

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Highweek community. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, and I am incredibly proud of the children and all they have achieved.

It is always a pleasure to see our children growing in confidence, developing their independence and embracing the many opportunities available to them. At Highweek, we want every child to feel valued, supported and inspired to achieve their very best, both academically and personally.

Celebrating our Highweek values

Our values of **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience** continue to underpin everything we do at Highweek. We have been encouraging the children to think carefully about what these values look like in their everyday actions, whether that is showing kindness to a friend, taking responsibility for their learning or persevering when something feels challenging.

As we move into the next half term, we will continue to explore what it means to show respect to everyone in our school community. Simple actions, such as saying please and thank you, holding doors open, listening carefully to others and treating everyone with kindness, make a real difference. Thank you for reinforcing these important messages at home.

Parents Evenings

Thank you for coming in and meeting with your child's teacher. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please do get in touch and we can make alternative arrangements.

OCTOBER



Friday 23rd	School closes for the Half Term break.

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd	School re-opens.
Wednesday 4th	Year 4 trip to Kents Cavern. Coffee & Chat with Miss Stevens at 2.45pm.
Thursday 5th	Year 3 trip to Kents Cavern.
Tuesday 10th	PTFA Friends of Highweek meeting at 9am.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Reception-Mole Class

Christmas at Buckfast Abbey - Tuesday 8th December 2026. Cost £18

Year 3 & 4

Kents Cavern - Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th November 2026. Cost £8.30

Year 3 & 4

Snow White at the Princess Theatre - Tuesday 15th December 2026.
Cost £18.00

Year 5

Lantern Parade Workshop - Thursday 3rd December 2026.
Lantern Parade - Evening of Wednesday 9th December 2026.
Cost £5.00

Year 6

Mamma Mia! - 21st January 2027



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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Mental Health Ambassadors

Pupils were nominated by their classes and invited to undertake training to become Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors.

The training focused on developing pupils' understanding of mental health and wellbeing, the importance of respect, and strategies to promote positive mental health within the school community. Ambassadors explored ways to share helpful wellbeing tips, plan and deliver assemblies, and signpost their peers towards appropriate sources of support.
All pupils successfully completed the training and were awarded an ambassador badge in recognition of their achievement.

The ambassadors will meet next half term to develop an initial SMART action plan to put their learning into practice across the school. Planned initiatives include: creating wellbeing display boards, organising wellbeing activities and raising awareness through assemblies led by the ambassadors themselves. Their role will be an important part of helping to create a school environment where everyone feels supported, valued and able to talk about their mental health.

Open Events

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our events this term: Year 1/2 bread sharing, Year 3/4 Harvest or the Year 5/6 art display. Staff and children really enjoyed sharing our curriculum with parents and carers.





Librarians

This week, children enjoyed a fantastic storytelling experience thanks to the Schools Literacy Network. They were captivated by The Librarians Show, an entertaining performance celebrating the magic of books, stories and unforgettable characters. Following the show, classes took part in creative workshops where they became authors, completing and sharing their own story endings with confidence and imagination. The session finished with children learning sign language to help retell and summarise their stories. It was a wonderful day that inspired a love of reading, creativity and storytelling across the school.

Reading

A reminder that our Readathon is still underway! Children can ask family and friends to sponsor them as they read their books, helping to raise money for a wonderful cause.
The funds raised will help provide new books for children in local hospitals, bringing comfort, enjoyment and opportunities to keep reading during their stay.
We encourage all children to get involved by reading as much as they can and sharing their love of books. Every page turned helps make a difference!
Thank you for your continued support and happy reading! Please click on the link below for further information:
https://readforgood.givingpage.org/readathon?custom_cFcFTPsmi6mdGDd=0012000001RfB1kAAF&custom_R6cC4OEw44xOaz6=a0eQt000007CethIAC

School Council

Class representatives have been chosen and we start in earnest after half term. Our first meeting will involve information gathering and how to report back to their peer effectively. We will also be talking about feeling safe in school and how to make lunchtimes even better.

Uniform REMINDER

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our school uniform.
We appreciate that every child's circumstances are different, and we are happy for children who experience toileting difficulties to wear leggings or joggers where this helps them feel comfortable and confident.
From after half term, we would be grateful if parents of children in Years 3–6 could ensure that children wear the appropriate school uniform (no leggings!). We understand that buying uniform can be expensive, and we have a number of second-hand school trousers available. Please do get in touch if these would be helpful. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

Half Term Help

Our Family Liaison Officer, Miss Sophie Stevens will be available next Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9am -12pm via email for urgent support and enquiries. You can contact her on: sstevens@highweekprimary.co.uk
Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the school. As always, please do get in touch if you have any concerns or suggestions- my door is always open.

Ms Claire Redwood

ACCELERATED READERS!



50,000 words	Ben Palmer, James Fagan & Evelyn Wilkes.
100,000 words	Logan Simmons, Holly Exon, Felicity Godfrey & Peter Searle.
250,000 words	Isabelle Lawson, Noah Coleman-Desouza & Ben Palmer.

Class	Weekending Friday 9th October	Weekending Friday 16th October
Taw	90.1%	91.4%
Mini Mole	88.8%	86.5%
Mole	87.8%	85.2%
Mardle	90.4%	81.1%
Tavy	86.2%	96.2%
Dart	96.2%	94.8%
Plym	95.8%	96.1%
Exe	97.4%	96.8%
Torridge	90.8%	90.4%
Teign	95.9%	90.7%
Tamar	95.9%	96.4%



Well done to **Exe** class who both had **97.4%** attendance for the period of **5th - 9th October 2026.**

Well done to **Exe** class who had **96.8%** attendance for the period of **12th - 16th October 2026.**

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



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

Theme	Able to examine mistakes		Effort as the path to mastery	
Date	Friday 16th October		Friday 23rd October	
Mole	Jaxon Jessup	Avery-Rose Parnell	Kai Townsend	Olivia Wilkes
Dart	Jenson Russell	Alysia Broad	Arthur Mason	Lexi Daniels
Exe	Freya Bowles	Frankie Kelly	Koa Dymond	Logan Morgan
Mardle	Albie Hurden	Jonah Loder	Darcey-Mae Jennings	Dominic Tataru
Plym	Riley Atkinson	Sofiia Pohorelova	Piotr Ziubryniewicz	Isabelle Lawson
Tamar	Sam Heywood	Harper Stevenson	Anna Abhilash	Primrose Tremlett
Tavy	Noah Levell	Max Brown	Christian Mbulayi	Ellie-Paige Harrison
Teign	Millie Harrison	Eleanor Hardy	Elloisa Locke	Orla Kelly
Torridge	Oliver Barr	Tristan Bush	Tommy Underwood	Freya Paris

Wraparound Care at Highweek

Fun • Food • Friends • Activities

Menu

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd Nov	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps	Muffins
9th Nov	Muffins	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps
16th Nov	Wraps	Muffins	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch
23rd Nov	Mighty Crunch	Wraps	Muffins	Bagels	Crumpets
30th Nov	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps	Muffins	Bagels
7th Dec	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps	Muffins
14th Dec	Muffins	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps

Daily Schedule

3:30pm - 3:45pm	Registration
3:45pm - 4pm	Snack
4pm - 5pm	Outdoor Activity
5pm - 5:45pm	Indoor Play
5:45pm - 6pm	Tidy Up

Healthy food
Happy children
Bright futures

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

PLEASE NOTE: A £10 FEE APPLIES TO LATE COLLECTIONS. ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

All bookings must be made via your MCAS app

Costs:

3:30pm - 4:30pm	£5.50
3:30pm - 5pm	£7.00
3:30 - 6pm	£8.50
Cooking: 3:30pm - 4:40pm	£6.00
After a free club until 6pm	£6.00

Contact:
Mrs Carole Rogers
07968 891535

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026

HIGHWEEK Primary School

Coffee & Chat

with our Family Liaison Officer
Miss Sophie Stevens

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for an informal Coffee & Chat session.

JOIN US EVERY 4 WEEKS

- Wednesday 4th November
- 2:30pm – 3:15pm
- Main School Building

A relaxed opportunity to:

- Ask questions
- Seek support for yourself or your child
- Find out about local services and resources
- Meet other parents and carers

No Booking Required!
Just come along!

Everyone is very welcome!

Dear Santa

Christmas MENU

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2026

Turkey or Cheesy Cranberry Pinwheel

Served with Gravy, Roasties, Carrots, Stuffing, Sprouts, Parsnips, Pigs in Blankets/Quorn Sausage

Dessert:
Snowy Brownie

Please order via your parentpay account

ALLERGENS & Informations

Please scan the QR code for comprehensive allergen information on the menu items displayed. If you have further questions or need to talk to us about a special diet menu, contact diets@cleverchefs.co.uk

Highweek Primary School
PTFA
are organising a

Christmas Shopping Day to Clark's Village

Saturday 14th November

£25 per person

Leaving Newton Abbot Leisure Centre at 8.30am

Many places to look around including:

MOLTON BROWN · Lindt · crocs

plus many more!

Festive music and raffle on the bus!

CLARK'S VILLAGE