

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



### MARCH

Thursday 5th	 World Book Day
Wednesday 11th	PINS Parent Workshop, see flyer overleaf
Thursday 12th	Step into NHS Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Decider Skills
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Decider Skills
Monday 23rd	Parents Evening 3:40-6pm
Tuesday 24th	Parents Evening 3:40-6pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Decider Skills

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing half term break and found time to relax with family and friends (despite the rain!) It has been a pleasure to see the children returning to school with such enthusiasm, ready to learn and reconnect with their classmates. The weeks ahead promise to be busy and exciting, with new topics to explore, special events to look forward to, and plenty of opportunities for our pupils to continue growing in confidence and independence.

#### Staff training

A key focus of recent training has been understanding and using Blank's Levels of Questioning — a framework that helps teachers develop children's language, thinking, and comprehension skills through carefully structured questions.

Blank's Levels move from simple naming and recall questions to more complex reasoning and problem-solving questions. By understanding these levels, teachers can:

- Match questions to each child's current level of understanding
- Gradually extend children's thinking and vocabulary
- Support children who may need extra help with language processing
- Build confidence in answering and asking questions.

Staff are becoming increasingly skilled in recognising which level of questioning is most appropriate and how to scaffold children's responses to deepen learning. This ensures that all pupils — including those who need additional support — can access learning effectively and make strong progress.

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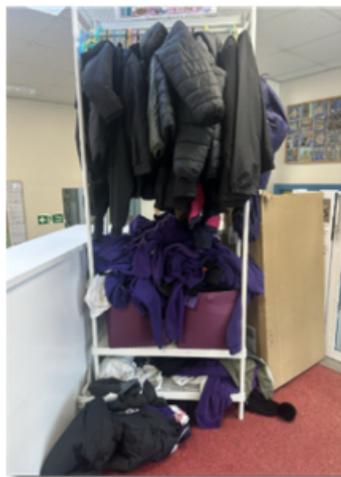


## Reception- EYFS

Our reception children have begun their transition to “big school” and have started settling in to the bottom two classrooms on the main site. Today, they joined us for our Friday flyers assembly. We are excited to find out who next week’s Friday Flyers will be from our Reception class!

## Taking Responsibility

In assembly today, I have spoken to the children about taking responsibility for their school uniform. During lunchtime, a team of pupils sorted through the lost property in the school entrance and returned any named items. However, we have mountains of lost property in the school which needs sorting. Can you help? If you have any spare time and think you could help us sort it out for selling/redistributing, please can you let Mrs Morlidge know. This would be very much appreciated.



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

Ms Claire Redwood



## Parents Evening



Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th March 2026

To book please go to:

<https://highweek.schoolcloud.co.uk>



## 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.



# ACCELERATED READERS!

<b>100,000 words</b>	Caroline Hooper, Anna Abhilash, Theo Wilkes, Riley Daniels & Layla Forster.
<b>250,000 words</b>	Isabelle Lawson & Evelyn Wilkes.
<b>500,000 words</b>	Nora Mounce-Jeffreys & Eva Bradford.
<b>750,000 words</b>	Logan Simmons, Ben Palmer & Clay Ellison.

The next Friends of Highweek (PTFA) meeting will be held on

**Monday 23rd March at 9am**  
in the main school.



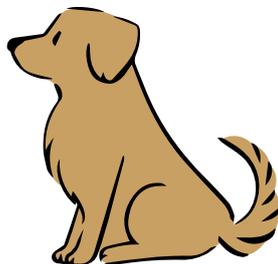
**Please note this will be our AGM.**

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

**Next week**, Sandi (Mrs Redwood's dog) will be visiting school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this visit, please contact us.



## Bake Sale Success

A fabulous well done to some of Year 6 pupils who held a bake sale to raise money for Young Devon. The pupils were inspired by our work in PSHE around how we can give back to the world and help others. In school, they were asked to plan how they could raise money for a chosen charity. They then took it upon themselves to organise and hold the bake sale in their own time. They raised over £160 for their charity - what stars!

## World Book Day Thursday 5th March

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March!

To mark the occasion, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book or story character. We can't wait to see all of the wonderful costumes and to celebrate the joy of reading together.

Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of fun, reading-based activities designed to inspire a love of books and storytelling.

We look forward to a fantastic day celebrating books and reading!





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		Embracing Challenge	
Date	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February		Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	
Bovey	Freya Bowles	Lucas Torres-Ruiz	Skyler Newman	Felix Jones
Dart	Etta Allen	India-Rose Holdway	Amari Pengilley	Frazer Simpson
Exe	Jimmy Mead	Connor Blackmore	Cody Richards-Bearne	Ethan Evans
Mardle	Harrison Head	Christian Mbulayi	Raphaella Williams	Ivy Winsor
Plym	Isaac Allen	Sara Rouse	Kayden Breslan	Sara Rouse
Tamar	Caroline Hooper	Ahmad Sultani	Jett Birch	Freya Curran
Tavy	Phoebe Mansfield	Ellis Frisby	Jessica Gater	Jack Wilkes
Teign	Oliver Riley	Sive Williams	Melissa Cooper	Holly Exon
Torrige	Ella Bell	Freya Paris	Caira Bourne	Evie Appleby

Well done to Plym class who had 99.5% attendance for the period of 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Well done to Exe class who had 98.8% attendance for the period of 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

Class	W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Taw	83%	86.5%
Mini Mole	81.4%	91.9%
Mole	73.6%	83.6%
Mardle	90%	91.3%
Bovey	77.1%	84.1%
Tavy	88%	95%
Dart	91.4%	89%
Plym	<b>99.5%</b>	90.5%
Exe	92.9%	<b>98.8%</b>
Torrige	95.4%	94.3%
Teign	92.8%	96.4%
Tamar	96.3%	94.8%

Regular attendance helps children grow, learn and reach their full potential.



# Attendance Expectations!

## TYPES OF LATENESS

1. Late before the register closes (before 9:00am)

If your child arrives a few minutes late, they miss valuable time to greet and play with friends before lessons begin. This can leave them feeling unsettled and embarrassed as they join their morning class.

2. Late after the register closes (between 9:00am and 9:15am)

Arrivals during this time will be marked as late on your child's attendance record. Your child will have missed both social time with friends and the start of the first lesson, which can cause them to feel unsettled, embarrassed, and less confident as the lesson progresses.



3. Late after 9:15am

Arrivals after 9:15am are recorded as an unauthorised absence on your child's attendance record. If your child receives 10 unauthorised lateness marks, this will result in a fine issued by Devon County Council.

## LATENESS MONITORING!

So far this school year we have had the following lates recorded:-

Lates after 9.00am-9.15am – **105**

Unauthorised Lates after 9.15am – **134**

Going forward we will be putting back into place the following to try and reduce the number of lates.

Each morning, a member of staff will be available to welcome any children who arrive late.

Parents are kindly asked to provide a brief and valid reason for their child's lateness so that our attendance records can be kept up to date.

Parents will also be informed of the late mark their child will receive for that day.

## School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**



Family Hub Advice &  
Guidance Line, 0800  
5385458

Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

## ‘Connecting Moments’- Digital SEND Support for Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**?

Join us for **Connecting Moments** – a friendly online space designed just for you.

### *What’s it all about?*

- **Connect with other families** in a small, welcoming group
- **Share experiences and ideas**
- **Build a peer support network**

Please join us on the **last Tuesday of the month at 12noon**, for a **1 hour session**—to book a space please fill in the form using the QR code below, places are limited and the session will be run



The Ambassador Volunteer Programme

Supporting Families with SEND

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We're always looking for ways to improve our fortnightly newsletter and ensure it provides content that's valuable and relevant to you.



We've created a very short survey that will take no more than one or two minutes to complete.

Your feedback would mean a great deal to us.

Please click the link below to share your thoughts:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vj8M4EwkYU?origin=IprLink>

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

## Wraparound Care at Highweek Primary School

### March 2026

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

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2nd Mar</b>	Spanish Tortillas Free Play	Toasties Movie Night	Sandwiches Games	Wraps Cooking	Spanish Tortillas Free Play
<b>9th Mar</b>	Fruit Salad Free Play	Muffins Cooking	Chilli/ Rice Movie Night	Toast Games	Fruit Salad Crafts
<b>16th Mar</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese Free Play	Pasta/Sauce Crafts	Pancakes Games	Pasta/Sauce Movie Night	Spaghetti Bolognese Games
<b>23rd Mar</b>	Easter Biscuits Free Play	Wraps Games	Pasta/Sauce Movie Night	Trifle & fruit Crafts	Easter Biscuits Free Play
<b>30th Mar</b>	Crumpets Free Play	Trifle Movie Night	Crackers and dips Crafts	Muffins Games	
<b>Outdoor Activities</b>	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](mailto:carogers@highweekprimary.co.uk)

**MOTHER'S DAY VEGAN/DAIRY-FREE AFTERNOON TEA**  
Sunday 15th March

**SANDWICHES**  
A selection of finger sandwiches,  
Ham & onion marmalade  
Cheese & tomato  
Cucumber and cream cheese  
Beef & horseradish

**SAVOURIES**  
Sausage Roll  
Quiche Lorraine

**SWEET**  
Scones with clotted cream  
Carrot cake  
Triple chocolate brownie  
Fresh berries  
English breakfast tea

Afternoon Tea for Two – £34

**MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA BOXES**  
Sunday 15th March

**SANDWICHES**  
A selection of classic finger sandwiches  
Eggless sandwiches  
Coronation chickless  
hummus & roasted peppers  
Vegan BLT

**SAVOURIES**  
Vegan Sausage Roll  
Vegan Spinach & Tomato Quiche

**SWEET**  
Scones with vegan clotted cream  
Rich chocolate cake  
Passionfruit loaf cake  
Fresh berries  
English breakfast tea

Vegan Afternoon Tea for Two – £36

**MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA BOXES**  
Sunday 15th March

A lovely way to treat Mum this Mother's Day with a freshly baked afternoon tea box by Denise's Little Cake Company

- A selection of cakes, bakes & sweet treats
- Perfect for sharing
- Vegan option available

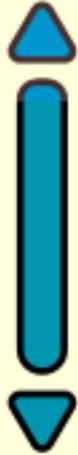
£34 for two people  
£36 (vegan option)

To order:  
Message Denise  
Facebook / Instagram: Denise's Little Cake Company  
Limited availability



# Ways to Wellbeing

Spring 26 Issue #4



## Sleep & Wellbeing



Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development.

A good night's sleep will help you to do better at school & allow you to react more quickly to situations. It improves your memory and helps you to learn more effectively and solve problems. Sleep can also help us to cope with our feelings and emotions better.

Some young people find going to sleep really easy – but others can struggle a little bit. That can be for lots of different reasons and won't always last long.

## Bedtime routines



A bedtime or evening routine can feel boring or difficult at times, but they are really important to help our brains and bodies relax and unwind before sleep.

Here are some tips for you & your adults at home:

- Stick to routines for at least 2+ weeks as it can take time to change!
- Take time away from screens and turn them off at least 30 mins before bedtime
- Dim the lights the hour before bedtime
- Read a book or listen to some calming music
- Keep "goodnights" & hugs the same length each night



## More information about sleep:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/bedtime-routines/>

<https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/procedures-and-treatments/sleep-hygiene-children/>

<https://hunrosa.org/sleep-resources-tips-guides/>



**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.**



# PiNS

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Schools



## Parent Carer Session



We'll be listening to what  
parent carers tell us. A safe  
space for YOU to talk.

Highweek  
Primary School

- Welcome and care
- Value and include
- Communicate
- Work in Partnership

WEDNESDAY  
11TH MARCH  
2pm

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Parent carer forum

