

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



MAY

Tuesday 19th	Year 5 & 6 trip to Paignton Zoo.
Wednesday 20th	PTFA meeting at 9am in the main school.
Wednesday 20th	Year 3 swimming.
Friday 22nd	Young Voices group performing at The Devon County Show.
Friday 22nd	School closes for the May half term.

JUNE

Monday 1st	School re-opens after the May half term break.
Monday 1st	British Values Week.
Wednesday 3rd	Film workshop for pupils.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Year	Trip	When	Payment By
3 & 4	Dawlish Warren Trip	Year 3: 8th June Year 4: 9th June	31st May 2026
6	Residential	8th, 9th, 10th July	31st March 2026
1 & 2	Lyme Regis	9th July 2026	1st May 2026
5	Mamma Mia	21st January 2027	1st July 2026



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Summer Term Friday 22nd May 2026

We hope you all have a lovely May half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st June.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new school graphics



We are so pleased with our new school graphics and signage displaying our school vision and values. Please do ask your children about them.

SATS week

A big well done to year 6s who conducted themselves so brilliantly during SATs week. I'd also like to say thank you to our year5s who managed the disruption to their usual routines so brilliantly.

Staff training

This week, Mrs Hartley delivered an engaging and informative science session focused on light and ways to make science learning even more enjoyable. We also explored strategies to challenge and extend learning opportunities for our higher attaining pupils.

Staff News

We would like to extend our congratulations to Miss Laura Roel, who recently got married in Las Vegas. From September, Laura will be known as Mrs Fox. Alongside this exciting personal milestone, we are delighted to share that she has been appointed Assistant Headteacher at Highweek, with particular responsibility for EYFS. I am sure you will agree that since joining Highweek, Mrs Fox has made a significant difference to our school community.

After 8 years at Highweek, Mrs Fran Toms has secured a thoroughly deserved position as Headteacher at Kenton Primary School, beginning in September 2026. Mrs Toms has been an exceptional teacher and leader whose dedication and commitment will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils.

While we are sad to see her leave, we are pleased to announce that Miss Issy Fraser, currently a Senior Teacher at Hennock Primary School, will be joining us as Assistant Headteacher and class teacher. Miss Fraser will be spending several days with us later this term to meet the children and support a smooth and successful transition.

Please see below a message from Miss Fraser:



I am so excited to join the Highweek community in September. I have spent the last five years teaching in a rural primary setting, primarily based in Key Stage 2, where I have developed a strong passion for English and inspiring a love of reading and writing in my pupils. I'm really looking forward to working with both staff and children and contributing to the continued success of the school.

TikTok

We are currently exploring the use of TikTok. Please do have a look at our recent posts:

- SATs are over!
- Paignton Zoo
- Staff training- science
- Our new graphics



As this is a new venture for us, we would appreciate your feedback on the use of this platform.

The sun is out!

The lovely weather has returned and the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time outside on the school field during break times and making the most of the sunshine. With the warm weather set to continue over the half-term holiday, we hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing break. If you are spending time outdoors, please remember hats and suncream to help keep everyone safe in the sun.

Have a fantastic half term everyone.

Ms Claire Redwood





WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

Cooking Club Update!

Last week, at Cooking Club, we had lots of fun making delicious Pizza Pockets

This week, we got busy baking some yummy Fruity Flapjacks including:

- Apple flapjack
- Cranberry flapjack
- Sultana flapjack
- Banana flapjack

The children had a fantastic time mixing, baking, and tasting their tasty creations!

If your child would like to join in the fun at Cooking Club, all you need to do is book them into After School Club on a Monday or Friday via the MCAS app.

We can't wait for more tasty adventures!



Paignton Zoo

Year 5 & 6 had a fantastic trip to Paignton Zoo on Tuesday! Despite some rainy weather, everyone had a wonderful time exploring the zoo and seeing some amazing species up close. 🦁🦒🦋

The visit helped us to deepen our understanding of adaptations and evolution, bringing our classroom learning to life as we observed animals and their habitats in action. We also enjoyed taking part in an engaging workshop where we explored some fascinating artefacts.

A brilliant day full of learning, discovery and fun! 🌿🌟



We would like to warmly invite parents and carers to a Coffee & Chat afternoon with our Family Liaison Officer Miss Sophie Stevens.

These sessions will take place every fortnight on a Wednesday, starting on Wednesday 29th April 2026, from 2:30-3:15pm in the main school.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th June.

JOIN US EVERY FORTNIGHT

Starting on
Wednesday 29th April 2026
2:30pm - 3:15pm

NO BOOKING REQUIRED!

Everyone is very welcome to attend. This is a relaxed opportunity to:

- Ask questions
- Seek support for yourself or your child
- Find out about local services and resources

Whether you have something specific in mind or just fancy a chat, we look forward to seeing you there.

Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School

Summer Car Boot Sale

Saturday 13th June

Come along for a morning of bargains, treasures, and community fun!

Sale 9:00am - 1:00pm

CANCELLED



HIGHWEEK Primary School

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Interactive music sessions for ages 0-5

Every Tuesday 9:10 - 10:00am
(Term time only)
EYFS Hall @ Highweek Primary School

No need to book, just come along!



ACCELERATED READERS!

100,000 words	Amiya Loder
250,000 words	Holly Exon
1 million words	Rose Liju
1.5 million words	Clay Ellison



Please could we kindly request that pupils do not bring putty or slime into school.

Please check the lost property, as it will no longer be kept in the entrance after half term. Moving forward, all unclaimed lost property will be managed through the PTFA.

LOST AND FOUND





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

Theme	Learning from feedback		Find lessons and inspiration in the success of others	
Date	Friday 15th May		Friday 22nd May	
Mole	Codie Dawes	Walker Ellison	Raven Wood	George Popescu
Bovey	Koa Dymond	Jeorgia Vickery-Turner	Frankie Kelly	Logan Morgan
Dart	India-Rose Bunday	George Davis	Zeba Nazari	Nala-Rose Worton
Exe	Elloisa Locke	Orla Kelly	Connor Blackmore	Ethan Evans
Mardle	Arlo Stephens	Margot Allen	Raphaella Williams	Bonnie Noble
Plym	Layla Forster	Isaac Allen	Sara Rouse	Millie Harrison
Tamar	Sophie Gater	All of Year 6	Harry Phillips	Flo Smith
Tavy	Reuben Blackmore	Olivia Williams	Franklin Owen	Eli Heavens
Teign	All of Year 6		Christina Madley	Rose Liju
Torrige	All of Year 6		Cooper Knowles	Alexia Rhodes

Well done to **Mole** class who had **100%** attendance for the period of 5th - 8th May 2026

Well done to **Teign** class who had **100%** attendance for the period of 11th - 15th May 2026

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

Class	W/C 5th May	W/C 11th May
Taw	97.4%	97.3%
Mini Mole	94.6%	95.7%
Mole	100%	99%
Mardle	93.8%	98.2%
Bovey	92.4%	99.4%
Tavy	91.1%	95.2%
Dart	98.3%	97.7%
Plym	96.7%	94.2%
Exe	85.5%	97.9%
Torrige	98.2%	99.6%
Teign	98%	100%
Tamar	93.5%	92.8%

Avoid "just one day off"
 Unless a child is genuinely unwell, keeping attendance consistent helps children see school as a normal daily expectation.

Keep medical appointments outside school hours when possible
 If appointments must happen during the day, try to return the child to school afterward rather than taking the full day off.

Track attendance together
 Some families use:

- Sticker charts
- Attendance goals
- Small rewards for consistent punctuality

Focus on encouragement rather than pressure.



 **CHILDREN'S
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THE BIG FUTURE

**The Children's Commissioner,
Dame Rachel de Souza, has
launched The Big Future survey.**

It's your chance to have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today - what you love, what worries you, how you have fun, and the changes you want for a better future.

There are questions about voting, school, your area, online safety, and space for you to tell her what you think is important!

**It takes less than 10 minutes to
complete the survey.**



Take part now:

childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

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AFTER SCHOOL & LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Clubs run for 6 weeks: Mon 1st June - Fri 10th July 2026

After School clubs finish at 4:40pm
(Singing Club at 4:30pm)

Choose up to 2 clubs per child

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception & KS1 Multi-Skills	KS1 Gymnastics	KS2 Gymnastics	SSW Football Please book via link Link	KS2 Dodgeball
Year 3 Lunchtime BSL	KS2 Singing Young Voices <i>Pupils already attending can continue. Newcomers are welcome!</i>	Year 4 & 5 Lunchtime BSL	KS2 Netball	
	KS2 Lunchtime Recorder & Fife		Year 6 Lunchtime BSL	
	Year 2 Lunchtime BSL			



BOOKING INFORMATION

- Book via the **My Child at School App**
- First come, first serve
- Collect children promptly
- For Queries: Contact the school office



Wraparound Care at Highweek

All bookings must be made via your MCAS app

Contact: Mrs Carole Rogers
07968 891535
carogers@highweekprimary.co.uk



Costs: 3:30pm - 4:30pm £5.50
After a free club until 6pm £6.00
3:30 - 6pm £8.50

3:30pm - 3:45pm Registration
3:45pm - 4pm Snack
4pm - 5pm Outdoor Activity
5pm - 5:45pm Indoor Play
5:45pm - 6pm Tidy Up

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Cooking will take place on a Monday & Friday for both KS1 & KS2 pupils. All you need to do is book them in!

APRIL & MAY

Date	Monday Cooking club	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Cooking club
20 th April	Quiche	Nibble Wheels	Bagels	Wraps	Quiche
27 th April	Fruit tarts	Mighty Crunch	Dough Main Event	Toasties	Fruit tarts
5 th May	Pizza pockets	Nibble Wheels	Bagels	Wraps	Pizza pockets
11 th May	Fruit flapjack	Mighty Crunch	Dough Main Event	Toasties	Fruit flapjack
18 th May	Fish pie	Nibble Wheels	Bagels	Wraps	Fish pie

PLEASE NOTE: A £10 FEE APPLIES TO LATE COLLECTIONS. ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

ALL FOOD SERVED WITH A SIDE SALAD.

WILL YOU BE OUR NEXT GOVERNOR?



We are seeking to appoint a Community Governor to join our governing board.

Applicants are not required to be parents, but should demonstrate a genuine interest in supporting the school community and the high standard of education provided at Highweek. Please follow this link for more information about the role of a Governor. [CLICK HERE](#)

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact

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for the attention of Ms Redwood.



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Ways to Wellbeing

Summer 26 Issue #3

SELF LOVE

Positive self-talk



SELF-TALK is how you TALK or THINK to YOURSELF!

Negative, sad and angry thinking = negative, sad and angry feelings

Positive, happy and kind thinking = positive, happy and kind feelings!

Changing how we think can change how we feel – but sometimes that can be hard, so we need to practice talking to ourselves kindly.



One of the best ways to practice positive self-talk is asking yourself...

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO YOUR FRIEND OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE?

- Would you tell them they are annoying, bad or mean?
- Or would you tell them they are kind and doing their best?
- Would you tell them they are going to do badly in a test they were worried about them?
- Or would you tell them that they will do well and that its the trying that counts?

Positive affirmations to practice:

I am kind

I am loved

I am doing my best

I am safe I am enough

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.