



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Monday 24th: KS1 visiting Newton Abbot Museum.

Monday 24th: Year 5 masterclass at Coombeshead College.

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th: Parents evening from 3:40pm - 6pm. If you are unable to book an appointment, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Tuesday 25th: Spice up your life menu.

Please see details overleaf.

Thursday 27th: Year 2 Dental session in the school hall.

Friday 28th: Non Uniform in exchange for Easter Eggs for the PTFA Easter Bingo.

April

Thursday 3rd: PTFA Easter Bingo in the school hall from 6pm.

Friday 4th: School closes for the Easter break.

Tuesday 22nd: School re-opens.

Spring Term 2025

Friday 21st March



Dear parents/carers,

SHARING BEST PRACTICE WITH OTHER SCHOOLS:

As you are aware, we work closely with a number of local schools to share best practice. This week we were visited by the headteachers and EYFS team from Bishopsteignton and Canada Hill Primary School. They wanted to look at how we are developing our provision for our youngest children. They were very impressed with how calm the setting was and how well the children were engaging in their learning. Following this, a number of teachers from other schools came to Highweek to observe Miss Laura Roel deliver, "Drawing club" to our Reception children. I would like to say a big thank you to the team for being so open to visitors and the amazing work they are doing.

In addition to the above, Mrs Fran Toms is leading literacy across the schools partnership to ensure all schools learn from the most up to date research around the teaching of reading, writing and oracy.

ORDINARILY INCLUSIVE PROVISION

At Highweek, we are proud to follow and implement the **Ordinarily Available Inclusive Education Framework**. The **Ordinarily Available Inclusive Education Framework** sets out expectations of what high quality, inclusive practice should look like for all children and young people in all schools and settings. Underpinning the framework are 10 key principles for inclusive education and practice that align with headteacher and teacher standards and are at the heart of good teaching practice.

For further information, please see the following link:

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

Join Miss Stevens for a
COFFEE & CHAT MORNING
each month at 9am.

This informal coffee morning will give you an opportunity to meet and have a chat with Miss Stevens and ask any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend please email:
admin@highweekprimary.co.uk

The next meeting is on:
Wednesday 7th May 2025



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LATES

There have been three days this week where no pupils have been late.

Well done everyone- keep up the good work!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council met today and last week to discuss a number of issues. Hot on the agenda has been:

- School dinners and children having a voice regarding the menu
- More bins, including recycling bins outside
- Can we have an outdoor regulation station and what would this look like?

Thank you to our year six pupils for minuting our sessions and following up on any actions.

Drinks, Snacks and rubbish- REMINDER

DRINKS We encourage children to keep hydrated during the school day, preferably with water. Please could you ensure that your child brings in their own water bottle every day. Children can have these in the classroom and are able to drink throughout the day, in accordance with class routines. Please ensure that the bottle is a type that won't spill if it is knocked over. School water bottles are available to purchase at the office. The content of the water

bottles should be water. By choosing water, children are not drinking sugary drinks which contribute to many preventable health conditions like obesity, tooth decay and type 2 diabetes. **In exceptional circumstances, we can agree to a child having squash, for example, if they need to be encouraged to drink for medical reasons.** We are very grateful for parents supporting this rule, as it can cause a lot of upset amongst children if some have squash and others don't.

SNACKS Children are able to bring a snack in to eat during the morning break. The following snacks are encouraged at Highweek:

Whole or sliced fruit

Vegetable sticks like celery, carrot and cucumber. Some vegetables are naturally baton-shaped which can save you time preparing, for example: sugar snap peas and baby corn

Bag of plain popcorn (over 5's only)

Breadsticks

Rice or corn cakes

A small sandwich or bagel with cheese, hummus or vegetable filling.

Please DO NOT send your child in with crisps, chocolate items or sweets for snack time.

Full Guidelines can be found here: https://www.highweekprimary.co.uk/files/ugd/7cad2_4f55a12ad3514b438cbfdd251cc05012.pdf



PTFA

Please do support our Easter Bingo to raise valuable funds for the school April 3rd at 6pm.

GREAT FUN IS ALWAYS HAD BY ALL!!!

Ms Claire Redwood.

Attendance

How many days has your child had off school this year?

It is the law to attend school. Poor attendance has a detrimental impact on pupils learning and over a 5-year period a pupil whose attendance is 90% will have missed half of a school year – this is a lot of lost education!

'Persistent absence' is classed as anything under 90%.

Children who have 19 or more days of absence across a school year are persistent absentees.

Parents may be prosecuted if their child's attendance falls below 90%.

If your child is not attending school for any reason, you must contact school to inform staff of the reason why. If the phone line is busy, please leave a voicemail. This is checked regularly and there is no need to call back to check we have received the message.

Attendance is monitored weekly by our Attendance Officer, Mrs Claire Joint. Evidence of illness may be requested for pupils who have already had some absence and are at risk of becoming persistent absentees.

It is essential you contact school so that we know your children are safe.

It is our duty to undertake welfare visits if a child's whereabouts is unknown.

Remember, your child has around 6 different learning 'sessions' during the school day. Lessons are sequential from day to day so if they miss one day, it makes catching up the next day trickier.

Consider this:

Taking your child for a 9.30am pre-arranged medical appointment but not bringing them to school afterwards may mean they miss 5 lessons which they could have attended.

Your child says they feel unwell in the morning but appears fine but you keep them off school 'just in case'. Nothing turns out to be wrong but they have missed the whole school day - 6 lessons.

Missing school for a 1 week holiday means your child misses 30 lessons.

Missing school for a 2 week holiday means your child misses 60 lessons.

Leave of Absence during term time– the rules have changed!

*Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless there is an **exceptional** circumstance.*

Leave will be **unauthorised** if it is for a holiday (even if it is due to financial circumstances) and, you are likely to receive a fine from the Local Authority if a child misses 10 or more sessions (5 days).

Since August 19th 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Thank you to families for your continued efforts to support attendance at Highweek Primary School.





We currently have a substantial collection of lost property in the main school reception area, including a significant number of coats, some of which appear to be brand new. We kindly encourage you to visit and check if any of these items belong to your child.

Please note that any unclaimed items will be removed on **Friday, 28th March**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Highweek Primary School Food & Fun Summer Festival

Date: Friday, 11th July Time: 2 PM – 6 PM

Location: Highweek Primary School

We are hoping to host a Food & Fun Summer Festival
A fantastic event for the whole community!

However, for this to take place we need your help!!

If you're interested in having a pitch or a stall for a fee of £20 please get in touch by either calling 01626 216300 or emailing the school at: admin@highweekprimary.co.uk

Accelerated Readers

100,000 words

Logan Simmons, Cody Richards-Bearne,
Khalid Shaibu, Ophelia Parker, Tommy Walton,
Alfie Mitchell & Claude-Gray Conway.

250,000 words

Riley Daniels, James Fagan, Elise Keskin, Kane
Walker, Mati Kiezun, Ahmad Sultani
& Rhys Smith.

500,000 words

Albie Gillingwater & Soraya Williams.

750,000 words

Albie Gillingwater.



Friends of Highweek
EASTER BINGO
Thursday 3rd April in the
main school hall.
Doors open at 6pm.



Please join us
for a fun packed
evening!





Thank you to everyone who helped us raise an amazing **£839.00** for Rowcroft Hospice. This money was raised when our pupils took part in the Rudolph Run last December.

We also had a very successful number day when pupils brought in their coins. This raised **£165.27**. This will be going to the NSPCC.



We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 28th March in exchange for an Easter Egg.

Please send them into your child's class on the day.

The Easter Eggs will be used for the Easter Bingo which is being held on Thursday 3rd April from 6pm in the main school.

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Parents Evening



SCAN ME

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th
March 2025

To book please go to:
<https://highweek.schoolcloud.co.uk>



Our Year 5 & 6 had an amazing adventure at Wildwood on Tuesday 18th March. They explored the Anglo-Saxon village, went on a nature and foraging walk, saw incredible native wildlife like wolves, and took on the drop-slide and maze challenges!

What a fantastic day of learning and fun!



We have added lots more pictures on the website. Take a look!





Would you be interested in working in our lovely school?

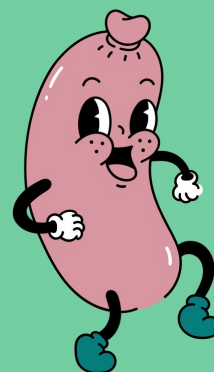
Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School are currently looking for a Meal Time Assistant to join their team.

Monday to Friday. Term time only.

For further details please get in touch with the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Lowe on 01626 216300



Spice up
YOUR LIFE



**SPICY SAUSAGE PASTA
& GARLIC BREAD**

Tuesday 25th March

Jacket Potatoes, Baguettes and
Hot Pasta Bar are still available

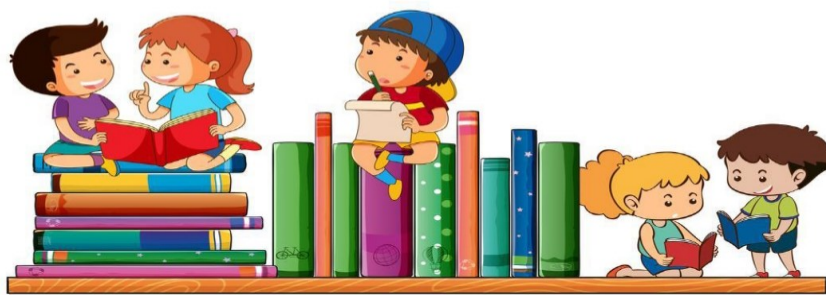


Playzone After School Club March 25

Costs 3.30pm - 4pm £4.50

3.30pm - 5pm £7.00

3.30pm - 6pm £8.50



3.30pm – 3.45pm Registration

3.45pm – 4pm snack

4pm – 5pm chosen activity

5pm – 5.45pm indoor play

5.45pm – 6pm tidy up

6pm Close.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 rd Mar	Cereal Free Play	Cereal Games	Cereal Cooking	Cereal Craft	Cereal Games
10 th Mar	Toasties Free Play	Toasties Movie Night	Toasties Games	Toasties Cooking	Toasties Craft
17 th Mar	Crackers & Dips Free Play	Crackers & Dips Craft	Crackers & Dips Movie Night	Crackers & Dips Games	Crackers & Dips Cooking
24 th Mar	Sausage Rolls Free Play	Sausage Rolls Cooking	Sausage Rolls Craft	Sausage Rolls Movie Night	Sausage Rolls Games

Outdoor activities will take place every night weather permitting.



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

Theme	Embracing challenge		Effort as the path to mastery	
Date	Weekending Friday 14th March		Weekending Friday 21st March	
Bovey	Claude-Gray Conway	Hope Mitchell	Koa Dymond	Logan Morgan
Dart	Alexia Rhodes	Evie Appleby	Freya Paris	Jamie Dale
Exe	Gregory Cooper	Cody Richards-Bearne	Scarlett Russell	Jorgie-Mae Sharrock
Mardle	Arthur Mason	Nala-Rose Worton	Jack Barr	Josh Malath
Plym	Sophie Gater	Isaac Allen	Anna Abhilash	Oscar Freeston
Tamar	Eva Bradford	Florence Smith	Archie Hopkins	Emmanuel Benoy
Tavy	Phoebe Mansfield	Jack Wilkes	Georgie-Ray Stevens	Freya Bowles
Teign	Kyle Rendell	Esme Keskin	Ethan Holdway	Melissa Cooper
Torridge	Kane Walker	Henry Joint	Harrison Catt	Paige Smith

Well done to **Exe & Tavy** class who both had **99%** attendance for the period of **3rd - 7th March 2025**

Well done to **Tavy** class who had **99%** attendance for the period of **10th - 14th March 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 03.03.25	W/C 10.03.25
Taw	95%	85%
Mole	95%	91%
Mardle	95%	97%
Bovey	92%	98%
Tavy	99%	99%
Plym	97%	98%
Exe	99%	94%
Dart	95%	96%
Tamar	97%	97%
Torridge	92%	92%
Teign	96%	93%





Ways to Wellbeing

W/C 17th March 2025

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 how we can speed up equality & fairness for all. Have you spent any time at school this week thinking about what that means?

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, aunties.

- 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

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Stay connected to those you care about

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Actively care for others

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.