

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Monday 24th: School re-opens.

Tuesday 25th: Year 4 Multiplication Times Check Information Meeting for Parents 3:00pm-3:15pm. Please come to the main school reception.

Thursday 27th: Year 6 SATs Information meeting for parents 3:45pm in Tamar class.

This meeting will give you an opportunity to ask questions and gain a better understanding of how we can work together to support your child through this important time. We hope you can join us!



March

Tuesday 4th: PTFA AGM meeting at 9:15am in the main school.

Tuesday 4th: Special lunch menu.

Wednesday 5th: Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme in school.

Thursday 6th: World Book Day.

Friday 7th: Waterstones visits for KS2.

Monday 10th: Waterstones visits for EYFS & KS1.

Wednesday 12th: Coffee & chat with Miss Stevens at 9am, *parents invited*.

Thursday 13th: Step into the NHS day.

Tuesday 18th: Year 5 & 6 visit to Wildwood Escot.

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th: Parents evening from 3:40pm - 6pm. Information of how to book will be sent via email.

Bookings open at 6:15 pm on Friday 14th February.
Please do not try to book before as you will not be able to log in.



NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2025

Friday 14th February



We hope you all have a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24th February.

Dear parents/carers,

HOMEWORK CLUB

Why homelearning?

What does the research say?

1. Homework has a positive impact on progress.
2. Some pupils may not have a quiet space for home learning – it is important for schools to consider how home learning can be supported. (e.g. through providing homework clubs for pupils)
3. Homework should be linked to classroom work.

For further information, please see:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework>

If your child is struggling to complete their homelearning independently or if you are having difficulty managing learning at home, please sign them up for homework club. Teachers will be on hand to support them.



Parents Evening



Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th
March 2025

To book please go to:
<https://highweek.schoolcloud.co.uk>



01626 216300



admin@highweekprimary.co.uk



www.highweekprimary.co.uk



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CHILD PROTECTION OVER HALF TERM


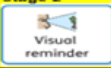
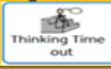



Worried about a child's safety? If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) by:

- completing an online [request for support form](#)
- calling us on 0345 155 1071
- emailing mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and giving as much information as you can

If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on 999.

BEHAVIOUR

In this week's assembly we talked about behaviour expectations in class and around school. The majority of our pupils exhibit excellent behaviour. However, there are some children who need regular reminders. Please see the guidance 

Stage 1  verbal reminder	This is a reminder of our expectations and should be enough to prompt you to follow the class ethos.
Stage 2  Visual reminder	You may be shown REMINDER CARD to remind you about behaviour expectations. Now is the time to really reflect upon your behaviour and make changes!
Stage 3  Thinking Time out	If the behaviour continues, you may be encouraged to have some time out- this could be in another classroom or in a safe space. You will then need to spend time reflecting on your behaviours with a member of staff. This may be at break or lunchtime. You may be asked to complete a reflection sheet.
Stage 4  Other grown ups	If after having a period of reflection time, your behaviours continue, you will need to speak to Ms Redwood or another member of the leadership team. Depending on the incident, Ms Redwood or another senior member of staff will decide what to do next. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with your parents or carers• You having to work separately from your classmates for a period of time to keep people safe.• You not being able to have play and lunchtime breaks with everyone else• Finally, an external exclusion for a fixed period of time. This means that you can't come into school and must complete your learning at home.
High level incidents  Parents  No School	You will be sent to Ms Redwood or another member of the leadership team straight away: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are swearing in school• If you are violent towards peers/adults• If your behaviour is unsafe for yourself or others• If you deliberately destroy school or other people's property• Racist incidents• Deliberately leaving the school site without permission Depending on the incident, Ms Redwood or another senior member of staff will decide what to do next. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with your parents or carers• You having to work separately from your classmates for a period of time to keep people safe.• You not being able to have play and lunchtime breaks with everyone else• Finally, a suspension for a fixed period of time or an exclusion. This means that you can't come into school and must complete your learning at home.

CAREERS EDUCATION

Get Involved- Come and talk to our children about your job

We are looking for a diversity of voices so that our children can see and hear themselves in the volunteers they speak to. By sharing your career story, you can open children's eyes to a world they might never have imagined for themselves. You will be surprised what an impact sharing your story will make! Please contact us to volunteer to share your experience of the world of work and be a role model.

We really appreciate your engagement in our work to inspire our children to aim high.

FUTURE SCHOOL PLANS

We are excited to let you know that in September, we are extending our before and after school club to our two and three year olds. This will take place in the EYFS building. Please register your interest now!

AND FINALLY- HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

For support:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/valentines-day/>

<https://adaa.org/learn-from-us/from-the-experts/blog-posts/consumer/dealing-valentines-day-depression>

Have a wonderful half term!

Ms Claire Redwood





Mini Kickers Age 3-6

Starting 15th Feb @ 10:30-11:00

Please get in contact if you are interested

Email: newtontownfc@gmail.com

Mini Kickers

Piano and singing lessons now available.

All lessons take place during the school day.

1-2-1 lessons:
20 minutes
£12.50
30 minutes
£18.25

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



Blossoms
Music @ Highweek Primary

TIMID 2 TIGER GROUP



Is your child anxious?

Does your child struggle to leave you?

Does your child have low confidence?

Do you want to meet parents in similar situations?

This is a 10 week group intervention to give parents skills to support their anxious young people

This group is a non-judgemental, reflective space for parents to have the opportunity to share and learn

We are open to parents who:

- have 2 hours available to commit for face to face sessions per week
- are ready to make active change to support their young people

THIS GROUP WILL BE HELD AT HIGHWEEK PRIMARY

Any questions? Please contact the school directly for information



Would you be interested in working in our lovely school?

Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School are currently looking for a Meal Time Assistant to join their team.

Monday to Friday. Term time only.

For further details please get in touch with the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Lowe on 01626 216300



Join Miss Stevens for a
COFFEE & CHAT MORNING
each month at 9am.

This informal coffee morning will give you an opportunity to meet and have a chat with Miss Stevens and ask any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend please email:
admin@highweekprimary.co.uk

The dates are:

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Wednesday 7th May 2025



A Huge Well Done & Thank You!!

Our Year 6 girls braved the cold weather this week and held a Valentines bake sale. The money they raised will go towards some much-needed resources for the school. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated. Thank you for making a difference!



Football Victory

Highweek triumphed 4-2, securing a much-needed win. The match saw some fantastic finishing, with Highweek taking full advantage of their chances. Their players were clinical in front of goal, displaying real composure to put the ball in the back of the net. Equally impressive was the goalkeeping performance, with Highweek's keeper making a series of crucial saves that kept Exminster at bay. Despite a strong fight from Exminster, Highweek's solid performance ensured a relatively comfortable victory and a much-needed boost for the team after their long winless run.

Exminster 2 - 4 Highweek



Netball Victory

Highweek put on a sensational performance in their first away Netball fixture, defeating St Michael's 9-1 in a relatively one-sided affair. From the outset, Highweek dominated possession, with their attacking players relentless pace and careful shooting. We opened the scoring early and quickly extended our lead to 2 - 0, with St Michael's struggling to contain their Highweek's quick passing and movement. St Michael's managed to pull one back with a well-taken shot, but Highweek responded immediately, netting another four quick goals in the third quarter. Highweek showed no signs of slowing down, adding more goals to complete a comprehensive victory.



St Michaels 1 - 9 Highweek



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		Able to examine mistakes	
Date	Weekending Friday 7th February		Weekending Friday 14th February	
Bovey	Piotr Ziubryniec	Ben Palmer	Belle Bolton	Harvey Martin
Dart	Evelyn Wilkes	Ethan Evans	Madison Smith	Macie Dawes
Exe	Tommy Underwood	Joseph Turner	Sive Williams	Rose Green
Mardle	Olivia Williams	Josh Malath	Jenson Russell	Etta Allen
Plym	Sylvie Yonkova	James Fagan	Ahmad Sultani	Amiee Bolton
Tamar	Charlie Mason	Ella Parker	Bailey Riley	Isla Steer
Tavy	Betzy Boddington-Pearce	Lydia Bourne	Zion Oluwatayo	Peter Searle
Teign	Rosie-Mae Spence	Ella Druce	Lexi-Mae Hodgson-Baylis	Rose Liju
Torridge	Nathan Jewell	Alfie Mitchell	Joel Atkinson	Hana Ziubryniec

Well done to both **Tavy & Tamar** class who had **96.2%** attendance for the period of **27th - 31st January 2025**

Well done to **Torridge** class who had **97.9%** attendance for the period of **3rd - 7th February 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 27.01.25	W/C 03.02.25
Taw	92.5%	83%
Mole	83.1%	93.2%
Mardle	89.1%	92.7%
Bovey	93.6%	88.2%
Tavy	96.2%	97.1%
Plym	86%	95.6%
Exe	91.4%	94.8%
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Tamar	96.2%	94.6%
Torridge	95.9%	97.9%
Teign	95%	93.9%

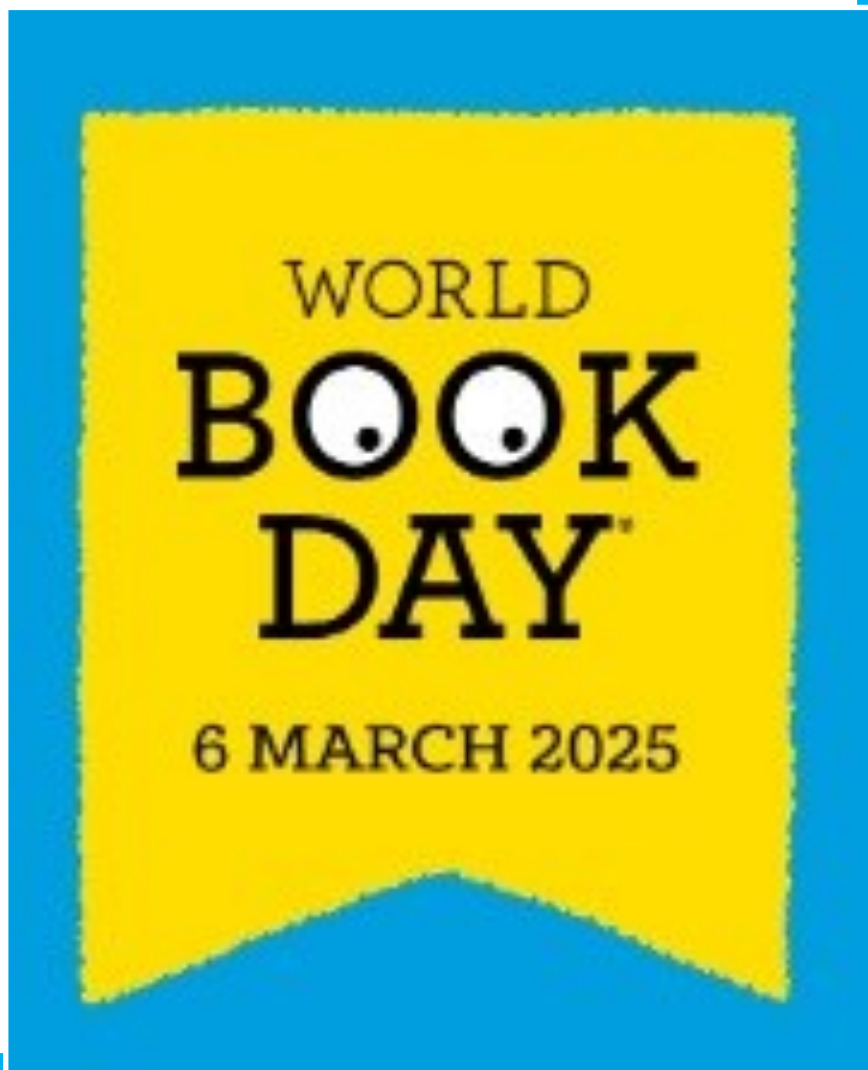


We are excited to announce that **World Book Day** will be taking place on **Thursday 6th March** this year! To celebrate the joy of reading, we invite all children to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

This year, we're encouraging costumes inspired by both **fiction** and **non-fiction** books. Your child could dress as a character from their favourite story, or even as someone or something from a non-fiction book – for example, a person from a biography, an animal from a book about nature, or a famous historical figure.

We wanted to let you know well in advance so that you have plenty of time to get creative with costumes. Whether it's a beloved literary character or someone from the real world, we can't wait to see the fantastic outfits the children will come up with!

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with your child's teacher. Happy reading and we look forward to a fun-filled World Book Day!



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are excited to inform you that all children will have the opportunity to visit Waterstones to spend their free book voucher!

KS2 (Key Stage 2) will be going on Friday 7th March.

EYFS and KS1 (Early Years and Key Stage 1) will be going on Monday 10th March.

Children in KS1 and KS2 are welcome to bring some spending money to purchase a book, though they can also use their World Book Day voucher, which provides £1 off the price of a book. Alternatively, they can use the voucher to receive one of the free books available.

EYFS (Moles and Mini Moles classes) will not require extra spending money, as they will all be using their World Book Day vouchers.

Please ensure any money brought is in a clearly labelled wallet or envelope for safekeeping.

We look forward to a wonderful day of celebrating books and reading!

We are excited to share that some of our Year 5 & 6 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: Mr Waldron

- **What is your favourite film or tv series?**

Lord of the rings.

- **What is your favourite meal?**

Curry.



- **Which is your favourite season?**

Spring, because it's perfect weather.



- **What is your favourite/funniest Highweek memory?**

Falling in a bog whilst on a year 4 residential.

- **What is your favourite sport & why?**

Football because it keeps you fit.



Accelerated Readers

100,000 words

Hana Ziubryniecicz, Lucas Swann & Bella Davis.

250,000 words

Archie Hopkins & Islay Mactaggart.

750,000 words

Paige Payton.

1 million words

Paige Payton.





Ways to Wellbeing

w/c 10th Feb 2025



Q: Would you say that the internet is helpful for your wellbeing? Why? Why not?

Safer internet, better wellbeing

11th February is 'Safer Internet day'. We probably all know the dangers that the internet can pose – from physical danger, cyberbullying or harassment to 'brain rot' and difficulties with self-esteem.

Instead, let's think about how we can use the internet to help look after our mental health & wellbeing – both for us and the young people we work with.

Signposting for staff/adults:

- Qwell <https://www.qwell.io/>
- Talkworks: <https://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk/>
- CALM: <https://www.thecalmzone.net/get-support#open-calmbot>

Signposting for children & families:

- Happy Maps: <https://www.happymaps.co.uk/self-help-for-under-12s/>
- Chillpanda: <http://chillpanda.co.uk/>
- Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/>



Remember: Only "follow" and consume media on the internet that you enjoy, find interesting and doesn't make you feel bad about yourself. Unfollow everything else!

If you need help for your mental health, speak to someone you trust.

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