# NEWSLET

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **MAY**

Thursday 22nd: KS1 Come read with me at

2:45pm. Parents invited.

Friday 23rd: School closes for the half term

break

# JUNE

Monday 2nd: School re-opens.

Monday 2nd: Torridge class visiting Newton

Abbot Museum.

Wednesday 4th: Year 5 trip to Exeter

Synagogue.

Thursday 5th: Tamar class visiting Newton

Abbot Museum.

Friday 6th: Teign class visiting Newton Abbot

Museum.

Monday 9th: Years 3 & 4 visiting Torquay

Museum.

Monday 16th: Sports day KS1 AM & KS2 PM

Monday 23rd: Reserve Sports day,

Same details as above.



Dear parents/carers,

# SATS

Our year 6s have worked very hard this week to complete their end of primary school assessments. Well done everyone for displaying such resilience and positivity.





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# **SAFEGUARDING**

Next week we will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out Stay Safe programme. Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5 to 11 years old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our Childline service.

# **School Council**

Last week, the school council walked around the site looking at how we will be spending our 10K grant. Some of our projects include: repairing and improving the polytunnel, creating and improving gardening beds, and tree and vegetable planting.

# **Nursery Open days**

Thank you to everyone who came to visit the unit and those who came to help with gardening and helping to make our outdoor provision even better!

# **School Meals**

Please be advised that from **Monday**, **2nd June**, the cost of school dinners will increase to **£2.75 per meal**. We always strive to keep our meals as affordable as possible; however, due to rising costs in food, labour, transport, and other essential services, this increase is unfortunately unavoidable. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

# Join in with Naturally Healthy May

With the joys of spring, May is a wonderful month to get outside and reconnect with nature. Naturally Healthy May is about encouraging us to get outside and spend time in nature to improve our mental and physical health. Need some inspiration on what to do this May in Devon?

https://activedevon.org/naturally-healthy-ideas-to-get-started/

# Year 5 Mini Police Programme

We were excited to see our Year 5 students take part in the Mini Police programme! This six-week course, run in partnership with our local police. It began on Tuesday 22nd April and continued every Thursday afternoon for one hour.

The sessions helped children build confidence, teamwork, and understand how they can make a positive difference in their community. It also supported our Start Small, Dream Big initiative, encouraging children to explore future careers and the value of volunteering.

Over the six weeks, students received their Mini Police uniforms and learned about the importance of volunteering and doing good deeds. They took part in sessions on internet safety, anti-bullying, and explored topics such as road safety, water safety, or anti-social behaviour. A highlight was taking part in a practical project outside school, where they supported a police traffic operation. They also had the chance to explore real police equipment, ask questions during a Q&A, and rehearse for a final assembly. The programme ended with a celebration assembly, where they proudly shared everything they had learnt.

We are proud of how well our Mini Police represented our school and community!

Ms Claire Redwood



# Attendance

# Here, Everyday, Ready to learn and On time





90% and below

Dramatic effect on academic ahievement

91% - 94% Cause for concern

**95% - 100%** Expected

Parents/Carers are reminded that pupils have regular opportunities for holidays and that absence from school, for any reason, can have a negative impact on a child's educational progress and potential achievement. It is the responsibility of the requesting Parents/Carers to evidence the exceptionality of the circumstances.

Unbroken attendance at school is important for learning. However, there will be times when absence is unavoidable and acceptable.

Each absence is classed as

authorised or unauthorised. Absences
are coded as authorised where
reasons are considered valid and
unauthorised where no explanations
or acceptable reasons are given.

# **Unacceptable reasons**

The following reasons are not acceptable:

- Shopping visits and days out to theme parks or to attend concerts/shows
- Celebrating their birthday or a family members birthday
- Parental illness
- Parents' work commitments or business trips
- Holidays taken in term time (including long weekends taken on Fridays and/or Mondays)





# The Circus is Coming to Highweek!!

Join us for a fun-filled day under the BIG TOP!

Date: Saturday 5th July

Show Time: 12:00pm - approx 2:00pm
Where: On the school grounds

Expect thrills, laughter and jaw dropping entertainment!

Each child is invited to bring **ONE** parent or carer to enjoy the show

Don't miss this amazing event - it's going to be spectacular!

FREE OF CHARGE
BRING CASH ON THE DAY FOR
REFRESHMENTS



# Y6 PARENTS/CARERS

You are invited to an online workshop:

# SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

DATE - MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2025 TIME - 15:45 - 16:45 ONLINE VIA TEAMS (joining code below)

Discuss the common secondary transition

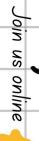
concerns.

Helpful tips to support your child's mental health during the transition.

Explore signs and reasons for worries about change.



Microsoft Teams





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

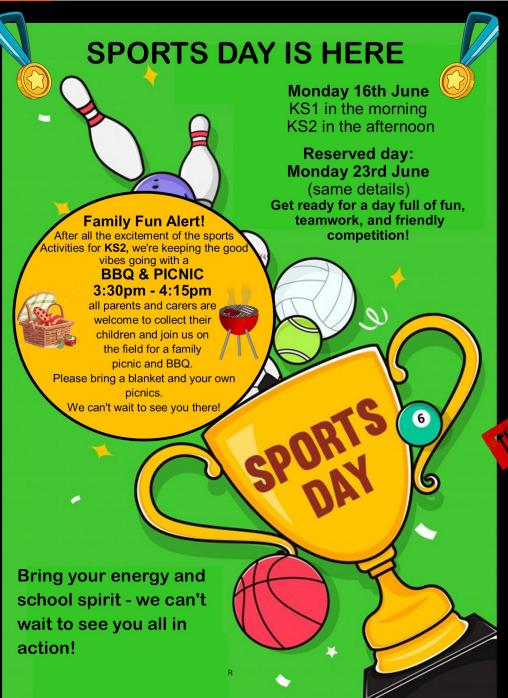
5pm - 5.45pm indoor play

5.45pm - 6pm tidy up

6pm Close.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 <sup>th</sup>			Pizza Medley	Pizza Medley	Pizza Medley
May		Games	Cooking	Craft	Games
12 <sup>th</sup>	Toasties	Toasties	Toasties	Toasties	Toasties
May	Free Play	Movie Night	Games	Cooking	Craft
19 <sup>th</sup>	Crackers & Dips				
May	Free Play	Craft	Movie Night	Games	Cooking

Outdoor activities will take place every night weather permitting.



# **Accelerated Readers**

100,000 words Rose Liju, Phoebe Wadham, Oscar Estlick & Paige Smith.

250,000 words Elise Keskin, Tommy Walton & Hana Ziubryniewicz

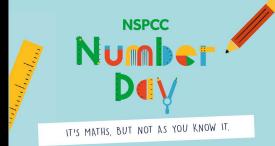


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NSPCC Number Day £155.27 can make a real difference in changing

childhoods across the UK.

A huge well done to everyone who contributed, you're helping to create brighter futures.



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

**Theme** Effort as the path to mastery **Date** Weekending Friday 9th May Skyler Newman Logan Morgan **Bovey** Ryana Douglas Connor Blackmore **Dart** Sive Williams Noah Coleman-Desouza Exe Mardle Leo Steer Ellis Frisby Laiyla Peart Mia Smith Plym

Tavy Betzy Boddington - Pearce Blue Carter

Skyla Margrie

Teign Rose Liju Amelia Sims

Torridge Eliza Curran Kane Walker

Well done to **Mardle** class who had **99%** attendance for the period of **28th April - 2nd May 2025**Well done to **Exe** class who had **100%** attendance for the period of **6th - 9th May 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 28.04.25	W/C 06.05.25	
Taw	96%	96%	
Mole	96%	94%	
Mardle	99%	99%	
Bovey	92%	94%	
Tavy	98%	96%	
Plym	93%	97%	
Exe	96%	100%	
Dart	94%	94%	
Tamar	92%	97%	
Torridge	96%	96%	
Teign	97%	98%	

**Tamar** 



Shayla Daniels

We are excited to share that some of our pupils will be interviewing a member of staff every fortnight.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to develop their questioning and interviewing skills while learning more about the diverse roles within our school community.

Below are the questions our students asked this week, along with the answers from this week's staff member:

We hope you enjoy reading through the responses and appreciate the students' efforts in conducting these interviews. We look forward to sharing more in the future!

# Name: Mrs Morlidge

What is your favourite colour?
 Green.

# Do you like tea or coffee?

I like both, i usually have a cup of tea when I wake up and a coffee mid morning.

# Do you prefer Indian or Chinese food?

Indian food.

## Who inspired you to become a school administrator?

Our previous headteacher, Mrs. Martyn, gave me the opportunity to step into an administrative role. I started working in the school office just a few hours a week, handling the school meal administration. Over time, my responsibilities expanded, and my role has grown into what it is today.

# If you had to run 1 club, what would it be?

I would run a sewing club and teach pupils how to use a sewing machine.

# What is your favourite sport?

I enjoy swimming and watching the diving when the Olympics is on.

# What was your favourite subject at school?

I enjoyed Home Economics, which was cooking when I was at school.

# What was your favourite book growing up?

The Wizard of Oz.

# Why did you join Highweek?

I attended Highweek as a child, and so did both of my children. When a job opportunity came up, I Applied, and now I'm proud to be part of the school community.

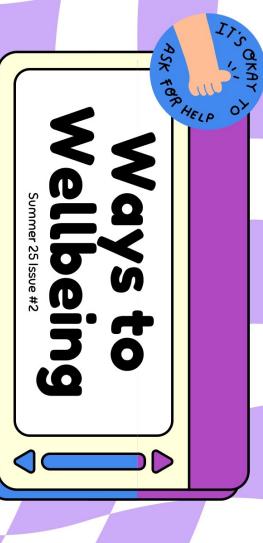
# Do you have a favourite movie?

Beaches with Bette Midler in is my favourite, no matter how many times I watch it, it still makes me cry.

Interview conducted by Sam Palmer & Tommy Walton.











# Mental Health Awareness Week

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18<sup>th</sup> May. This year, Mental Health Awareness Week is on 12–

community. can celebrate the power and importance of The theme for 2025 is 'Community' – so that we

family, adults at school or neighbours. Who is in your community? It might be friends

them – which is exactly why they are so important Everyone's community is completely unique to

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safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense alone. Communities can give us a sense of belonging supportive communities that remind us, we are not our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for have strong connections with other people and

- Can you think of any times when your community & loved ones have helped your mental health?
- How can you help the people in your community
- E.g. hugs, listening, asking for help from an adult

# Positive affirmations about community:

I am loved by people around me

- I am a kind and generous friend
- There are people who will help look after me and keep me sate

If you need support for your mental health, please talk to a trusted adult at school or home

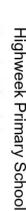
Call 111 and select option 2 for mental health. In an emergency, call 999.

# **BAG 2 SCHOOL**

# FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation





greater the benefit to your school Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in collected. Remember, the more you collect the weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collection from your school. All the bags will be the reuse and recycling of good quality secondhand clothing and we have arranged to make a



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

bag the plastic will be packed and sent for When the clothes have been removed from the recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE

belts & accessories Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags,

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit The more we weigh the more we pay!

Please return your Bag2School on.

Monday 19th May 2025 by 9am







helpdesk@bag2school.com

# Important dates for parents & year 6 pupils

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Date	What's happening / Where	Times	What to bring	What to wear	Notes
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production School Hall	Starts 9:30am 17:30pm	Yourself £1 per person	Costumes for performance	Parents / Carers invited A maximum of 2 adults per child per performance. We cannot have more due capacity limits in the hall. Tickets £1 per person entrance fee on the door.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July.	Forest & Beach Residential Kingsbridge	Arrive at school normal time and will return normal time on the Friday.	See kit list	See kit list	All children will need a packed lunch on the first day. All children will need to bring a drinks bottle.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Disco	17:30pm- 19:00pm	Money to purchase food and drinks	Something Special	£2.00 a ticket – letter to follow
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Picnic at Bakers Park	XXXXXXXX	Packed lunch Drinks Sun cream	Non uniform Comfy trainers	A school packed lunch may be ordered through the office if your child is in receipt of free school meals
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9:30am	Tissues!!! Usually lots of tears	Uniform/ leavers hoodies	

As we approach the end of the school year, we're beginning to plan the much-anticipated Summer Disco. Each year, we like to make this event extra special for our Year 6 pupils, as it will be their final disco at Highweek. In the past, treats have included mocktails, a VIP area, and a Year 6-only section complete with a photo booth.

These extras rely on the support of our wonderful PTFA to organise and run. If you're a Year 6 parent and would be willing to help plan or contribute to making this year's disco memorable for our leavers, we'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with the school office if you're able to lend a hand - Thank you for your support!

