

UPCOMING

## EVENTS



## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

### NOVEMBER

|                |                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 10th    | All school led after school clubs start.<br><br><b>Anti-Bullying week</b><br>Odd Socks Day                                                                |
| Wednesday 12th | <b>Year 5/6 Red Cross work-shop AM</b><br><br><b>Year 5/6 swimming PM</b>                                                                                 |
| Thursday 13th  | <b>Year 5/6 football match</b> against Starcross                                                                                                          |
| Friday 14th    | <b>Children in Need.</b><br>Pupils to wear school uniform please<br>Children can buy a Pudsey biscuit for £1 at break time                                |
| Tuesday 18th   | <b>PTFA meeting</b> in the main school at 9am                                                                                                             |
| Wednesday 19th | <b>Year 5/6 swimming</b>                                                                                                                                  |
| Friday 21st    | <b>Non-Uniform</b> for the chocolate tombola<br>Details to follow<br><br><b>Seasonal Flu</b><br>Vaccinations for pupils who have registered to take part. |

### Autumn Term 2025 Friday 7th November

#### Learning- pupils

We have had a very busy week with lots of exciting learning taking place across the school including an exciting day led by Izzy from INTOFILM. The whole school learnt about the roles available in the film industry and years 3 to 6 discovered the thought process behind directorial choices in the film-making process and the way these link to writing choices in literacy. Izzy was impressed with our children, saying, 'Thank you for a fantastic day yesterday. It was an absolute pleasure to visit Highweek Primary. I was so impressed by the KS2 students during the careers workshops. They were polite, enthusiastic and clearly bursting with motivation to learn.'

#### Facebook

Please do follow us on FB if you don't already. We post lots of updates and photos of learning at school. Do have a look at the amazing photos and videos of our year 4s on their Exmoor residential this week- great fun is being had by all, despite the weather!

#### Learning-staff

Our most recent training was led by our maths lead, Miss Emma Hopkins. She shared with us the most up to date research regarding best practice in the teaching of maths. If you are interested in finding out more about how we teach maths at Highweek, please speak to your child's teacher.

#### Christmas Fayre

We are all so excited about this year's Christmas fayre. A big thank you to everyone who has donated items for our Secret Santa/Elfridges stall!

#### Anti -bullying week

Next week we will be celebrating anti-bullying week. For further information, please see the following:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>



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**Odd Socks Day** marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day 2025 is taking place on Monday 10th November. It is supported by CBeebies presenter & ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'.

What is Odd Socks day? Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying.

The poster features a blue header with the text "Odd Socks Day" in a stylized font, accompanied by a large yellow sock icon. To the right, it says "We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?". Below this, a yellow banner displays "Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025". The central image shows five members of the band "Andy and the Odd Socks" in various colorful outfits, including a man with a large afro, a man with curly hair, a man with glasses and a red jacket, a woman in a pink shirt, and a man with long hair playing a yellow guitar. The bottom left corner has a dark blue banner with the "Andy and the Odd Socks" logo, the "ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE" logo, and the hashtags "#AntiBullyingWeek" and "#OddSocksDay".

**Odd Socks Day**

We'll be wearing our  
odd socks this Odd  
Socks Day, will you?

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Andy and the Odd Socks**

**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

**#AntiBullyingWeek**  
**#OddSocksDay**

As always, if you have any concerns or you would just like to pop in for chat, please get in touch with me via the school office.

Ms Claire Redwood

# Accelerated Readers

250,000 words

Sam Palmer



## Buckland Athletic Football Club – Family Season Ticket Giveaway!

We're delighted to announce that we've received a family season ticket for Buckland Athletic Football Club for the 2025–26 season!



This ticket allows free entry for up to five people to all remaining home league matches this season.

To check upcoming fixtures, please visit the Buckland Athletic website, as some match dates may change due to cup commitments.

If your family would like the chance to make use of this amazing opportunity, please let us know!

All interested families will have their names entered into a hat, and one lucky winner will be drawn.

- Deadline for entries: Wednesday, 12th November 2022
- First eligible fixture: Saturday, 15th November 2025

Good luck — and come on, Buckland!



HIGHWEEK  
Primary School

## Wraparound Care at Highweek November 2025

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

| Date             | Monday                     | Tuesday                 | Wednesday             | Thursday                   | Friday                    |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3rd Nov          | Sausage Rolls<br>Free Play | Toasties<br>Movie Night | Sandwiches<br>Games   | Wraps<br>Cooking           | Trifle<br>Crafts          |
| 10th Nov         | Pancakes<br>Free Play      | Muffins<br>Cooking      | Bagels<br>Movie Night | Toast<br>Games             | Crumpets<br>Crafts        |
| 17th Nov         | Waffles<br>Free Play       | Pasta/Sauce<br>Crafts   | Pancakes<br>Cooking   | Pasta/Sauce<br>Movie Night | Wraps<br>Games            |
| 24th Nov         | Bagels<br>Free Play        | Wraps<br>Games          | Pasta/Sauce<br>Crafts | Trifle & fruit<br>Cooking  | Sandwiches<br>Movie Night |
| Outdoor Activity | Multi-Sports<br>           | Archery<br>             | Tag Rugby<br>         | Football<br>               | Dodgeball<br>             |

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

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### Afterschool Club Reminder

Please note that children will not be able to attend Afterschool Club unless payment has been made in advance via Bromcom.

Bookings must be completed by 12:00 noon on the same day through MCAS.

If no booking is received, or if there is an outstanding balance, we will be unable to admit your child to the club.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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

| Theme    | Embracing Challenge            |                        |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Date     | Weekending Friday 7th November |                        |
| Bovey    | Skyler Newman                  | Jeorgia Vickery-Turner |
| Dart     | Maia Roome                     | Josh Malath            |
| Exe      | Year 4 Residential             |                        |
| Mardle   | Ivy Winsor                     | Christian Mbulayi      |
| Plym     | Year 4 Residential             |                        |
| Tamar    | Aimee Bolton                   | Talia Rhodes           |
| Tavy     | Ziron Waris                    | Jack Wilkes            |
| Teign    | Melissa Cooper                 | Scarlet Russell        |
| Torridge | Felicity Godfrey               | Tilly Cameron-Davies   |

Well done to **Tavy** class who had **100%** attendance for the period of **20th - 24th October**.

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 20th October 2025 |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Taw       | 93.2%                 |
| Mini Mole | 95%                   |
| Mole      | 92.6%                 |
| Mardle    | 95.7%                 |
| Bovey     | 90%                   |
| Tavy      | <b>100%</b>           |
| Dart      | 90.7%                 |
| Plym      | 94.7%                 |
| Exe       | 92.8%                 |
| Torridge  | 92.9%                 |
| Teign     | 93.8%                 |
| Tamar     | 95.6%                 |

### 1. Build strong routines

- Set a regular bedtime and wake-up time — children thrive on consistency.
- Lay out uniform, packed lunch, and school bag the night before.

### 2. Make mornings calm, not rushed

- Wake up with enough time for breakfast and getting ready calmly.
- Avoid screen time before school — it slows things down!

### 3. Prepare for transport hiccups

- Have a plan B for getting to school — another parent, neighbour, or earlier bus if needed.

# CHRISTMAS

Wednesday  
17th December

## Menu

### MAIN EVENT

Roast turkey, pig in blanket, skin on roasties, roast parsnips, stuffing, carrots, peas, gravy.

### VEGETARIAN

Nutless Roast, Vegan Sausage, skin on roasties, roast parsnips, stuffing, carrots, peas, gravy.

### DESSERT

Snowy Chocolate Brownie

### ALLERGENS & Intolerance's

At Cleverchefs we take food allergies and intolerances very seriously. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances you need to make us aware prior to ordering any food with us. We have a full breakdown of the 14 allergens on our primary school menu link on our website [www.cleverchefs.co.uk](http://www.cleverchefs.co.uk) or scan the QR code on this page.

SCAN ME



## Christmas Fayre Teddy Tombola Donations

We are beginning preparations for our School Christmas Fayre, and we would be very grateful for donations of teddies or soft toys for our popular Teddy Tombola!

If you have any old or unwanted teddies or soft toys at home, please bring them into school reception.

Your generosity helps make our Fayre a wonderful event for everyone — thank you so much in advance for your kind donations and support!



Devon  
School  
Admissions  
Service

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

# School Admissions Policy

10 November 2025 to

16 January 2026\*



**You are invited to review the proposed  
2027-28 admission arrangements for  
state-funded schools in Devon  
and those in Bournemouth, Christchurch &  
Poole, Cornwall, Dorset, Plymouth, Somerset  
and Torbay supported by the  
Devon School Admissions Service  
at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)**

\*Blackdown Education Partnership will consult 25 November to 16 January.

# Attendance

# Expectations!

## School Matters!



## SPOTLIGHT ON PUNCTUALITY

### WHY IS PUNCTUALITY SO IMPORTANT?

It's a **GREAT START** to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities.

Punctuality is linked to good attendance, and as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!

### ALSO...

It helps your child make friends (in the playground) which leads to improved self-confidence and therefore **SUCCESS**.

### AND...

It sets your child up for their future – whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or lose their job if they think it's ok to be late!



### Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

#### Did You Know... ?

| In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By... | Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... | or They Would Have Missed Approximately... |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 5 Minutes                                               | 3.5 Days from School                        | 20 Lessons                                 |
| 10 Minutes                                              | 7 Days from School                          | 41 Lessons                                 |
| 15 Minutes                                              | 10 Days from School                         | 55 Lessons                                 |
| 20 Minutes                                              | 14.5 Days from School                       | 82 Lessons                                 |
| 30 Minutes                                              | 22 Days from School                         | 123 Lessons                                |

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

## 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 – **38**

Unauthorised Lates after 9.15am – **60**

Going forward we will be putting 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.





# Ways to Wellbeing

Autumn 25 Issue #5

**POWER  
FOR  
GOOD**  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



**ANTI-BULLYING  
ALLIANCE**

## Anti-Bullying Week

10th–14<sup>th</sup> November is Anti-bullying week – which kicks off with Odd Socks day!

The theme for this year is the “Power for Good” – the idea that we can all make good choices to help prevent bullying and look after the people around us.

Here's a video explaining it in more detail:

<https://youtu.be/IO6599wP390>

## Choose Respect

So, how can we use our “Power for Good” to make our community a better place?

Here are some of my ideas. Do you have any?

- Being kind and celebrating how awesome your friends are
- Standing up for what you believe in
- Sharing and playing games with new people at playtime
- Talking to a trusted adult if you see something unkind or that makes you feel uncomfortable



**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.**