

NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER

Monday 28th	Poetry Week.
Tuesday 29th	Year 5 Mini Police. Parent Workshop at 9am. See poster overleaf.
Wednesday 30th	Flu Immunisations in school. Year 5 Swimming. Coffee & Chat with Miss Stevens @ 2:30pm.

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st	We have a special lunch menu available, please see overleaf.
Monday 5th	School Photos 
Tuesday 6th	Friends of Highweek PTFA meeting at 9am in the main school.
Wednesday 7th	Year 5 Swimming.
Wednesday 14th	Year 5 Swimming.
Thursday 15th	Friends of Highweek Halloween Disco. KS1 15:40 -17.00pm KS2 17.15-19.00pm Details to follow 

UPCOMING TRIPS

Year 3

Kents Cavern - Thursday 5th November 2026

Cost £8.30

Year 4

Kents Cavern - Wednesday 4th November 2026

Cost £8.30

Year 6

Mamma Mia! - 21st January 2027

Payment due by: 1st July 2026



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Autumn Term Friday 25th September 2026

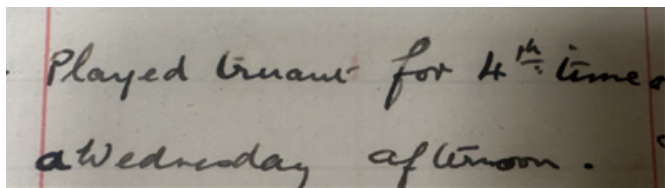
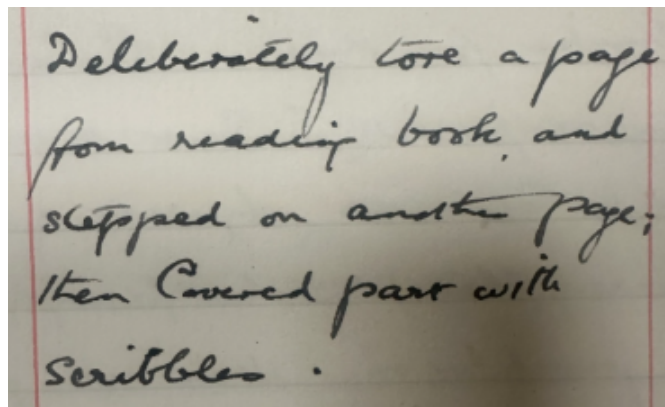
Dear Parents and Carers

Today is Victorian day- A big thank you to Mrs Kim West for organising this and a big thank you to all of you for embracing the day and helping to transport your child/children back to the Victorian era. All the staff have gone into role today and have been a lot stricter! Please do ask your children about their day. The children will be pleased to know that I will return to normal Ms Redwood on Monday!

As you are aware, we have a number of artefacts from this era in school, including the punishment book and Headteacher's log book. See some entries below as to why the children were punished with the cane:

"Deliberately tore a page from reading book and stepped on another page and covered part in scribbles."

"Played truant for the 4th time Wednesday afternoon."



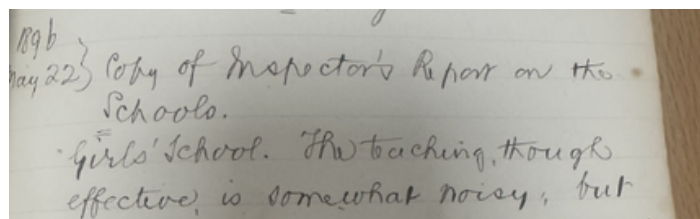
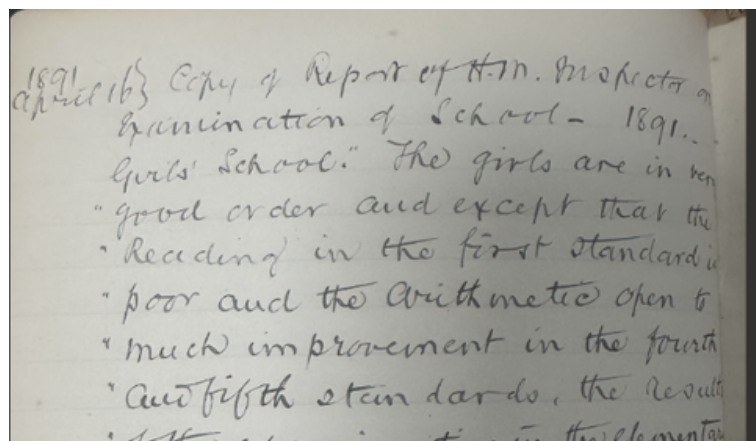
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Here is an entry from Highweek Girls' School inspection team from 1891:

"The girls are in good order except that the reading in the first standard is poor and the arithmetic open to much improvement in the fourth and fifth standard."

And from 1896:

"The teaching though effective is somewhat noisy."



Staff Development

Congratulations to Miss Emma Hopkins and Mrs Laura Fox who have been awarded The National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs Coordinators (NPQSENCO). This is a Department for Education accredited leadership qualification that takes 18 months to complete. A big well done to Mrs Alice Rennison Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeship this year. The qualification covered a wide range of areas within Early Years, including: supporting children's learning, development, and individual needs and planning activities and experiences and safeguarding.

I would like to thank them all for their hard work in achieving this.

Staff News

Today, we said goodbye to Mrs Donna Lang who has worked at Highweek for the last thirteen years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her time at Highweek. She will be very much missed!



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

School Photography

Our school photographers will be in school on **Monday 5th October 2026** to take individual photographs of the children.

If parents would like their children to have a **family photograph** taken, please queue at the **external doors of the Main School Hall from 8:15am.**

Thank you.



Year 4 Residential 2026

🌲 ✨ What an amazing three days our Year 4 pupils have had at Pinkery! ✨ 🌲

From exciting activities and new challenges to laughter, teamwork and unforgettable moments, our children have made some truly wonderful memories. ❤️

It has been fantastic to see them stepping outside their comfort zones, trying new things and enjoying every moment of this incredible experience! 🌟 🙌

Well done, Year 4 — you've been amazing! 🙌 ❤️



☀️ Helping Make Mornings Run Smoothly

Mornings can be busy, but a little preparation the night before can make all the difference! 💖



Here are a few simple tips to help your child have a calm and positive start to their school day:

🍎 Get organised the night before

If your child needs a school dinner, remember to pre-order it in advance. Check that everything is ready and packed for the next day.

📦 Check what they need

Take a quick look at the school day ahead. Do they need their swimming kit, PE kit, outdoor learning clothes, reading book or anything else?

🕒 Allow plenty of time

Try to leave home with enough time to allow for unexpected traffic or delays. Arriving on time helps your child start the day feeling relaxed and ready to learn.

🚗 Think about your journey

Consider any traffic or road issues that may affect your journey, particularly during busy morning drop-off times.

💖 Establish a routine

A consistent morning routine can help children feel secure, confident and prepared for the day ahead. Knowing what to expect each morning can make the transition into school much easier.

A calm morning at home can help set the tone for a happy and successful day at school. 🌈

Thank you for helping us to give every child the best possible start to their school day! ☀️

Safeguarding – Walking Home Independently for Year 5 & 6 Pupils 🏠👶

As part of our ongoing review of our Safeguarding procedures, we are checking the arrangements we have in place for pupils who leave the school site and walk home independently.

Please could you let us know as soon as possible if your child/children have permission to leave the school site without an adult and walk home on their own.

Even if you have provided this information recently, please confirm the arrangement again. This will help us to ensure that all of our records are accurate and up to date moving forward.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to maintain the highest standards of safeguarding for all of our pupils.



Parents Evening



Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th October 2026

To book please go to:

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



ACCELERATED READERS!



50,000 words	Isabelle Lawson, Clay Ellison, Ethan Evans & Peter Searle.
100,000 words	Clay Ellison.
250,000 words	Clay Ellison.

Class	Weekending Friday 11 th September	Weekending Friday 18th September
Taw	100%	100%
Mini Mole	95.2%	93.4%
Mole	95.7%	94.3%
Mardle	94.4%	93.2%
Tavy	95.7%	94.6%
Dart	95.8%	91.4%
Plym	100%	98%
Exe	94.4%	98.9%
Torrige	95.7%	89.3%
Teign	93.5%	91.1%
Tamar	98.3%	91.8%



Well done to **Taw & Plym** class who both had **100%** attendance for the period of 8th - 11th September 2026.

Well done to **Taw** class who had **100%** attendance for the period of 14th - 18th September 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	Persist in the face of setbacks		Effort as the path to mastery	
Date	Friday 18 th September		Friday 25 th September	
Mole	Michael Cole	Isla-Mae Dandy	Lilah Howarth	Nova Eason
Dart	Jessica Gater	Ziron Waris	Olivia Williams	Riley Douglas
Exe	Isla Griffiths	Jack Barr	Skyler Newman	Leo Kucuk
Mardle	Chloe Christie	Walker Ellison	Aiden Hardy	Heidi Griffiths
Plym	Bella Perrens	Amari-May Pengilley	Residential	
Tamar	Rose Green	Austin Carter	Ahmad Sultani	Alex Perring
Tavy	Jude Fairall	Sofiia Kot	Bodhi Perrens	Harper Trays
Teign	Ethan Herbert	Harmony Hambley	Evelyn Fairall	Logan Simmons
Torrige	Evie Appleby	Oliver Riley	Jaydyn Mbulayi	Jorgie-Mae Sharrock



Parent Workshop



Together for the best outcomes!

What?

A relaxed workshop to explore how to make your experience and your child's experience at school the best it can be.

You have the opportunity to share your views and we will talk about how to achieve the best outcomes by working in partnership.



Devon's
**Four
Cornerstones**

Your views
matter!

Who?

The workshop will be led by Sarah who is the Four Cornerstones Partner at Devon County Council. Sarah created this workshop with the Parent Carer Forum Devon. You can find out more about the forum here: [Homepage - Parent Carers Forum Devon \(parentcarerforumdevon.org\)](http://parentcarerforumdevon.org)

All parents, carers, friends and relatives are welcome. Please bring someone along if you are unsure about coming alone.



Why?

You can meet with other parents and carers, share your views and experiences, and explore how we will create a genuine partnership with the school. This in turn helps you to work together.



29th
Sept



9am



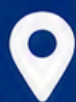
1.5 hours



Stay for as little
or as long as
you like



Refreshments



Where?

Highweek Primary School

Welcome
and Care



Value
and Include



Communicate



Work in
Partnership



Developing and nurturing each of these
to build **TRUST**





Nursery Manager Opportunity

at Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School

Are you an experienced Early Years professional looking for an exciting leadership opportunity?

Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School is seeking an enthusiastic, caring and inspirational Nursery Manager to join our dedicated Early Years team.

This is a fantastic time to join us as we continue to grow and develop our thriving nursery provision for children aged 2-5, with plans to expand further through the opening of our new under 2s provision in September 2027.



★ What we're looking for:

- ✓ Qualified Early Years practitioner (Level 3 or above)
- ✓ Leadership experience within an Early Years setting
- ✓ Strong understanding of child development and the EYFS framework
- ✓ Passion for providing outstanding education and care
- ✓ Commitment to inclusion, safeguarding and giving every child the very best start

♥ What we offer:

- ✓ A welcoming and supportive school community
- ✓ Opportunities for professional development and leadership training
- ✓ The chance to help shape our expanding Early Years provision
- ✓ A collaborative team where staff wellbeing is valued



As Nursery Manager, you will work closely with our EYFS Lead to support the day-to-day running of the nursery, lead high-quality practice, support staff development, and help create an inspiring environment where every child can thrive.



Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged.



For an informal conversation, contact Tracy Lowe on 01626 216300 or email tlowe@highweekprimary.co.uk



Learn more at www.highweekprimary.co.uk



Application forms are available from Tracy Lowe. Please submit completed applications by 9.00am on the closing date.



Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.





Wraparound Care at Highweek

Fun • Food • Friends • Activities



Cooking will take place on a Wednesday for all pupils who attend the after school club. All you need to do is book them in!



Menu



Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Cooking	Thursday	Friday
14 th Sept	Breadsticks, Tortillas & Dips	Mighty Crunch	Crackers & Dips	Toasties	Pizza pockets
21 st Sept	Bagels	Chicken or Ham Wraps & Salad	Trifle	Pizza	Cheese or Ham Thins & Salad
28 th Sept	Breadsticks, Tortillas & Dips	Mighty Crunch	Crackers & Dips	Toasties	Pizza pockets
5 th Oct	Bagels	Chicken or Ham Wraps & Salad	Trifle	Pizza	Cheese or Ham Thins & Salad
12 th Oct	Breadsticks, Tortillas & Dips	Mighty Crunch	Crackers & Dips	Toasties	Pizza pockets
19 th Oct	Bagels	Chicken or Ham Wraps & Salad	Trifle	Pizza	Cheese or Ham Thins & Salad



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

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2026



ALL FOOD SERVED WITH A
SIDE SALAD.



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PTFA –
We Need Your Help!

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



We have lots of fantastic events planned, including **school discos**, **Christmas fayres**, **bingo nights**, **colour runs** and **many more exciting activities** for our children to enjoy.



Unfortunately, we are currently unable to go ahead with these events without more parents and carers volunteering to help.
We really need your support to make these events happen!



We'll have tea, coffee and a chance to share ideas, meet other parents and see how you might be able to get involved.



Our next PTFA is planned for
Tuesday 6th October
at 9am in the main school



If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments but are unable to attend, please feel free to contact us by email:
admin@highweekprimary.co.uk

We would love to see some new faces and, most importantly, work together to make this a fantastic year for our children!

Thank you for your support.

SPECIAL MENU

Thursday 1st October

CHICKEN NUGGETS,
OR
MARGHERITA PIZZA,
CHIPS AND BEANS
HOMEMADE SHORTBREAD

PLEASE PRE-ORDER VIA YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT.



ALLERGENS & Information

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



CLEVERCHEFS
Catering

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