

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



### MARCH

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Decider Skills.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform in exchange for an Easter Egg for the PTFA Easter Bingo 
Monday 23rd	Parents Evening 3:40-6pm.
Monday 23rd	PTFA AGM at 9am in the main school.
Tuesday 24th	Parents Evening 3:40-6pm.
Thursday 26th	PTFA Easter Bingo 6pm in the main school hall. 
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Decider Skills.
Tuesday 31st	PTFA meeting at 9am in the main school.

### UPCOMING TRIPS

Year	Trip	When	Payment By
5 & 6	Paignton Zoo	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026
6	Residential	8th, 9th, 10th July	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
5	Mamma Mia	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2027	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026
1 & 2	Lyme Regis	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026

### Spring Term Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### SCIENCE WEEK

This week we have been celebrating **Science Week** and in our assembly today we found out which children had been identified for their fabulous science learning. We have been thinking about what makes a good scientist and have been researching famous modern scientists that are having an impact on the world including: Giles Oldroyd, Dr Chris and Dr Xander, Alice Roberts and Maggie Alderin-Pocock. We have had visiting scientists (Mr Gater and Mrs Karina Aggett) to help us understand the importance of science in our local and wider community and the different skills that are needed to work in science. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Hartley for organising such an amazing week.

#### NEW PUPILS

We have had a number of new families join us. Thank you for making them feel welcome.

#### PARENTAL SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our recent parental survey. The survey closes on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, so please complete this asap if you haven't already done so. We have included the link and a QR code over the page so that you are able to access the survey.



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## EDUCATION REFORMS- THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT WHITE PAPER

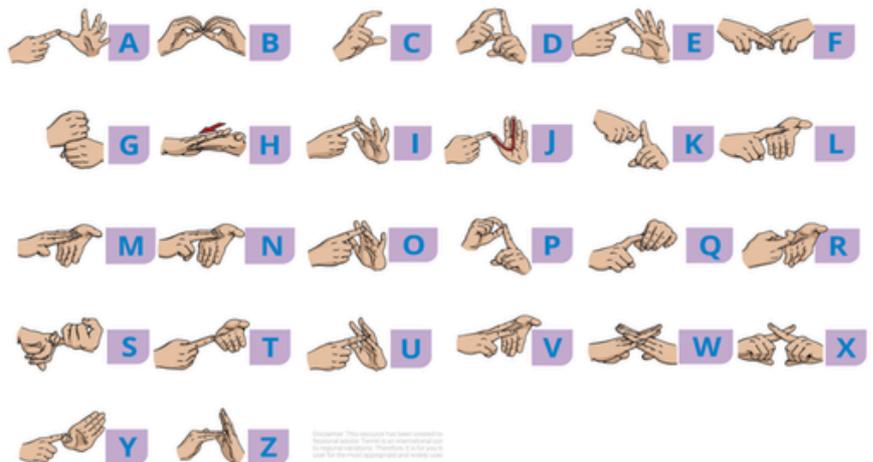
The Every Child Achieving and Thriving was published on 23 February 2026 and proposes long-term changes to education and support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The plans aim to improve early identification of needs, increase support in mainstream schools, and reduce the gap in attainment between disadvantaged pupils and their peers. A public consultation is running until 18 May 2026, and no immediate changes will affect children's current support. If approved, new assessment processes could begin from September 2029, with larger SEND system changes expected from around 2030. Watch this space for further information, as and when we get it!

## SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

Next week is sign language week and all our Reception, Year 1,2 and 3 pupils will be learning to spell their names in sign language as well as other learning other basic signs. For further information, please see the following link:

<https://signlanguageweek.org.uk/>

## Fingerspelling



Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in making our school such a positive and thriving community.

Ms Claire Redwood

### URGENT REMINDER – Year 6 Residential Payment

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that the full payment for the Year 6 residential trip must be completed by 31.03.26.

Unfortunately, we are unable to extend or delay this deadline. The payment plan was arranged in monthly instalments from September 2025 to help families spread the cost across the year.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.





# ACCELERATED READERS!

100,000 words	Islay MacTaggart, Ahmad Sultani & Oscar Estlick.
250,000 words	Paisley Hamlyn, Tommy Walton & Jaydyn Mbulayi.
500,000 words	Noah Coleman-Desouza & Nora Mounce-Jeffreys.

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## Wraparound Care at Highweek

### March 2026

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

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd Mar	Spanish Tortillas Free Play	Toasties Movie Night	Sandwiches Games	Wraps Cooking	Spanish Tortillas Free Play
9th Mar	Fruit Salad Free Play	Muffins Cooking	Chilli/ Rice Movie Night	Toast Games	Fruit Salad Crafts
16th Mar	Spaghetti Bolognese Free Play	Pasta/Sauce Crafts	Pancakes Games	Pasta/Sauce Movie Night	Spaghetti Bolognese Games
23rd Mar	Easter Biscuits Free Play	Wraps Games	Pasta/Sauce Movie Night	Trifle & fruit Crafts	Easter Biscuits Free Play
30th Mar	Crumpets Free Play	Trifle Movie Night	Crackers and dips Crafts	Muffins Games	
Outdoor Activities	Multi-Sports	Archery	Tag Rugby	Football	Dodgeball

3:30pm - 3:45pm Registration  
3:45pm - 4pm Snack  
4pm - 5pm Chosen activity  
5pm - 5:45pm Indoor play  
5:45pm - 6pm Tidy up

**Please note:**  
A £10 fee applies to late collections.  
All cancellations are non-refundable.

Contact: Mrs Carole Rogers

Number: 07968 891535

Email: carogers@highweekprimary.co.uk



## IMPORTANT

From 1st April 2026 the T&C's for after school club will change. Please follow this link with the changes.

[Link](#)

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## Parents Evening



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Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th March 2026  
To book please go to:  
<https://highweek.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Hot drinks will be available to purchase on both evenings

The next Friends of Highweek (PTFA) meeting will be held on **Monday 23rd March at 9am**. Please note this will be our AGM.



We will also be having a meeting on **Tuesday 31st March at 9am**. Both meetings will be held in the main school.

Would you like to join our friendly PTFA (Friends of Highweek), or know someone who might be interested? We'd love to welcome you, where new faces are always warmly received.



Refreshments available

You can start booking from tomorrow morning at 10am!

# AFTER SCHOOL & LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Clubs run for 5 weeks: Mon 20th April - Fri 22nd May 2026

Choose up to 2 clubs per child

After School clubs finish at 4:40pm  
(Singing Club at 4:30pm)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Rounders	KS1 Gymnastics	KS2 Gymnastics	SSW Football Please book via <a href="#">link</a>	KS2 Dodgeball
Rec & KS1 Multi Skills	KS2 Singing Young Voices	KS1 Art	KS2 Drama	
Year 3 Lunchtime BSL	KS2 Lunchtime Recorder & Fife	Year 4 & 5 Lunchtime BSL	Year 6 Lunchtime BSL	
	Year 2 Lunchtime BSL			



## BOOKING INFORMATION

- ✓ Book via the **My Child at School App**
- ✓ First come, first serve
- ✓ Collect children promptly
- 📞 For Queries: Contact the school office





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

Theme	Persist in the face of setbacks		Effort as the path to mastery		
Date	Friday 6th March		Friday 13th March		
Mole	Khaleesi Pengilley-Browse	Albie Hurden	Ruben Green	Jonah Loder	
Bovey	Jeorgia Vickery-Turner	Logan Morgan	Peter Searle	Oscar Baker	
Dart	Harvey Martin	Franny Johnson	Clay Ellison	Isabelle Lawson	
Exe	Tommy Wines	Logan Simmons	Faith Heavens	Elloisa Locke	
Mardle	Arthur Payne	Bonnie Noble	Eden Loder	Erika Mensah	
Plym	Ethan Herbert	Freddy Johnson	Eleanor Hardy	Rey Underwood	
Tamar	Mati Kiezun	Eva Bradford	Albie Hagger	Austin Carter	
Tavy	Ravenna-Rae Spence	Riley Douglas	Ziron Waris	Rory Evans	Arthur Mason
Teign	Lewis Seal	Frayah Jowitt	William Robinson	Scarlet Russell	
Torrige	Lewis Dale	Kane Walker	Jamie Dale	Nathan Jewell	

Well done to Exe class who had 97.6% attendance for the period of 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Well done to Exe class who had 100% attendance for the period of 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

Class	W/C 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Taw	96.7%	87.6%
Mini Mole	97.3%	92.9%
Mole	91.1%	94.6%
Mardle	90.4%	87%
Bovey	93.5%	92.4%
Tavy	89%	90.5%
Dart	95.9%	93.4%
Plym	97.5%	97%
Exe	97.6%	100%
Torrige	95%	91.8%
Teign	92.4%	95.2%
Tamar	95.2%	97.6%

Good attendance helps your child stay on track and feel confident in class. Please ensure your child attends school daily and arrives on time. If your family is facing challenges that affect attendance, please reach out — we are happy to support you.



# Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhea &amp; /or Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.



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## Does your child struggle with worries or anxiety?

Help your child build confidence and manage worries with a new therapeutic app for children aged 7-12 yrs.

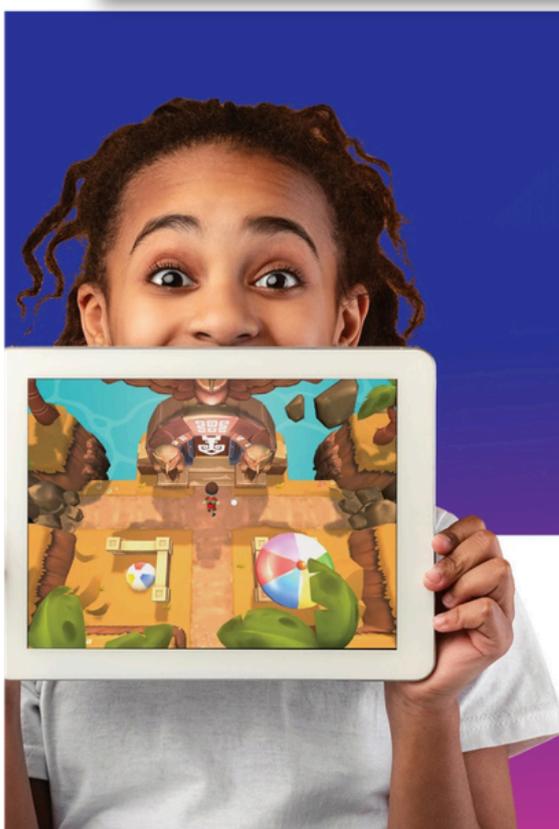
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# School Meal Price Update



From 1st April 2026, the cost of a school dinner will be £2.95 per meal, which equates to £14.75 per week.

We have worked hard to keep our meal prices as low as possible. However, due to the continued rise in the cost of food and supplies, we have had to make the difficult decision to increase the price.

We remain committed to providing high-quality, nutritious meals for all our pupils and appreciate your understanding and continued support.



# 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!**

JOIN US FOR OUR PTFA

## Easter Bingo

Friends of  
  
Highweek  
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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 6pm**  
**Eyes down @ 6:30pm**

Each book will cost £5  
Refreshments available  
to purchase.

**See you there!**



## FROZEN FRIDAY IS BACK

AFTER THE EASTER BREAK WE WILL BE SELLING ICE POLES AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY EACH FRIDAY.

THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE KS1 & KS2 PLAYGROUNDS & THE EYFS EXIT.  
ICE POLES ARE 50P EACH.

# Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School

☀️ Summer Car Boot Sale ☀️

📅 Saturday 13th June

Come along for a morning of bargains, treasures,  
and community fun!

🚗 Sellers arrive from: 8:00am

🛍️ Buyers welcome from: 9:00am

🕒 Last entry: 11:00am

💷 Pitch Prices

🚗 Cars – £6

🚚 Vans – £8

📌 Booking Required

All pitches must be booked and paid for in advance.

To reserve your pitch please contact

Mrs Lowe. 01626 216300

🛍️ Buyer Entry: £1

Bring your friends, grab a bargain, and  
support our school community!



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Please scan the QR code.



**We value your input and would greatly appreciate your feedback. When you have a few minutes, please take some time to complete the Parent Feedback Questionnaire. Your responses help us reflect on our practices and continue improving the learning experience for all pupils. Your feedback will allow us to celebrate what is going well as well as support areas for continual improvement. Thank you**





# Ways to Wellbeing

Spring 26 Issue #5

## International Women's Day

**Everyone's mental health matters and is unique. But it can be impacted by lots of things - including your gender.**

### International Women's Day

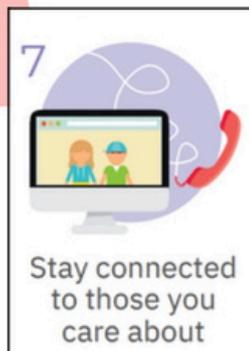
8th March is 'International Women's Day'. The theme this year is all about generosity and working together to ensure that everyone lives the best life they can.

I want us to think about how 'International Women's Day' links to mental health & wellbeing. Any ideas?

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Think about some of the women and girls in your life - e.g. sisters, friends, friends, teachers, aunts.

- How do they help your mental health?
  - e.g. listening & talking to you, giving you hugs when you are sad
- How can you say 'thank you' to them?
  - e.g. hugs, flowers, a picture or card
- How can you help their mental health?
  - e.g. listening, saying kind words



**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.**