

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Monday 9th: Years 3 & 4 visiting Torquay

Museum.

Tuesday 10th: Pizza Café visiting to work with

pupils in year 5.

Tuesday 10th: Year 6 transition workshops in

school.

Monday 16th: Sports day KS1 AM & KS2 PM

Monday 23rd: Reserve Sports day,

Same details as above.

Tuesday 24th: EYFS trip to the beach. Details

have been sent via Tapestry.

Thursday 26th: Year 6 transition day at Teign

School.

Friday 27th: Year 6 transition day at Teign

School.

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Wednesday 2nd: Year 3/4 trip to Exeter RAMM Wednesday 2nd: Year 6 fun session 3:30-5pm.

Please see details over page

Thursday 3rd: Year 6 transition at

Coombeshead Academy.

Thursday 3rd: Year 6 transition at Newton Abbot

College.

Monday 7th: Year 6 performance to parents.

9:30am & again at 5:30pm.

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th: Year 6 residential

to Forest & Beach.

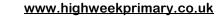
Wednesday 9th: EYFS Sports day @ 1pm.

Friday 11th: Pupil reports being sent home.



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This week we have been looking at the zones: recognising our emotions and strategies to support us.

Please see some examples of learning below:

Friday 6th June





Staff training and school improvement

This week Mrs Kerry Slade led a staff training session around whole school music. Next academic year, all staff, including our lunchtime assistants will be focussing on playground rhymes and songs to enhance break times. Do you have a favourite skipping rhyme or song? If so, we would love to hear from you- please let us know.



Trips and extra-curricular activities

We are very proud of the extra- curricular trips and activities that we provide. This week, year 5 visited the Exeter Synagogue. Why is it important for children to learn about other faiths and religions, including Judaism?

1. Promotes Respect and Tolerance

Understanding different religions helps children appreciate diversity and develop empathy. When children learn about Judaism and other faiths, they are less likely to stereotype or discriminate. This builds a more inclusive and respectful society.

2. Fosters Critical Thinking and Curiosity

Learning about various belief systems encourages children to ask questions, compare perspectives, and think critically about the world around them. This broadens their worldview and helps them make informed choices about their own beliefs and values.

3. Prevents Prejudice and Antisemitism

Education about Judaism specifically is vital given the long history of antisemitism. By learning about Jewish traditions, history, and contributions to society, children can challenge misinformation and develop a more accurate understanding, which helps prevent prejudice.

4. Builds Cultural Awareness

Judaism has profoundly influenced history, philosophy, art, law, and culture. Understanding Jewish holidays, symbols, stories, and customs helps children better understand literature, history, and even modern events. It adds depth to their education and enhances cross-cultural awareness.

5. Encourages Social Harmony

In multicultural societies, children will inevitably interact with people from various religious backgrounds. Learning about Judaism and other faiths prepares them to engage positively and respectfully with others in school, work, and public life.

6. Supports Citizenship and Shared Values

Many moral and ethical principles taught in religious traditions — including justice, compassion, and responsibility — align with British values. Learning about Judaism helps children see these common threads across humanity, supporting shared goals and cooperation.

Conclusion

Teaching children about Judaism and other faiths isn't about converting them; it's about helping them become informed, empathetic, and respectful citizens of the world. In a time of global tension and misinformation, education is one of the most powerful tools to build bridges rather than walls.

School uniform

Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. All children are expected to attend in full school uniform unless alternative arrangements have been made with the classteacher or myself.

Speak Out Stay Safe!

Just before half term, the whole school took part in SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE! You can see some examples of their learning below.







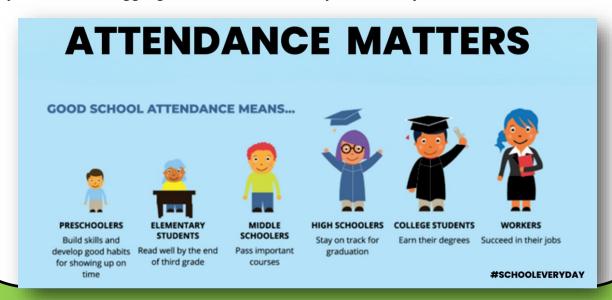
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT ONE OF OUR MANY SUMMER EVENTS LATER THIS TERM.

Ms Claire Redwood

Attendance

Top Tips for Parents & Carers

- 1. Establish a Routine
- . Set consistent bedtimes and morning routines to make getting to school easier.
- 2. Talk About School Positively
- . Show interest in your child's day and encourage a positive attitude toward learning.
- 3. Schedule Appointments Outside School Hours
- Try to avoid taking children out of school for non-urgent matters.
- 4. Know the School's Attendance Policy
- Understand what counts as an excused absence and the consequences of missing too much school.
- 5. Reach Out for Help
- If your child is struggling, talk to the school early—there may be resources available.





Important Update – New School Communication System



We would like to inform you that from the end of June, we will no longer be using **Schoolcomms** for school communications. Instead, we will be transitioning to a new platform: **My Child at School** (**MCAS**).

It is essential that all parents and carers sign up for MCAS, as this will become our primary method of communication. Going forward, it will also be used to share important information such as **school reports**.

Further details, including step-by-step instructions on how to download and use the MCAS app, will be shared with you shortly. Our office staff will also be available to support you with the transition and answer any questions you may have.

We kindly ask that any outstanding balances on Schoolcomms are cleared by 30th June 2025.

Please note that ordering school dinners will remain unchanged.

The Circus is Coming to Highweek!!

Join us for a fun-filled day under the BIG TOP!

Date: Saturday 5th July

Show Time: 12:00pm - approx 2:00pm
Where: On the school grounds

Expect thrills, laughter and jaw dropping entertainment!

Each child is invited to bring **ONE** parent or carer to enjoy the show

Don't miss this amazing event - it's going to be spectacular!

PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS
FREE OF CHARGE
BRING CASH ON THE DAY FOR
REFRESHMENTS



Y6 PARENTS/CARERS

You are invited to an online workshop:

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

DATE - MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

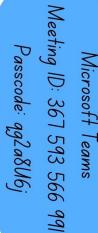
TIME - 15:45 - 16:45

ONLINE VIA TEAMS (joining code below)

Discuss the common secondary transition concerns.

Helpful tips to support your child's mental health during the transition.

Explore signs and reasons for worries about change.





Accelerated Readers

100,000 words

Demi Christie, Oliver Riley, Ruby Brighton, Gregory Cooper, Scarlet Russell & Freya Hubbard.

250,000 words Isaac Allen, Eleanor Hardy, Laiyla Peart, Anna Abhilash, Alfie Mitchell, Sive Williams & Jorgie-Mae Sharrock,





Year 6 End-of-Year Fun Session!

Zorb Battle, Tug of War Sumo Suit Wrestling & Inflatable Football

Date: Wednesday, 2nd July **Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

we receive consent for your child to attend this event via your Schoolcomms app.

Please ensure that



Get ready for an afternoon of action-packed fun and laughter!

Join your friends for an unforgettable celebration with exciting

games and inflatable madness!

What to Bring:

- Spare clothes (you will get messy!)
- Loads of energy and your best game face!

Pick-Up Arrangements:

Parents/guardians, please collect pupils promptly at 5:00 PM or if your child can walk on home please do let us know!



Well done to our Friday Flyers.

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

Theme	Learning from feedback & Able to examine mistakes		Persist in the face of setback		
Date	Weekending Friday 23rd May		Weekending Friday 6th June		
Bovey	Alisa Filonenko	Harvey Martin	Amari Pengilley	Maia Roome	
Dart	Harry Tooley	Jimmy Mead	Diego Larios Balladares	Kayden Breslan	
Exe	Oliver Riley	Tommy Underwood	Freya Hubbard	Cody Richards-Bearne	
Mardle	Jessica Gater	India-Rose Holdway	Josh Malath	Jenson Russell	
Plym	Sophie Gater	Freddy Johnson	Millie Harrison	Oscar Freeston	
Tamar	All of year 6		Bella Davis	Alex Fairweather	
Tavy	Peter Searle	Ross Sims	Oscar Baker	Lexi Daniels	
Teign	All of year 6		Jessica Bendzala	Lily Hannigan-Train	
Torridge	All of year 6		Jack Churchill	Oscar Estlick	

Well done to **Taw** class who had **100%** attendance for the period of **12th - 16th May 2025**Well done to **Plym** class who had **100%** attendance for the period of **19th - 23rd May 2025**Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is 96.2%.
It is essential for children to attend as much school as possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.

Class	W/C 12.05.25	W/C 19.05.25	
Taw	100%	98%	
Mole	89%	93%	
Mardle	95%	97%	
Bovey	91%	97%	
Tavy	97%	95%	
Plym	97%	100%	
Exe	91%	92%	
Dart	98%	93%	
Tamar	95%	93%	
Torridge	97%	93%	
Teign	98%	95%	





Can You Help Us Bring History to Life?



Do you know someone who could lend a hand?

We have been working closely with Newton Abbot Museum to preserve a fascinating collection of artefacts from Highweek's past — including:

School inspection reports from the 1940s and 50s

Headteacher's log books dating back to the Victorian era



Photo scrapbooks



The infamous punishment book



Newton Abbot Museum have also been researching the school's history, and now we're ready to take the next step!

We're planning to create a **mini-Victorian schoolroom** in our entrance hall and host a **Victorian Day** to launch it to the public. We'll be inviting former pupils to come and explore the collection.

We've already invested in professionally rebinding and preserving these precious books so they can be used as primary sources in future history lessons. Now, we need help transforming the space!

Can you help with painting or carpentry?





Every little bit helps us bring this vision to life for the community and future generations.

If you are able to help please email: admin@highweekprimary.co.uk















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Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development.

NAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

emotions better. can also help us to cope with our feelings and to learn more effectively and solve problems. Sleep situations. It improves your memory and helps you school & allow you to react more quickly to A good night's sleep will help you to do better at

lots of different reasons and won't always last long. Some young people find going to sleep really easy – but others can struggle a little bit. That can be for



Bedtime routines

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help our brains and bodies relax and unwind before difficult at times, but they are really important to A bedtime or evening routine can feel boring or

Here are some tips for you & your adults at home: Stick to routines for at least 2+ weeks as it can

- take time to change!
- Dim the lights the hour before bedtime at least 30 mins before bedtime

Take time away from screens and turn them off

Keep "goodnights" & hugs the same length each Read a book or listen to some calming music

More information about sleep:

upport/children/bedtime-routines/

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-

https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-andments/procedures-and-treatments/s



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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

most popular ways that young people engage with their peers onlines involving bydefini thee or more individuals. I these groups allow users to send messages, images and video everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and builled—as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.









SHARING GROUP CONTENT









GNE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS









SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS















Important dates for parents & year 6 pupils

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Date	What's happening / Where	Times	What to bring	What to wear	Notes
Monday 7 th July	Year 6 Production School Hall	Starts 9:30am 17:30pm	Yourself £1 per person	Costumes for performance	Parents / Carers invited A maximum of 2 adults per child per performance. We cannot have more due capacity limits in the hall. Tickets £1 per person entrance fee on the door.
Wednesday 9 th July – Friday 11 th July.	Forest & Beach Residential Kingsbridge	Arrive at school normal time and will return normal time on the Friday.	See kit list	See kit list	All children will need a packed lunch on the first day. All children will need to bring a drinks bottle.
Tuesday 15 th July	KS2 Summer Disco	17:30pm- 19:00pm	Money to purchase food and drinks	Something Special	£2.00 a ticket – letter to follow
Thursday 17 th July	Picnic at Bakers Park	XXXXXXXX	Packed lunch Drinks Sun cream	Non uniform Comfy trainers	A school packed lunch may be ordered through the office if your child is in receipt of free school meals
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9:30am	Tissues!!! Usually lots of tears	Uniform/ leavers hoodies	

As we approach the end of the school year, we're beginning to plan the much-anticipated Summer Disco. Each year, we like to make this event extra special for our Year 6 pupils, as it will be their final disco at Highweek. In the past, treats have included mocktails, a VIP area, and a Year 6-only section complete with a photo booth.

These extras rely on the support of our wonderful PTFA to organise and run. If you're a Year 6 parent and would be willing to help plan or contribute to making this year's disco memorable for our leavers, we'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with the school office if you're able to lend a hand - Thank you for your support!





KS2 - IN THE AFTERNOON KS1 - IN THE MORNING

THEN JOIN OU FOR PAICK TOX PICKIC!!

COLLEGT THEIR CHILDREN AND JOIN US ON THE FIELD. BRING A BLANKET AND PICNIC, AND ALL PARENTS & GARERS ARE WELCOME TO ALSO ENJOY OUR BBQ! 3.30PM - 4.15PM



Get ready for a day full of fun, teamwork and friendly competition!

> JOIN US AT HIGHWEEK PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING

IN AID OF THE RICKY GRANT UNIT AT TORBAY HOSPITAL

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AWESOME PRIZES! <u>≤</u>

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE EMAIL: carogers@highweekprimary.co.uk Or call 07968 891535