, professionalism and unwavering commitment to our children. Their passion and care are evident in everything they do, and I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a talented team. Finally, thank you to you, our parents and carers. Your encouragement, support and partnership are invaluable. Together, we have created a school where children feel safe, happy, inspired and able to flourish.

If I don't see you next week, I hope the summer holidays provide time to relax, make special memories with family and friends, and enjoy a well-earned break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning.

Have a wonderful summer, and thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community.

With warmest wishes,

Ms Claire Redwood



Dinner Money Payments

As we approach the end of the academic year, we kindly ask that **all** school dinners are paid for in advance and that **no** outstanding debt is incurred over the coming weeks.

This will help ensure that Devon County Council can reconcile and balance all payments in preparation for the start of the new academic year in September. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



After School Clubs

All after-school clubs, with the exception of Playzone, will finish today.

Please collect your child at the end of the school day next week unless they have been booked into Carole's Club (Playzone).

Information about our new after-school clubs will be advertised in **September**.



PETER PAN

✨ Well, that's a wrap! ✨

Our Year 6 leavers' production of Peter Pan has officially come to an end, and what a fantastic way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey.

After weeks of rehearsals, our Year 6 children truly blew us away with their professionalism, teamwork, confidence and enthusiasm. Despite performing in some very tricky heat, they took to the stage with smiles on their faces and gave performances they should be incredibly proud of.

We hope they carry these qualities with them as they begin their exciting next chapter at secondary school. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

Well done, Year 6—you'll always have a place in our hearts.

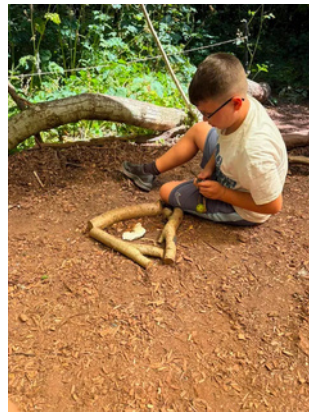
"Second star to the right... and straight on till morning!" ★



YEAR 6 *Residential*



☀️ What an incredible few days our Year 6 children have had on their residential! 🍌🎉
From 🎯 archery and 🌙 night walks to relaxing in 🪶 hammocks (which were definitely a big hit!), they've packed so many exciting adventures into the last three days. That's just to name a few! 😊
They've also been incredibly lucky with the glorious sunshine ☀️, making their trip even more special.
We're sure you'll be welcoming home some very happy... and very tired... children later today! 😊💙 We can't wait to hear all about their adventures! 😊



ACCELERATED READERS!



50,000 words	Ryana Douglas, Amari-May Pengilley & Joseph Turner.
100,000 words	Khalid Shaibu, Amiee Bolton & Faith Heavens.
250,000 words	Rowan Cole, Millie Harrison, Alex Perring & Riley Daniels.
500,000 words	Holly Exon & Evelyn Wilkes.
750,000 words	Ethan Evans.
1 million words	Frayah Jowitt & Sam Palmer.
1.5 million words	Noah Coleman-Desouza.

Class	W/C 22nd June	W/C 29th June
Taw	92.9%	96.2%
Mini Mole	82%	91.9%
Mole	80.7%	90.7%
Mardle	90.9%	97.7%
Bovey	91.1%	97.2%
Tavy	95.7%	93.8%
Dart	89.7%	94.2%
Plym	90.5%	98.9%
Exe	93.7%	96.3%
Torridge	91.1%	91.8%
Teign	92.4%	98%
Tamar	87.2%	94%



Well done to Tavy class who had **95.7%** attendance for the period of 22nd - 26th June 2026

Well done to **Plym** class who had **98.9%** attendance for the period of 29th June - 3rd July 2026

Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is **96.2%**.



Well done to our Friday Flyers. Our Friday Flyers promote our work around developing Growth Mindset and a can do attitude.

Theme	Able to examine mistakes	
Date	Friday 10 th July	
Bovey	Freya Bowles	Lucas Torres Ruiz
Dart	Leo Steer	Etta Allen
Exe	Madison Smith	Orla Kelly
Mardle	Marnie-Rae Jennings	Eden Loder
Plym	Eleanor Hardy	Primrose Tremlett
Tamar	Ahmad Sultani	
Tavy	Roy Grant	Reuben Blackmore
Teign	Scarlet Russell	
Torridge	Freya Paris	

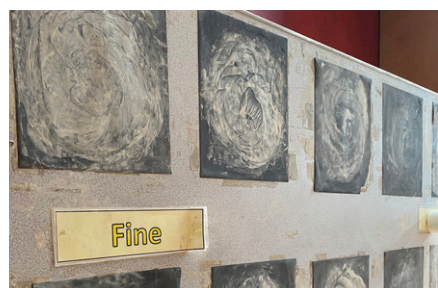
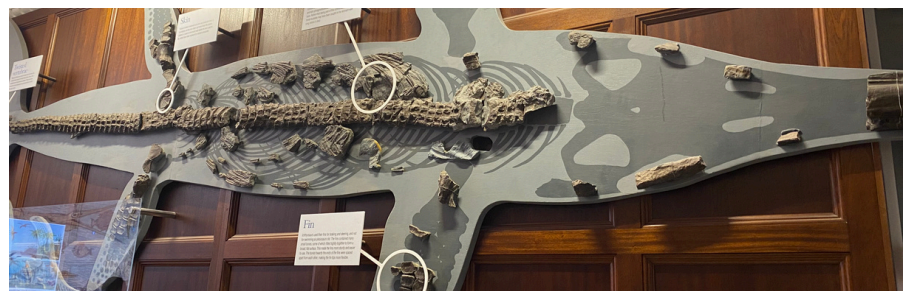
YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE MUSEUM



Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating visit to Newton Abbot Museum 🏛️, where they discovered how the railways transformed Britain 🇬🇧 and the British coastline 🌊. We learnt about the arrival of the first train to Newton Abbot, compared historical maps 🗺️ to see how the area changed over time ⌚, and explored a range of fascinating railway artefacts 🚂 that brought our local history to life. 📖

YEAR 1 & 2 FOSSIL TRIP TO LYME REGIS

Our KS1 children had a fantastic day on their trip to Lyme Regis! We visited the Lyme Regis Museum, where we learned more about the incredible fossil hunter Mary Anning, before polishing our own fossils and discovering what it takes to uncover prehistoric treasures. We also enjoyed seeing the Mary Anning statue and even dipped our toes in the sea to cool off in the warm weather! Throughout the day, the children were excellent ambassadors for Highweek, demonstrating our school values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and outstanding behaviour made us all incredibly proud. Well done, KS1, for representing Highweek so brilliantly!



KS2 SUMMER DISCO

Tickets cost £3 per child

TUESDAY 14TH JULY

5:30pm - 7pm

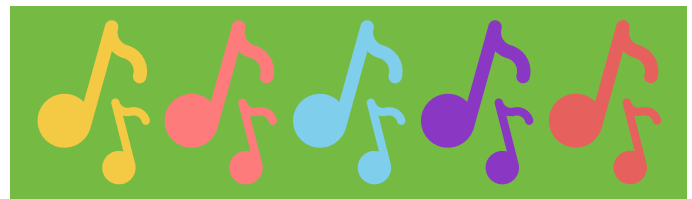
Purchase your tickets on MCAS
Bring money to purchase food and drinks.
Wear something fab!

MINI MELODIES

Interactive music sessions for ages 0-5

Every Tuesday 9:10 - 10:00am
(Term time only)
EYFS Hall @ Highweek Primary School

No need to book, just come along!



KS2 Summer Disco

	BBQ	£2.50
	Bottled Water	£1.00
	Sweets	25p
	Crisps	£1.00
	Face Painting	£1.00
	Glitter Tattoos	50p

HIGHWEEK PRIMARY SCHOOL BINGO!

To support the

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

EYES DOWN AT 7PM

PLAY BINGO SUPPORT SAVE LIVES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Wraparound Care at Highweek

All bookings must be made via your MCAS app

Contact: Mrs Carole Rogers
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Costs: 3:30pm - 4:30pm £5.50
3:30pm - 5pm £7.00
3:30 - 6pm £8.50
Cooking: 3:30pm - 4:40pm £6.00
After a free club until 6pm £6.00

3:30pm - 3:45pm Registration
3:45pm - 4pm Snack
4pm - 5pm Outdoor Activity
5pm - 5:45pm Indoor Play
5:45pm - 6pm Tidy Up

**BOOKING IS
ESSENTIAL**

Cooking will take place on a Monday & Friday for both KS1 & KS2 pupils. All you need to do is book them in!

JUNE & JULY

Date	Monday Cooking club	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Cooking club
1 st June	Cakes	Mighty Crunch	Bagels	Wraps	Cakes
8 th June	Pancakes	Pizza Pockets	Cheese & Crackers	Toasties	Pancakes
15 th June	Fruit Smoothies	Mighty Crunch	Bagels	Wraps	Fruit Smoothies
22 nd June	Spanish Tortilla	Pizza Pockets	Cheese & Crackers	Toasties	Spanish Tortilla
29 th June	Macaroni Cheese	Mighty Crunch	Bagels	Wraps	Macaroni Cheese
6 th July	Quiche	Pizza Pockets	Cheese & Crackers	Toasties	Quiche
13 th July	No cooking club Snacks Pizza Pockets	Mighty Crunch	Bagels	Wraps	No cooking club Snacks Pizza Pockets



Ways to Wellbeing

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Safety in the summer

The summer holidays are approaching! At last!

The summer holidays can be a great chance to do things with friends & family and to switch your brain off from school a little bit. The holidays aren't always perfect though – and it is important to stay safe and well.

Top tips for overall wellbeing:

- Make sure you are eating & drinking enough
- Sun cream is your best friend!
- Try to keep a regular sleep routine where possible

Top tips for when things feel tricky:

- Talk to someone you trust about how you are feeling and what you are worried about
- Spend time with people you care about – in person where possible
- Practice mindfulness and think about what you are grateful for
- Make sure you have a safe place that you can go to if things feel difficult at home (e.g. bedroom)

Childline have lots of advice and support for young people & their families over the holidays:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/home-families/seasonal-events/summer-holidays/>

'10 a day' choices towards balancing our mental health



If you need support for your mental health, please talk to a trusted adult at school or home.

Call 111 and select option 2 for mental health. In an emergency, call 999.