

NEWSLETTER



**Summer Term
2025**

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on

Wednesday 3rd September, ready for an action-packed Autumn Term.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we now come to the end of another academic year, I would like to thank you all for the support you have shown the school over the past twelve months. Our children inspire us every day to deliver fantastic learning experiences, in and outside of the classroom, and we look forward to continuing to provide an excellent education for all our learners in the next academic year.

Reports and New Classes

Thank you all for your positive comments regarding your child/ren's report(s), achievements and progress. Please do let me know if you have any further feedback in order for us to continue to improve school communication.

On Monday of this week, children spent the morning getting to know their new teachers and preparing for next term. The teachers are now busy planning and preparing their new classrooms for September.

Clubs next term

Please look out for the biggest ever range of clubs list and sign up information for next term, which will be sent out on the 3rd September. A reminder will also appear on Facebook.

Afterschool Clubs available in Autumn 1 (September) will be:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 TAG RUGBY KS2 GIRLS FOOTBALL KS2 COOKING BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LUNCHTIME CLUB	R/KS1 GYMNASTICS KS2 SINGING CLUB- YOUNG VOICES (SINGING STARS) KS1/2 HOMEWORK CLUB BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LUNCHTIME CLUB DJEMBE DRUMMING LUNCHTIME CLUB	KS2 NETBALL KS2 SEWING CLUB BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LUNCHTIME CLUB	FOOTBALL (SSW) BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LUNCHTIME CLUB	KS2 DODGEBALL



PTFA

A big thank you to all the parents and staff who have helped run a number of successful events to raise money for the school, including our end of year Key Stage Two disco this week.

Congratulations

Big congratulations to all our year six leavers who received their certificates and trophies today. In addition, we would like to say a special well done to **Isabelle Lawson** and **Anna Abhilash** who won the Key Stage One and Year 3 and 4 progress awards respectively.

WEBSITE

Over the summer, please have a look as we update our website with our new vision and values for September.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Ms Claire Redwood



What an adventure for our Year 6 Residential.

We had an action packed 3 days full of fun—from a beach walk and sea play to forest school activities and archery. After a double breakfast, we made our own lunches and enjoyed some well-earned downtime. Wrapped up with a brilliant talent show, marshmallow toasting under the stars, and lots of laughter.

Our amazing Year 6s have shown resilience, teamwork, and joy throughout. We're so proud of everything they've achieved and the unforgettable memories they've made!



Goodbye to our wonderful Year 6's!



A Fond Farewell to Our Class of 2025

As we come to the end of the school year, we say a heartfelt goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils – the Class of 2025. This year group has been vibrant, enthusiastic, and a true credit to Highweek. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or around the school, they have embraced every opportunity with positivity and determination.

We have had the privilege of watching them grow – not only in their learning, but also as kind, thoughtful individuals who have made a lasting impression on everyone they have worked with. Their energy, humour, and spirit will be missed by all of us.

We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and know they are more than ready for the next exciting step in their journey. We wish each and every one of them the very best as they move on to secondary school and beyond. We have no doubt they will continue to shine and make us proud.

Good luck, Year 6 – you'll always be part of the Highweek family.



Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes

Today, we have said a fond farewell to some of our much-loved members of staff.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to **Mrs. Jacky Dawes**, who is retiring after an incredible **35 years** of dedicated service at Highweek. Her commitment and care have touched generations of pupils, and she will be deeply missed by colleagues and students alike. We wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

We are also saying goodbye and good luck to **Miss Bethany England**, **Mr. Darren Parr**, **Mr. Antonio Matus**, and **Miss Jade Lister**, who are moving on to new schools or other exciting roles. Thank you for everything you have brought to our school community—you will all be missed dearly.

Thank You,
farewell



Looking ahead, we're delighted to welcome **Mrs. Nicola Hartley** who will be teaching in Tavy class and **Miss Molly Nichols** who will be teaching in Dart class from September.

We're excited to have them on board and look forward to the energy and experience they will bring to Highweek.



Nicola Hartley



Molly Nichols



Is your child interested in learning an instrument? We are delighted to share that our peripatetic music tutors all have spaces available in September! We have several specialist tutors who come in to school to teach guitar, drum, vocal and piano lessons. We are also excited to announce that Mrs Kerry Slade, our music teacher, will be offering 1:1 and small group lessons on the flute and recorder from September. All of our instrumental lessons take place during the school day.

Flute or recorder lessons

30 minute flute or recorder lesson 1:1 = £18

20 minute flute or recorder lesson 1:1 = £12

Group flute or recorder lessons = from £7

Vocal or piano lessons

30 minute vocal or piano lesson 1:1 = £20

20 minute vocal or piano lesson 1:1 = £12.50

Group vocal or piano lessons = from £7

Guitar or drum lessons

20 minute guitar or drum lesson 1:1 = £12

Group guitar or drum lessons = £9



Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium will receive a 50% discount for the first term.

If you are interested in finding out more or arranging lessons for your child, please contact Kerry Slade, Laura Mortimore or Alex Jennings using the contact details on the flyers below.

Piano and Singing.

Sign up now ready for September start.

Lessons take place during the school day and are charged at:

One to one:
30 minutes £20
20 minutes £13.50

Groups:
from £7

for more details contact:
Laura
Laura@blossomsmusic.co.uk
07515 805 812

Blossoms
Music @ Highweek Primary

INDIVIDUAL, SMALL GROUP & BAND

**GUITAR
BASS &
DRUM
LESSONS**

I perform in a number of bands across the UK, and use this experience when teaching guitar/bass/drums in schools and at my own studio. I work with young musicians at Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, as well as adults in gigging bands. My lessons focus on playing music and are tailored to individual students to help develop playing ability, technical proficiency and theory understanding.

For more information, or to start lessons at your school please contact Alex Jennings:

alexjbassist@gmail.com

alexjmusic.weebly.com

Kerry Slade
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**FLUTE &
RECORDER
LESSONS**

- 1:1 or small group lessons
- All lessons take place during the school day

Get In Touch
Speak to Mrs Slade at school or email:
kerryslademusic@gmail.com

Accelerated Readers

750,000 words

Sophie Gater.

100,000 words

Isabelle Lawson.

1.5 million words

Albie Gillingwater.

2 million words

Paige Payton.



Well done to **Exe & Taw** class who both had **98%** attendance for the period of **30th June - 4th July 2025**

Well done to **Tavy & Mole** class who had **98%** attendance for the period of **7th - 11th July 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 30.06.25	W/C 07.07.25
Taw	98%	74%
Mole	92%	98%
Mardle	88%	93%
Bovey	96%	95%
Tavy	97%	98%
Plym	93%	96%
Exe	98%	95%
Dart	92%	95%
Tamar	93%	92%
Torridge	94%	94%
Teign	96%	96%




SAINTS SOUTHWEST

2025/26 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES
- FUN, STRUCTURED AND PROGRESSIVE SESSIONS
- BOOK VIA THE LINKS BELOW

ALL THE INFO...

- VARIED
- £5.50 per session / £20 per month
- 25/26 ACADEMIC YEAR
- *TOPICS MAY CHANGE TERMLY***

Follow the link below to find the correct club and book your child's place

2025/26 SAINTS SOUTHWEST CLUBS

25/26 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING LINK

EMAIL - TEAM@SAINTSSOUTHWEST.CO.UK
PHONE - 0330 223 4932



Can You Help Us Bring History to Life?



Do you know someone who could lend a hand?

We have been working closely with Newton Abbot Museum to preserve a fascinating collection of artefacts from Highweek's past — including:

School inspection reports from the 1940s and 50s



Headteacher's log books dating back to the Victorian era



Photo scrapbooks



The infamous punishment book



Newton Abbot Museum have also been researching the school's history, and now we're ready to take the next step!

We're planning to create a **mini-Victorian schoolroom** in our entrance hall and host a **Victorian Day** to launch it to the public. We'll be inviting former pupils to come and explore the collection.

We've already invested in professionally rebinding and preserving these precious books so they can be used as primary sources in future history lessons. Now, we need help transforming the space!

Can you help with painting or carpentry?

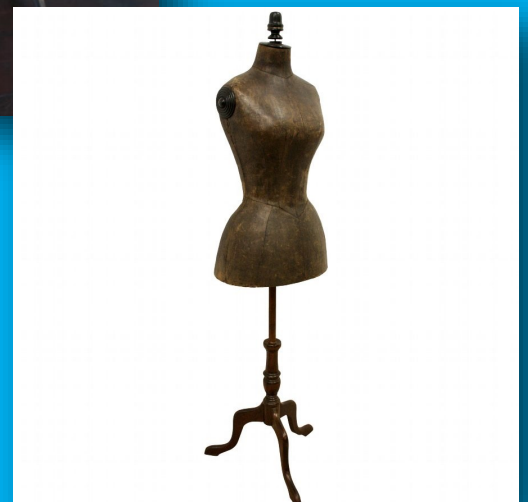


Do you have any Victorian-style items you could donate or lend?



Every little bit helps us bring this vision to life for the community and future generations.

If you are able to help please email: admin@highweekprimary.co.uk





Ways to Wellbeing

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Summer



Safety in the summer

The summer holidays are approaching! At last!

The summer holidays can be a great chance to do things with friends & family and to switch your brain off from school a little bit. The holidays aren't always perfect though – and it is important to stay safe and well.

Top tips for overall wellbeing:

- Make sure you are eating & drinking enough
- Sun cream is your best friend!
- Try to keep a regular sleep routine where possible

Top tips for when things feel tricky:

- Talk to someone you trust about how you are feeling and what you are worried about
- Spend time with people you care about – in person where possible
- Practice mindfulness and think about what you are grateful for
- Make sure you have a safe place that you can go to if things feel difficult at home (e.g. bedroom)

Childline have lots of advice and support for young people & their families over the holidays:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/home-families/seasonal-events/summer-holidays/>

'10 a day' choices towards balancing our mental health



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.

JOIN US AT HIGHWEEK PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING.
IN AID OF THE RICKY GRANT UNIT AT TORBAY HOSPITAL

Bingo Night

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST.
EYES DOWN AT 7PM.
CORONATION ROAD
TQ12 1TX

WIN
AWESOME
PRIZES!

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE EMAIL :
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