

NOVEMBER



Tuesday 17th	Nursery & Reception Open Event. PTFA meeting at 9am in the main school.
Wednesday 18th	Year 5 swimming.
Monday 23rd	Exe class visiting Shallowford Farm.
Wednesday 25th	Year 5 swimming.
Friday 27th	PTFA Elfridges non-uniform. *Please see poster overpage.*
Monday 30th	Dart class visiting Shallowford farm.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Reception-Mole Class

Christmas at Buckfast Abbey - Tuesday 8th December 2026.
Cost £18.00

Year 3 & 4

Exe class at Shallowford Farm - Monday 23rd November 2026.
Free of charge.

Dart class at Shallowford Farm - Monday 30th November 2026.
Free of charge.

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

20 Year 5 Pupils

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

Year 6

Mamma Mia! - 21st January 2027



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HIGHWEEK Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

Monday 16th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is ANTI-BULLYING WEEK. We start this week with a whole school anti-bullying assembly led by the Mental Health Support Team. Our message is simple: everyone has the right to feel safe and happy at school, and we all have a responsibility to make this happen. We encourage you to continue these conversations at home, reminding children about the importance of being kind, including others and treating everyone with respect.

There are lots of fantastic resources online for you to share with your children- please see the links below:

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026/parent-and-carer-pack

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/anti-bullying-resources



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Reading

Thank you for embracing our new book wallets and for supporting your children with their reading at home. Developing a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Just a few minutes of reading together each day can make a significant difference. Remember, reading isn't just about listening to your child read; sharing a story, talking about characters, discussing new vocabulary and enjoying books together are all valuable ways to develop their reading skills and confidence. Thank you also for supporting home learning. The partnership between home and school is so important, and your encouragement, interest and positive reinforcement help children to develop confidence, independence and a positive attitude towards learning.

Living Our Highweek Values

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our three school values: **Respect**, **Responsibility** and **Resilience**. These values underpin everything we do at Highweek and help us to develop not only successful learners but kind, thoughtful and responsible young people.

There are lots of simple ways you can reinforce these values at home:

- **Respect:** Encourage children to listen to others, say please and thank you, show good manners, value differences and consider how their actions might make someone else feel.
- **Responsibility:** Help children to take responsibility for their belongings, complete their home learning, contribute to family routines and understand that their choices have consequences.
- **Resilience:** Encourage children to have a go, persevere when things are difficult, learn from mistakes and understand that it is okay not to get everything right first time.

When school and home share the same messages, children develop a stronger understanding of what these values look like in everyday life.

PTFA

A big thank you to those parents and staff who are giving up their time to volunteer for the PTFA. We are so looking forward to our next big event- THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE. We have secured a fantastic array of stalls for you to browse and start (or complete!) your Christmas shopping (see below). Each class will also be running a stall. Please spread the word to family and friends- thank you in advance with your support with this event.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read our newsletters and for everything you do to support Highweek. Your encouragement, engagement and partnership make such a difference. We really do value the strong relationship we have with our families and appreciate your continued support.

Ms Claire Redwood



ACCELERATED READERS!



50,000 words	Oscar Baker, Khalid Shaibu, Amari-May Pengilley, Harvey Martin, Eleanor Hardy & Serenity Perry-Feecham.
100,000 words	Khalid Shaibu, Evelyn Wilkes, George Davis & Sive Williams.
250,000 words	Nora Mounce-Jeffreys.
750,000 words	Clay Ellison.

Class	Weekending Friday 23rd October	Weekending Friday 6th November
Taw	95.6%	96%
Mini Mole	86.4%	82.4%
Mole	93.5%	95.7%
Mardle	89.7%	95.9%
Tavy	98.4%	96.9%
Dart	89.5%	92.4%
Plym	95.5%	97.7%
Exe	90.5%	84.2%
Torridge	87.7%	92.3%
Teign	95.6%	97.8%
Tamar	99.1%	91.4%



Well done to **Tamar** class who had **99.1%** attendance for the period of **19th - 23rd October 2026.**

Well done to **Teign** class who had **97.8%** attendance for the period of **2nd - 6th November 2026.**

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

WELL DONE

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	Friday 6th November		Friday 13th November	
Mole	Parker Bligh	Elijah Yorke	Huxley Gamlin-Fox	Rupert Searle
Dart	Rory Evans	Phoebe Mansfield	Ravenna-Rae Spence	Theo Shaw
Exe	Ben Palmer	Peter Searle	Hazel Rouse	James Milton
Mardle	Kason Smith	Matthew Heywood	Aurora Fear	George Popescu
Plym	Zeba Nazari	Ross Sims	Serenity Perry-Feecham	Harvey Martin
Tamar	Amiee Bolton	Talia Rhodes	Isaac Allen	James Fagan
Tavy	Abel Bowden	Henry Pratt	Ivy Winsor	Arlo Stephens
Teign	Connor Blackmore	Eleanor Webster	Freya Hubbard	Faith Heavens
Torridge	Zander Celik	Rylee Jordan	Felicity Godfrey	Cooper Knowles

Highweek is Getting Ready to Rudolph Run!

We're delighted that Highweek will be taking part in this year's Rudolph Run Relay in support of Rowcroft Hospice! ❤️
Last year, schools across South Devon raised an incredible £30,000 to help Rowcroft Hospice support patients and families living with life-limiting illnesses. This year, we're hoping to go one better and raise even more!

Our festive fundraising packs have arrived, complete with antlers, red noses, stickers, sponsorship forms and certificates for every pupil. 🎅

🏃 **December 2026 – It's Rudolph Run Relay time!**

We'll be getting our antlers on, popping on our red noses, grabbing the baton and running our way towards making a difference!

Let's pull together, have some festive fun and help raise as much as we can for this wonderful local charity. Every penny counts! ❤️

Ready, steady... Rudolph Run! 🦌🎄





PUMPKIN CARVING WINNERS

Here are our fantastic pumpkin competition entrants alongside their well-deserved prizes!

Every entry showcased the children's individual creativity, imagination and unique ideas. We were so impressed by the effort that went into each one!

A huge well done to everyone who took part and congratulations! 🏆🎃







Outdoor Learning
Year 1 & 2 – This Term

Tavy Class



Every Friday

Mardle Class



Every Thursday

Your child will be taking part in outdoor learning this term, exploring, discovering and learning in nature!

Reminder!

Come to school in uniform and bring your outdoor learning clothes in a bag.



School uniform (come in to school)



Outdoor learning clothes in a bag



Wellies and a coat (essential – the weather is likely to be bad)

Outdoor Learning
Year 3 & 4 – This Term

Explore Learn Grow

4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11
Dart	Exe	Plym	Dart
			

2/12	9/12	16/12
Exe	Plym	Dart
		

Exploring nature, learning together!

Reminder! Come in to school in uniform and bring your outdoor learning clothes in a bag.



School uniform (come in to school)



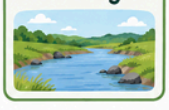
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Outdoor Learning
Year 5 & 6 – This Term

2/11	9/11	16/11	23/11
Torridge	Tamar	Teign	Torridge
			

30/11	7/12	14/12
Tamar	Teign	Torridge
		

Exploring nature, learning together!

Reminder! Come in to school in uniform and bring your outdoor learning clothes in a bag.



School uniform (come in to school)



Outdoor learning clothes in a bag



Wellies and a coat (essential – the weather is likely to be bad)

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 2nd December
- 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 Community Primary & Nursery School

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Join us for a festive celebration!

Friday 11th December
3.30 pm – 6.00 pm

For more information, please contact the PTFA:
ptfa@highweekprimary.co.uk

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30th	1st **Tavy** class will be going to Abbotsbury church for a Christmas Journey experience.	2nd	3rd **20 Year 5's** Lantern parade workshop. **EYFS** Christmas Production at 2.15pm. *Parents are welcome to join us!*	4th **EYFS** Christmas Production at 9.15am. *Parents are welcome to join us!*
7th  **Singing Club** Christmas Carols at Newton Abbot Clock Tower, outside of Austins at 11.30am. *Come along and join us.*	8th **Rudolph Run.** Sponsor forms have been sent home. **Mole** class trip to Buckfast Abbey. **Year 5 & 6** Christmas Carols at Highweek Church at 10.30am. *Year 5 & 6 parents are welcome to join us.*	9th **Mole** class Rudolph Run.  **Singing Club** Christmas Carols outside of Asda at 2pm. *Come along and join us.* **KS1** Nativity dress rehearsal. **Lantern Parade** in Newton Abbot Year 5 pupils to meet at Bearnes Primary School at 6pm.	10th **Year 5 & 6** cooking with Cleverchefs. **KS1** Nativity. Parents are invited to join us at 9.30am or 5pm. *More details will follow.*	11th  **Rudolph Run** sponsor money due in so we can send it to Rowcroft! rowcroft hospice
14th  **Singing Club** Christmas Carols outside of Tesco at 11.30am. *Come along and join us.*	15th **Year 3 & 4** Snow White Pantomime at the Princess Theatre. *They will return to school for lunch.*	16th **Christmas dinner** for pupils, deadline for ordering Thursday 10th December. **Christmas Jumper Day**. Come to school in your favourite festive jumper for a suggested donation of £1 **Year 3 & 4** Christmas Carols in the main school hall. Parents are invited to join us at 3pm.	17th	18th School closes for the Christmas break. 

Newton Abbot

LANTERN PARADE

Wednesday 9th December

'Dinosaurs' theme

5-8pm

Students from local primary schools parading from Bearnes Primary School at 6.30pm to St Leonard's Clock Tower.

Let's light up the Christmas streets of Newton Abbot once more with the celebratory joy of children's imaginative creations!

PLUS

Late night shopping & Street food
Santa in his Clock Tower Grotto
Live music



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Newton Abbot

LANTERN PARADE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 8th December

Fancy making your own lantern and taking part in a 'Dinosaurs' themed Lantern Parade on Wednesday 9th December?

Public workshop held at
The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot
Tickets available from Newton's Place on 01626 201120
Afternoon workshop 4pm - 6pm
Evening workshop 6pm - 8pm

£5per Ticket! - (CASH ONLY)



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