

DECEMBER SCHOOL EVENTS

- **1st December** (Tuesday) **Tavy** Class visit to Abbotsbury Church for a Christmas Journey experience.
- **3rd December** (Thursday) **Year 5** Lantern Parade Workshop.
  EYFS Christmas Production at 2:15pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
- **4th December** (Friday) **EYFS** Christmas Production at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to join us.
- **7th December** (Monday) **Singing Club** Christmas Carols 📍 Newton Abbot Clock Tower (outside Austins) at 11:30am. Families welcome are welcome to join us.
- **8th December** (Tuesday) **Rudolph Run**: Sponsor forms sent home.
  Mole Class Trip to Buckfast Abbey.
  Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carols 📍 Highweek Church at 10:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
- **9th December** (Wednesday) **Mole Class** Rudolph Run.
  Singing Club Christmas Carols 📍 Outside Asda at 2:00pm. Families are welcome to join us.
  KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal.
  Year 5 Lantern Parade 📍 Meet at Bearnes Primary School at 6:00pm.
- **10th December** (Thursday) **Year 5 & 6** Cooking with Cleverchefs.
  KS1 Nativity at 9:30am & 5pm. Parents are invited to join us.
  Christmas Dinner Orders Close.
- **11th December** (Friday)
  Christmas Fayre 🕒 3:30pm - 6:00pm.
  Rudolph Run Sponsorship Money Due. Supporting Rowcroft Hospice.
- **14th December** (Monday)
  Singing Club Christmas Carols 📍 Outside Tesco at 11:30am. Families are welcome to join us.
  Singing Club Music Showcase in the main school hall at 2:30pm - 3.15pm. Singing club parents have been invited.
- **15th December** (Tuesday)
  Year 3 & 4 Snow White Pantomime 📍 Princess Theatre. We will be returning to school for lunch.
- **16th December** (Wednesday)
  Christmas Jumper Day. Wear your favourite festive jumper for a suggested donation: £1.
  Christmas Dinner Day.
  Year 3 & 4 Christmas Carols 📍 Main School Hall at 3:00pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
- **18th December** (Friday)
  School Closes for the Christmas Holidays.



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HIGHWEEK Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

Friday 27th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Singing Club
Last week, Singing Club performed at Exeter Cathedral. This annual event is a favourite of us all and a wonderful experience for our pupils. Thank you to all who attended this event.

School Council – Making a Difference!
Our School Council representatives met with a number of staff this week to share their ideas and discuss some of the things they would like to improve around school. It is lovely to see our children taking such an active role in making Highweek an even better place to learn and play.

Yesterday, they fed back their discussions and updates to the whole group. Here are some of the things they have been working on:

- **New lunchtime equipment:** Ms Redwood and Mrs Rogers will be purchasing some new equipment to make lunchtimes even more enjoyable.
- **Play Leaders:** Our Play Leaders will be up and running next term, helping to organise games and activities for other children.
- **More fruit:** Children have been reminded that they can ask for extra fruit at lunchtime if they would like some.
- **Feeling safe at school:** The School Council has started creating posters to help children understand what to do and who to talk to if they don't feel safe at school.

We are really proud of our School Council for speaking up, sharing ideas and helping to make a positive difference. This is a wonderful example of our values of Respect and Responsibility in action!

Developing Our Teaching
We are committed to continually developing and improving the quality of teaching and learning at Highweek.
Mrs Nicola Hartley led another fantastic staff development session, focusing on the teaching of science. These opportunities allow staff to share ideas, explore new approaches and continue to strengthen our curriculum.
Miss Emma Hopkins has also been out and about visiting maths lessons, looking at the teaching taking place and identifying ways in which we can make our maths provision even stronger. We are always keen to learn from one another and reflect on how we can give our children the very best learning experiences.

Christmas Excitement!
We are getting very excited about our upcoming Christmas celebrations! I have been lucky enough to have a sneaky peek at some of our nativity rehearsals, and I can honestly say they are FABULOUS! The children have been working incredibly hard, and I know you are going to be very proud of them.
Our Christmas performances begin next week, with our Nursery and Reception children taking to the stage next Thursday and Friday. We can't wait!

Please make sure you have told all your friends and family about our upcoming Christmas Fayre. As well as the children's class stalls, we have a number of professional sellers. Please do come and support the school and our local traders at this event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and commitment to our school. It really does make such a difference to our children and our wider school community.

Please do get in touch if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions. My door is always open.
Best wishes,

Ms Claire Redwood



UPCOMING TRIPS

Reception - Mole Class
Christmas at Buckfast Abbey - Tuesday 8th December 2026.
Cost £18.00

Year 3 - Dart Class
Shallowford Farm - Monday 30th November 2026.
Free of charge.
Snow White at the Princess Theatre - Tuesday 15th December 2026.
Cost £18.00

20 Year 5 Pupils
Lantern Parade Workshop - Thursday 3rd December 2026.
Lantern Parade - Evening of Wednesday 9th December 2026.
Year 6
Mamma Mia! - 21st January 2027



🎄 ELFRIDGES – CHRISTMAS FAYRE GIFT BOOKING 🎁
Elfridges will be going live on **Monday via MCAS!**
You will be able to book a slot for your child to visit Elfridges at our Christmas Fayre, where they can choose a special gift and enjoy wrapping it ready to give to someone special.

Please note: Bookings will close the day before the Christmas Fayre. This is to ensure we have an accurate number of gifts and enough wrapping paper prepared for all the children.

We look forward to helping the children enjoy this special part of our Christmas Fayre! 🎅



ACCELERATED READERS!



50,000 words	Issac Allen, Amiee Bolton, Freya Curran, Talia Rhodes, Belle Bolton, Leo Steer, Nala-Rose Worton, Bella Perrens, Zoey Rutherford, Etta Allen, Sophie Gater, Laiyla Peart & Madison Smith.
100,000 words	Piotr Ziubryniewicz, Maia Roome, Blue Broome, Oscar Baker & Theo Fairweather.
250,000 words	Felicity Godfrey.
1 million words	Clay Ellison.

Class	Weekending Friday 13th November	Weekending Friday 20th November
Taw	97.1%	93%
Mini Mole	78.6%	84.6%
Mole	97.8%	95.2%
Mardle	94.8%	95.5%
Tavy	95.8%	99.2%
Dart	92.4%	91.9%
Plym	98.4%	98.1%
Exe	92.6%	97.8%
Torridge	93.1%	94.2%
Teign	98.5%	96.7%
Tamar	95.5%	94.4%



Well done to **Teign** class who had **98.5%** attendance for the period of **9th - 13th November 2026.**

Well done to **Tavy** class who had **99.2%** attendance for the period of **16th - 20th November 2026.**

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

WELL DONE

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		Find lessons and inspiration in the success of others	
Date	Friday 20th November		Friday 27th November	
Mole	Owen Hawkins	Jaxson Newman	Clara Gauchat	Olivia Chudleigh
Dart	Teddy Williams	Roy Grant	Eli Heavens	Franklin Owen
Exe	Oscar Baker	Felix Jones	Jack Barr	Skyler Newman
Mardle	Tessa Roome	Jaxson Darke	Codie Dawes	Ava Theobald
Plym	George Davis	Maia Roome	Blue Broome	Isaac Mathias
Tamar	Mia Smith	Layla Forster	Rhys Smith	Mati Kiezun
Tavy	Erika Mensah	Raphaella Williams	James Sandell	Marnie-Rae Jennings
Teign	Madison Smith	Joseph Vickery-Turner	Ethan Evans	Rowan Cole
Torridge	Frayah Jowitt	Sive Williams	Ophelia Parker	Jamie Dale



Christmas Fayre

Our Wonderful Stall Holders

1. Handmade pipe-cleaner flowers and bouquets — £1–£15
2. Framed diamond art creations and gifts — £1–£15
3. Crochet items, jewellery, wind spinners, pom-pom hanging mobiles and crochet keyrings — 50p–£15
4. Press-on nails — To be confirmed
5. 3D-printed dragons, flexi animals, fidget toys, clickers, keyrings and novelty gifts — £1.50–£20
6. Handmade seasonal gifts and decorations — 50p–£10
7. Sensory and fidget toys — To be confirmed
8. Handmade hair bows and floral hair accessories — To be confirmed
9. Handmade crafts and gifts — To be confirmed
10. Hand-painted vases, resin art and homewares — To be confirmed
11. Cushions, keyrings and other handmade gifts — £1–£18
12. Cookies, brownies, blondies, flapjacks, mince pies and sweet treats — £3–£4.50
13. Sweet cones and confectionery — £1–£10
14. Handmade textile gifts, fabric crafts, stitched cards, Christmas decorations and accessories — £3–£30
15. Handmade soy candles — £2–£10
16. Sea-glass art, framed pictures and coastal-inspired crafts — To be confirmed

Festive Food Menu

- Santa's Chips — £3.00
- Cheesy Christmas Chips — £4.00
- Reindeer's Chilli Beef Fries (Mild chilli and Nacho cheese) — £5.00
- Christmas Fries (Covered with Christmas stuffing & gravy) — £5.00

Hot Chocolate Stall

Tea & Coffee will also be available!

Shop Local • Find Unique Gifts • Support Our Community

Outdoor Learning
Year 1 & 2 – This Term

Tavy Class



Every Friday

Mardle Class



Every Thursday

Your child will be taking part in outdoor learning this term, exploring, discovering and learning in nature!

Reminder!

Come to school in uniform and bring your outdoor learning clothes in a bag.



School uniform (come in to school)



Outdoor learning clothes in a bag



Wellies and a coat (essential – the weather is likely to be bad)

Outdoor Learning
Year 3 & 4 – This Term

Explore Learn Grow

4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11
Dart	Exe	Plym	Dart
			

2/12	9/12	16/12
Exe	Plym	Dart
		

Exploring nature, learning together!

Reminder! Come in to school in uniform and bring your outdoor learning clothes in a bag.



School uniform (come in to school)



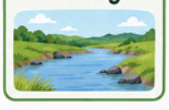
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Outdoor Learning
Year 5 & 6 – This Term

2/11	9/11	16/11	23/11
Torridge	Tamar	Teign	Torridge
			

30/11	7/12	14/12
Tamar	Teign	Torridge
		

Exploring nature, learning together!

Reminder! Come in to school in uniform and bring your outdoor learning clothes in a bag.



School uniform (come in to school)



Outdoor learning clothes in a bag



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Wraparound Care at Highweek

Fun • Food • Friends • Activities

Menu

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd Nov	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps	Muffins
9th Nov	Muffins	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps
16th Nov	Wraps	Muffins	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch
23rd Nov	Mighty Crunch	Wraps	Muffins	Bagels	Crumpets
30th Nov	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps	Muffins	Bagels
7th Dec	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps	Muffins
14th Dec	Muffins	Bagels	Crumpets	Mighty Crunch	Wraps

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

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026

HIGHWEEK Primary School

Coffee & Chat

with our Family Liaison Officer

Miss Sophie Stevens

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for an informal Coffee & Chat session.

JOIN US EVERY 4 WEEKS

WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2027

2:30pm – 3:15pm

Main School Building

A relaxed opportunity to:

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

No Booking Required!

Just come along!

Everyone is very welcome!

Dear Santa

Christmas MENU

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2026

Turkey or Cheesy Cranberry Pinwheel

Served with Gravy, Roasties, Carrots, Stuffing, Sprouts, Parsnips, Pigs in Blankets/Quorn Sausage

Dessert:
Snowy Brownie

Please order via your parentpay account

ALLERGENS & Informations

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

HIGHWEEK Primary School

Discover a world of wonder and learning at

FUN FRIENDSHIPS & FUTURES START HERE!

OPEN EVENT FOR NURSERY & RECEPTION AT HIGHWEEK

Where little learners thrive every day!

Tuesday 15th December 2026
9:30am - 10:30am

Tours will start promptly and you are welcome to stay for refreshments and to ask any questions.

You will have the opportunity to have a tour of the EYFS building and the main school.

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Nursery open 47 weeks per year
7:45am - 6pm

Highweek Community Primary and Nursery School
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December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30th	1st **Tavy** class will be going to Abbotsbury church for a Christmas Journey experience.	2nd	3rd **20 Year 5's** Lantern parade workshop. **EYFS** Christmas Production at 2.15pm. *Parents are welcome to join us!*	4th **EYFS** Christmas Production at 9.15am. *Parents are welcome to join us!*
7th  **Singing Club** Christmas Carols at Newton Abbot Clock Tower, outside of Austins at 11.30am. *Come along and join us.*	8th **Rudolph Run.** Sponsor forms have been sent home. **Mole** class trip to Buckfast Abbey. **Year 5 & 6** Christmas Carols at Highweek Church at 10.30am. *Year 5 & 6 parents are welcome to join us.*	9th **Mole** class Rudolph Run.  **Singing Club** Christmas Carols outside of Asda at 2pm. *Come along and join us.* **KS1** Nativity dress rehearsal. **Lantern Parade** in Newton Abbot Year 5 pupils to meet at Bearnes Primary School at 6pm.	10th **Year 5 & 6** cooking with Cleverchefs. **KS1** Nativity. Parents are invited to join us at 9.30am or 5pm. *More details will follow.*	11th  **Rudolph Run** sponsor money due in so we can send it to Rowcroft! rowcroft hospice
14th  **Singing Club** Christmas Carols outside of Tesco at 11.30am. *Come along and join us.*	15th **Year 3 & 4** Snow White Pantomime at the Princess Theatre. *They will return to school for lunch.*	16th **Christmas dinner** for pupils, deadline for ordering Thursday 10th December. **Christmas Jumper Day**. Come to school in your favourite festive jumper for a suggested donation of £1 **Year 3 & 4** Christmas Carols in the main school hall. Parents are invited to join us at 3pm.	17th	18th School closes for the Christmas break. 

Newton Abbot

LANTERN PARADE

Wednesday 9th December

'Dinosaurs' theme

5-8pm

Students from local primary schools parading from Bearnes Primary School at 6.30pm to St Leonard's Clock Tower.

Let's light up the Christmas streets of Newton Abbot once more with the celebratory joy of children's imaginative creations!

PLUS

Late night shopping & Street food
Santa in his Clock Tower Grotto
Live music



CREATION MYTH PUPPETS

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Newton Abbot

LANTERN PARADE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 8th December

Fancy making your own lantern and taking part in a 'Dinosaurs' themed Lantern Parade on Wednesday 9th December?

Public workshop held at
The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot
Tickets available from Newton's Place on 01626 201120
Afternoon workshop 4pm - 6pm
Evening workshop 6pm - 8pm

£5per Ticket! - (CASH ONLY)



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