

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Autumn Term 2025 Friday 5th December

Dear Parents & Carers,
Christmas Fayre

We are so excited about our school Christmas Fayre- a lot of hard work has been going on behind the scenes to make this happen. We look forward to seeing you today at 3.30pm.

Christmas Nativities

One of the true highlights of this time of year is seeing the children's **nativity performances**. It is always such a delight to watch them bring the story to life with confidence, enthusiasm, and joy. These performances remind us of the magic of childhood and the importance of coming together as a community to celebrate.

This week, our nursery and reception children shared the Christmas story with us through their performance of, *A Twinkly Nativity*. The children looked and sounded fabulous! A big thank you to all the staff involved and especially to Mrs Alex Davies and her mum for making all the costumes!

We are now looking forward to seeing the Key Stage One's performance of, *Hey Ewe* next Thursday.

Singing Club performance at Exeter Cathedral
Highweek Singing Stars Shining Bright!

On Thursday evening, our amazing Singing Club took centre stage at Exeter Cathedral, joining @TeachersRock, a South West choir of educators, along with four other youth choirs from across Devon. Together, they performed in front of a wonderful audience in the stunning cathedral setting.

The children sang beautifully alongside both adults and peers, performing uplifting songs including The Climb, Beauty and the Beast, and Ain't No Mountain High Enough. They also wowed everyone with their own solo performance of No Such Thing As Normal - a true display of courage, confidence, and brilliant musicianship. With Makaton signs, expressive faces and plenty of character, they brought each song to life, filling the cathedral with joy and making the audience smile from ear to ear!

What an unforgettable and inspiring experience for everyone involved. We are so proud of each and every one of our shining stars!



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Year 2 trip to Abbotsbury Church

Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting Abbotsbury Church for a special Christmas Journey. The children were given their own "passports" and collected stamps as they entered and left Bethlehem, making the experience even more magical!

We listened to different parts of the Christmas story, brought to life by fantastic actors who helped the children understand and imagine each moment. The children also enjoyed a range of arts and crafts activities to help them remember the story and reflect on its meaning.

Everyone had a brilliant time, and we would like to say a huge thank you to the team at Abbotsbury Church for organising such a successful and engaging event.



Working with local schools

Did you know that Highweek belongs to a family of local schools called *The Primary Partnership*?

We work closely together to ensure excellent inclusive education for all children, whatever their setting. Other Newton Abbot schools within the partnership include: Bradley Barton, Decoy, Canada Hill, Denbury and Abbotskerswell Primaries.

Visit from Jack Newton

This week we were fortunate to welcome, Mr Jack Newton to our school. Jack's role at Devon County Council is Head of Inclusion and Learning and he is responsible for education across the whole of Devon. Jack spent two hours walking around the school, chatting to staff and pupils. He was very impressed with our amazing learners and our school's focus on academic excellence and opportunity for all. We talked about how Highweek can support other schools in Devon to develop best practice in inclusive education.

Finally, as we head towards the **end of term**, school life becomes especially busy. With events, performances, and learning activities filling the calendar, we appreciate your support in helping everything run smoothly.

A quick reminder about **school uniform**:

- Children should be wearing full uniform every day unless otherwise notified.
- Please ensure jumpers and coats are clearly **named**.
- Footwear should be plain and suitable for school activities.
- PE kits should be in school on the correct days.

As always, if you have any concerns or you would just like to pop in for chat, please get in touch with me via the school office.

Ms Redwood



A big festive thank you to one of our amazing grandparents for donating our stunning Christmas tree! It has filled our main school entrance with Christmas sparkle and joy. Your kindness and generosity mean so much to us!



Halloween Disco!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who joined the fun and helped us raise an incredible £656.88!
You're all spook-tacular!



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Monday 8th	Young Voices performing at Tesco's Kingsteignton at 2pm. Please come and support us!
Tuesday 9th	Reception pupils visit to Buckfast Abbey, letters have been sent out. Young Voices performing at Asda Newton Abbot at 11am. Please come and support us!
Wednesday 10th	Year 5/6 swimming PM. Lantern parade in Newton Abbot for year 5 pupils who enrolled. Newton Abbot will come alive with beloved fairytale characters and magical celebrations during the annual Lantern Parade at 6:30pm . This year's theme is " Once Upon a Night: Fairy Tales Lit Up the Town. " Children who have made lanterns should meet at Bearnes Primary School playground at 6:00pm . There will also be late-night shopping, live music, and street food in Courtenay Street. All families are warmly invited to watch the parade — not just those with children taking part.
Thursday 11th	KS1 Christmas performance at 9:30am & 5pm. Details have been sent via the MCAS app.
Friday 12th	Whole School Rudolph Run. Pupils have been given sponsorship forms. <i>This will take place during the school day.</i>
Monday 15th	Year 3/4 Panto Sleeping Beauty at the Princess Theatre. Music Showcase assembly at 2:30pm in the main school hall. <i>Parents of pupils who are performing have been invited.</i>
Wednesday 17th	Christmas dinner for all pupils who have ordered. <i>Please see menu over the page.</i> All Pupils can come to school in their Christmas Jumpers.
Thursday 18th	Year 5/6 Christmas Sing-a-Long We warmly invite you to join us for the Year 5/6 Christmas sing-a-long taking place in the school hall at 9:15am. The pupils have been working hard and are excited to perform a selection of Christmas songs. Mince pies and refreshments will be available to purchase. We look forward to celebrating with you!
Friday 19th	Last day of the Autumn term. School re-opens on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

Merry Christmas Everyone!

January 2026

Tuesday 6th	School re-opens for the Spring Term
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Accelerated Readers

**100,000
words**

**Flo Smith, Primrose Tremlett, Paisley Hamlyn,
Rose Liju, William Robinson, Amelia Sims,
Rose Green, Kiya Bowden & James Fagan.**

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Well done to our Friday Flyers.

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



Theme	Find lessons and inspiration in the success of others		Learning from feedback	
Date	Weekending Friday 28th November		Weekending Friday 5th December	
Bovey	Ben Palmer	Caleb Floyd	Logan Morgan	Felix Jones
Dart	Andrew Buchanan	India-Rose Bunday	Blue Broome	Niamh Stancombe
Exe	Elloisa Locke	Joseph Vickery Turner	Ruby Brighton	Cody Richards- Bearne
Mardle	Bonnie Noble	Carter Wilshere	Erika Mensah	Oliver Broome
Plym	Rey Underwood	Millie Harrison	Layla Forster	Harper Stevenson
Tamar	Alf Smith	Eva Bradford	Sophie Gater	Archie Hopkins
Tavy	Arthur Mason	Reuben Blackmore	Ellis Frisby	Riley Douglas
Teign	William Robinson	Oliver Barr	Ethan Holdway	Theo Fairweather
Torridge	Evie Appleby	Albie Gillingwater	Henry Joint	Oakley Maghaireh.

Well done to **Teign** class who had **98.4%** attendance for the period of **17th - 21st November**

Well done to **Exe & Torridge** class who had **95%** attendance for the period of **24th - 28th November**



Class	W/C 17th November	24th November
Taw	84.1%	90.6%
Mini Mole	89.3%	89%
Mole	89.2%	87.2%
Mardle	92.2%	90.9%
Bovey	92.4%	91.8%
Tavy	96.1%	91.1%
Dart	92.7%	92.7%
Plym	91.6%	88.4%
Exe	88.3%	95%
Torridge	95%	95%
Teign	98.4%	92.8%
Tamar	89.2%	90%



Tips to Help You Come to School on Time Every Day



1. Get Ready the Night Before

- Pack your bag
- Lay out your clothes
- Put your homework in your folder This makes mornings easier and faster.



2. Go to Bed on Time

- Try to sleep early so you wake up feeling good.
- A rested brain learns better!



3. Think of Something You Enjoy at School






- A friend you like playing with
- A subject you enjoy
- A club or activity Having something to look forward to helps you feel excited about coming.



HIGHWEEK
Primary School

Wraparound Care at Highweek December 2025

Costs: 3:30pm - 4pm £4.50 3:30pm - 5pm £7.00 3:30pm - 6pm £8.50

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Dec	Pancakes Free Play	Crackers/Dips Cooking (Xmas Cake)	T rifle Games	Quesadilla Cooking	Pizza Crafts
8th Dec	T rifle Free Play	Pizza Games	Quesadilla Movie Night	Crackers/Dips Games	Quesadilla Cooking
15th Dec	Pancakes Free Play	Wraps Movie Night	Toasties Games	Bagels Cooking (Xmas Biscuits)	Muffins Crafts
Outdoor Activity	Tag Rugby 	Football 	Dodgeball 	Archery 	Multi-Sports 

3:30pm - 3:45pm Registration

3:45pm - 4pm Snack

4pm - 5pm Chosen activity

5pm - 5:45pm Indoor play

5:45pm - 6pm Tidy up

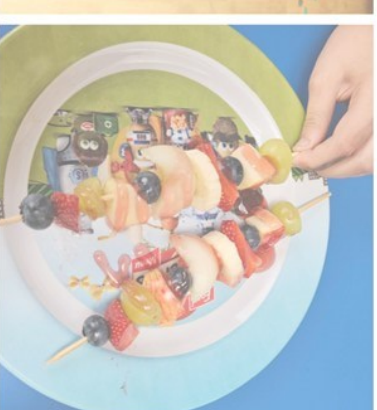
Contact: Mrs Carole Rogers

Number: 07968 891535

Please note:

A £10 fee applies to late collections.

All cancellations are non-refundable.



Email: carogers@highweekprimary.co.uk



CHRISTMAS menu

MAIN EVENT

Roast turkey, pig in blanket, skin on roasties, roast parsnips, stuffing, carrots, peas, gravy.

VEGETARIAN

Nutless Roast, Vegan Sausage, skin on roasties, roast parsnips, stuffing, carrots, peas, gravy.

DESSERT

Snowy Chocolate Brownie

ALLERGENS & Intolerance's

At Cleverchefs we take food allergens and intolerances very seriously. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances you need to make us aware prior to ordering any food with us. We have a full breakdown of the 14 allergens on our primary school menu link on our website www.cleverchefs.co.uk or scan the QR code on this page.

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Ways to Wellbeing

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Winter Wellbeing

It is nearly the end of term and that means one thing – the Christmas and winter holidays! Yay!

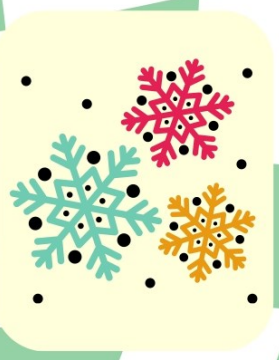
The winter holidays can be really exciting and busy, but it's important to take some time to relax and look after your wellbeing too! Why not try some mindfulness – like this star breathing exercise? Or some hot chocolate breathing – imagine blowing on a pretend mug to cool it down!

Mindfulness

Top tips for when things feel tricky:

- Talk to someone you trust about how you are feeling and what you are worried about
- Try to keep to your regular routine where you can, especially at bedtime
- Spend time with people you care about and doing things you enjoy
- 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/>



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.