

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Monday 5th: Bank Holiday-School Closed
Friday 9th Non-Uniform in aid of ELM Wildlife Hedgehog Rescue.
Please see details on other page.

Monday 12th : SATs week commences.

Thursday 22nd: KS1 Come read with me at 2:45pm. *Parents invited.*

Friday 23rd: School closes for the half term break

JUNE

Monday 2nd: School re-opens.

Monday 2nd: Torridge class visiting Newton Abbot Museum.

Wednesday 4th: Year 5 trip to Exeter Synagogue.

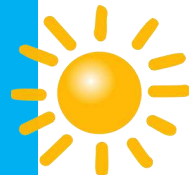
Thursday 5th: Tamar class visiting Newton Abbot Museum.

Friday 6th: Teign class visiting Newton Abbot Museum.

Monday 9th: Years 3 & 4 visiting Torquay Museum.

Monday 16th: Sports day KS1 AM & KS2 PM
Details to follow

Monday 23rd: Reserve Sports day,
Same details as above.



Summer Term
2025



Dear parents/carers,

Careers Education

Yesterday, the children were given a presentation from Mr Tony Horsey from Wyse Homes. He talked to the children about his job, an architect, and the other professionals involved in designing and building houses. All the children are invited to take part in their competition for some great prizes. Please see the flyer sent home for more details. The competition details will be posted on Monday.



SATS

Week beginning 12th May, our year 6 children will be undertaking their Standard Assessment Tasks. Want to know more?

For a handy guide, please see the link below:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/system/files/attachments/articles/Parent%20handout%20KS2%20SATs%202025%20KM.pdf>

Or the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-and-results-information-for-parents/2025-key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Staff training

This week, our staff training session was around **Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision**. Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision (OAIP) describes the inclusive provision and practice **that all Devon schools**, early years, and post 16 settings should be able to provide for all children and young people, including those with SEND, from within their own resources. This will support all children and young people to attend, engage and thrive in their educational setting. It describes approaches, provision and practice that is **'helpful to all, harmful to none and crucial for some'**.

For further details, please see the link below:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/support-schools-settings/ordinarily-available-inclusive-provision/>



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Nursery Open days

All children deserve the care and support they need to have the best start in life. Children learn and develop at a faster rate from birth to five years old than at any other time in their lives, so their experiences in early years have a major impact on their future life chances. A secure, safe, and happy childhood is important in its own right. Good parenting and high-quality early learning provide the foundation children need to fulfil their potential.

We are delighted to be offering extended nursery provision from September to support our working families. This will be based in the EYFS building and led by staff in the setting.

If you know anyone who would be interested in sending their child to our nursery going forward, please send them along to our Saturday open mornings:

Saturday 10th May and Saturday 21st June 10am-12pm

Weather

We have been very fortunate with the weather this week. It has been great to see the whole school having fun together. If the warm weather continues next week, please don't forget sun-cream and hat!

Cooking with Cleverchefs

Our Year 3 & 4 pupils had an incredible time this week taking part in a special cooking masterclass with Cleverchefs! They rolled up their sleeves, made pizza from scratch, including their own dough, and had a fantastic selection of toppings to choose from.



The excitement isn't over yet, this afternoon, the rest of our pupils will have their turn to become mini chefs! Don't forget to ask your child all about their culinary adventure.

We hope you have a fantastic bank holiday weekend!
Ms Redwood



We're excited to share that **new uniform** items are now available to order on our uniform website.

Please scan the QR code to go straight to the online shop. →



There are many exciting developments happening at Highweek, including updates to our EYFS building, extended hours, wraparound care, and new uniform options.

We have recently launched tracksuit bottoms - please note that they are specifically for children based in the **EYFS building**. In addition, we have added other new items such as a polo-shirt, soft fleece and a cosy beanie hat, which are available more broadly.

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Attendance

School Matters!



Attendance Expectations!

What are the expectations in terms of attendance at Highweek Primary School?

At Highweek Primary School we expect all children to attend school every day. Children should only be absent if they are too ill to attend. Mild symptoms, such as a runny nose or stomach discomfort should not prevent your child from attending school.

Further advice can be found via the link to the NHS website below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Should my child attend school if they are anxious or worried?

It is normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or head-ache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It is good to talk about any worries they may have such as bullying, friendship problems, school work or sensory problems. You can also work with the school to find ways to help them. If your child is still struggling and it is affecting their everyday life, please come and speak us. We will then be able to advise you on advice and support that is available to you.

What are persistent absentees (PAs)?

Persistent absentees are those children who have missed more than 10% of their school sessions. In a year there are 190 teaching days. If a child misses 19 days or more they will fall into this bracket. Children who are persistently absent, for whatever reason, are monitored to ensure their attendance improves. The school may send letters informing you of your child's attendance and hold meetings to discuss how we can work together to try to improve your child's attendance.

If your child's attendance continues to cause concern, despite the support that is put in place, you may be referred to Devon's attendance team. They may issue a fixed penalty notice if your child's attendance does not improve.



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**

Accelerated Readers



100,000 words

Albie Hagger, Skyla Margrie, Ella Bell,
& Rosie-Mae Spence.

250,000 words

Felicity Godfrey.

500,000 words

Sophie Gater & William Robinson,.

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Albie Gillingwater.

1.5 million words

Paige Payton.

Exciting Animal-Themed Non-Uniform Day on Friday, 9th May 2025 Suggested Donation: £1



We are thrilled to announce our upcoming **Animal-Themed Non-Uniform Day! On Friday, 9th May**, pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite animal. Whether it's a roaring lion, a waddling penguin, or a charming hedgehog, we can't wait to see the creativity on display.

This special event is in support of the Elm Wildlife Hedgehog Rescue & Rehabilitation. With a suggested donation of £1, your contributions will go a long way in helping hedgehogs receive the care they need.

Let's make it a wild and wonderful day!



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

Theme	Embracing Challenge		Persist in the face of setbacks	
Date	Weekending Friday 25th April		Weekending Friday 2nd May	
Bovey	James Milton	Hazel Rouse	Piotr Ziubryniewicz	Felix Jones
Dart	Tommy Wines	Kayden Breslan	Sam Plamer	Felicity Godfrey
Exe	Elloisa Locke	Freya Hubbard	Holly Exon	Gregory Cooper
Mardle	Franny Johnson	Olivia Williams	Arthur Mason	Riley Atkinson
Plym	Tilly Milton	James Fagan	Primrose Tremlett	Layla Forster
Tamar	Blake Coleman	Bella Davis	Charlie Mason	Isla Steer
Tavy	Niamh Stancombe	Lydia Bourne	Frazer Simpson	Theo Shaw
Teign	Sofia Ralph	Alisa Malishevskaya	Kyle Rendell	Ashton Underwood
Torridge	Harrison Catt	Freya Bird	Archie Exon	Soraya Williams

Well done to **Bovey** class who had **97%** attendance for the period of **31st March - 4th April 2025**

Well done to **Taw** class who had **100%** attendance for the period of **22nd—25th April 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 31.03.25	W/C 22.04.25
Taw	89%	100%
Mole	83%	99%
Mardle	84%	98%
Bovey	97%	96%
Tavy	96%	87%
Plym	87%	99%
Exe	90%	98%
Dart	89%	94%
Tamar	94%	96%
Torridge	94%	94%
Teign	91%	93%



YOU PARENTS/CARERS

You are invited to an online workshop:

SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL 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.

Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 367 593 566 991
Passcode: 9g2a8U6j

Join us online

BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation

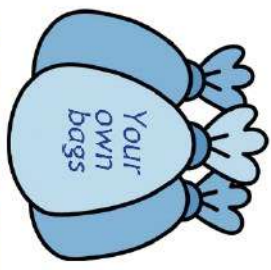


Highweek Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Monday 19th May 2025 by 9am

01609 780 222

www.bag2school.com

helpdesk@bag2school.com



Ways to Wellbeing

Summer 25 Issue #1

WELCOME

Welcome back Highweek!

You are now over half-way through the school year, which is both scary and exciting!



Welcome back & preparation for the term

The start of the summer term can feel different for everyone - exciting, scary or like nothing at all!

It can be really good to start off a new term by thinking about gratitude and what we are thankful for. That can be a conversation with friends, with family or a teacher.

Here are some ideas:

- What are you proud of yourself for doing this school year so far?
- What are your funniest memories from this year?

For some of you year 6s, you will have your SATs coming up this term - and others of you will have end-of-year tests soon. Tests can feel especially scary or worrying for some people, for lots of different reasons - and that is totally okay and understandable!

Here are some ideas of how you can help look after yourself and prepare for your end-of-year tests:

- Make sure you are eating, drinking & sleeping well
- Talk to someone you trust about your worries
- Picture how you will feel once the test is over and it is the summer holidays!

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) have made a booklet specifically about how to prepare and cope with pre-test worries - have a look..

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/cfhd-Exams-Booklet-Mar-2025-8pp-A5-lo-res.pdf>

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.