

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

The next Friends of Highweek (PTFA) meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 3:30pm in the EYFS building.



Refreshments available

New members will be made very welcome.

Children are also able to attend if required.

We look forward to seeing you.



Friday 24th: NON Uniform in aid of HITS Foodbank. Please send in any non-perishable items in with your child on the day. *Please see list of suitable items overleaf.*

February

Friday 7th: NSPCC Number Day.

Tuesday 11th: Special Valentine menu.

Please order via you Parentpay account.

YOU'VE GOT A
Pizza
MY HEART



**FOLDED
PEPPERONI
OR TOMATO
PIZZA**

Tuesday 11th February

Jacket Potatoes, Baguettes and Hot Pasta Bar are still available

SCAN ME
FOR
ALLERGENS



Tuesday 11th: Understanding your child's mental health parent workshop. Details to follow.

Friday 14th: School closes for the February half term.

Monday 24th: School re-opens.

March

Thursday 6th: World Book Day.

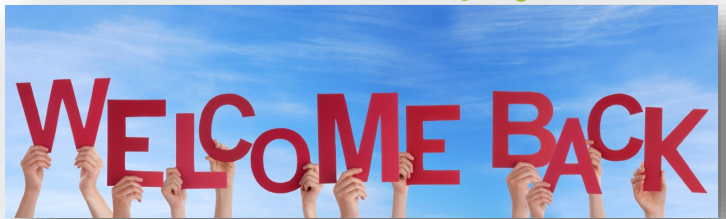
Tuesday 18th Year 5 & 6 visit to Wildwood Escot.



NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2025

Friday 17th January



Dear parents/carers,

Kindness

Our assembly theme this week was, KINDNESS. The link to the video we watched can be found below:

<https://youtu.be/cL8WloNiKvU?feature=shared>

School Improvement

This week we hosted teachers from a number of local schools to look at standards in writing across the Newton Abbot area. As always, other schools were impressed by our children's writing progress. Well done Mrs Toms for leading this event.



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Late to School

Since Christmas, 67 children have arrived late for school. 26 of these were so late that they were marked as absent for the morning.

I'd like to take a moment to gently remind everyone about the importance of punctuality. Arriving at school on time helps your child start their day confidently and fully engaged with their classmates. When children arrive late, they can miss important instructions and often feel unsettled or rushed. By being on time, they can join their peers right from the start, participate in lessons without interruption, and feel ready to take on the day. It also disturbs other children.

Here's a quick refresher on our morning routine:

- **School gates open from 8:40am to 8:50am**, allowing children time to settle in before the register is taken at 9:00am.

We understand that occasional delays happen. If you're ever running late due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can make arrangements. If your child arrives after lunchtime orders have been placed, please ensure they bring a packed lunch with them.

For families seeking extra flexibility in the morning, don't forget that our **Breakfast Club opens at 7.40am**. It's a great way to start the day and ensures your child is ready for school in good time.

Punctuality and attendance are closely monitored as part of our duty to ensure every child receives the best education.

Repeated lateness (after the register is taken) is recorded as an unauthorised absence. If your child has ten or more unauthorised absences (five days), you may receive a fine.

If you are finding punctuality challenging, please know we are here to help. Don't hesitate to get in touch—we'd be happy to explore how we can support you and your family in ensuring a smooth start to the day.

Bikeability

A number of year 5 and 6 children have taken part in Level 1 and 2 Bikeability this week. Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's like cycling proficiency, but better! It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. For more information on Bikeability please visit:

<https://bikeability.org.uk/>

There are still a number of children cycling erratically up the lane and at the front of the school. This has been addressed by the school and the Bikeability team. Please talk to your children about this!



Outdoor Learning

We are pleased to let you know that Miss Danni Preece is leading outdoor learning across the school. Great fun (and learning) is being had by all! Please see more pictures on Facebook.



As always, if you have any concerns or you would like to come and talk to me about any school issues, please do not hesitate to see me on the gate in the mornings or arrange an appointment through the school office.

Ms Claire Redwood

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

*This months cancelled morning
will be rescheduled for a later date.*

The dates are:
Wednesday 12th February 2025
Wednesday 12th March 2025
Wednesday 7th May 2025



**We will be having a non uniform
day on Friday 24th January 2025
in aid of HITS Foodbank.**

Please send in any non perishable items to school with your child on this day.

For example: Baked Beans, Biscuits, Cereal, Tea & Coffee, Custard, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Fruit Juice, Meat or Meat Meals, UHT Milk, Noodles, Pasta, Rice, Tinned Potatoes, Soup, Spaghetti or Macaroni Cheese.

For more information about HITS please follow this link:





**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 17th January 2025	
Bovey	Teddy Williams	Isabelle Lawson
Dart	Harry Tooley	Sara Rouse
Exe	Arty Ralph	Elloisa Locke
Mardle	Jack Barr	Franny Johnson
Plym	Freddie Johnson	Rhys Smith
Tamar	Alex Hunter	Ben Barnes-Jones
Tavy	Caleb Floyd	Layla Milton
Teign	Alex Avery	Trixie Trays
Torrige	Albie Gillingwater	Elsie-Jo Briercliffe

Well done to **Bovey** class had **98.3%** attendance for the period of **7th - 10th January 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 7th January
Taw	97.1%
Mole	96.1%
Mardle	93.8%
Bovey	98.3%
Tavy	94.6%
Plym	93%
Exe	95.2%
Dart	96.9%
Tamar	89.4%
Torrige	92.7%
Teign	92%



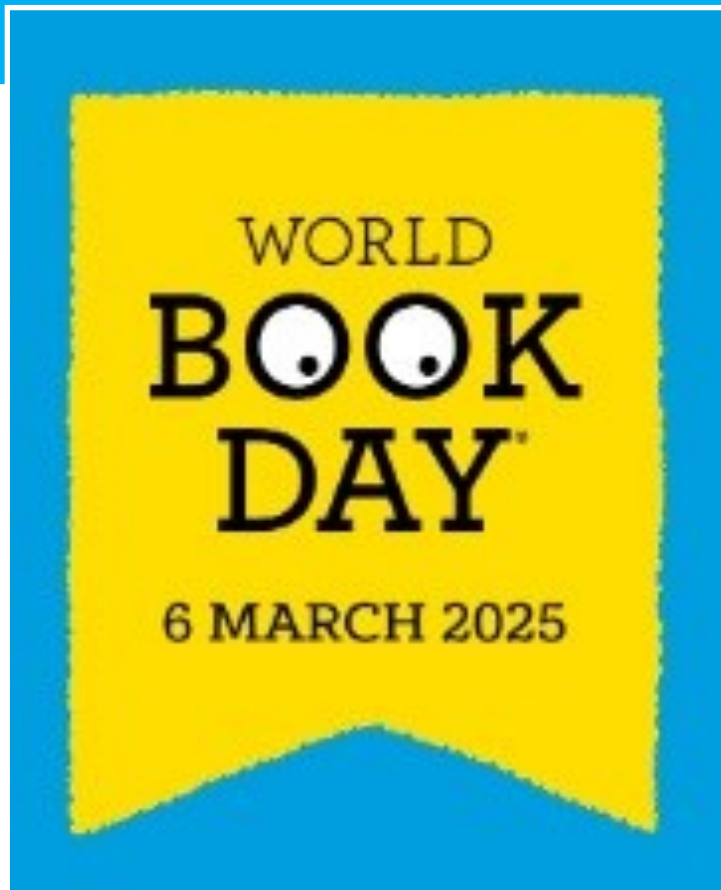
We are excited to announce that **World Book Day** will be taking place on **Thursday 6th March** this year! To celebrate the joy of reading, we invite all children to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

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!



KS1 Valentine Disco



We are thrilled to invite you to a delightful Valentine's Disco being hosted by the PTFA for our KS1 children!

Date: 11th February 2025

Time: 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Main School Hall



Cost: £5 per child (this fee includes a sausage roll, crisps, a Valentine biscuit/cake and a packet of sweets)

KS2 Valentine Disco



We are thrilled to invite you to a delightful Valentine's Disco being hosted by the PTFA for our KS2 children!

Date: 13th February 2025

Time: 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Main School Hall



Cost: £2 per child (hotdogs, sweets & drinks will be available purchase)

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: Ms Claire Redwood

- **What is your favourite colour?**

Definitely green i wear a green fluffy coat to school.



- **Do you like tea or coffee?**

Tea, but would rather have a hot chocolate with cream & marshmallows please!



Coffe, tea?

- **Do you prefer Indian or Chinese food?**

It has to be Indian!



- **If you had to run 1 club, what would it be?**

A skiing trip club to the Alps every week - Let's go!



- **What is your favourite sport?**

I do Yoga 5 times a week. I'm even teaching the staff.



- **If you could meet a famous person, who would it be?**

I would go back in time and ask Elizabeth 1st if she regrets not getting married and having children.



By Paige, Year 6.



Accelerated Readers

100,000 words

Khalid Shaibu, Jorgie-Mae Sharrock, Sive Williams,
Ethan Holdway, Holly Exon, Eva Bradford,
Caroline Hooper, Oscar Freeston, Eleanor Hardy,
Oliver Barr, Ufedo Audu & Alfred Smith.

250,000 words

Tilly Milton, Soraya Williams & Eva Bradford.

500,000 words

Paige Payton.





Ways to Wellbeing

w/c 13 Jan 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR

New years resolutions

We are now half-way through January – which feels very strange to say! I hope you have had a good start to the new year.

Often, people can be tempted by the idea of the “new year, new me” – the new year’s resolution to be bigger & better than last year. These can be helpful for some people, but often they can be big & difficult to follow.

You don’t need to change yourself or your personality. But, what can be helpful is thinking about small behaviours (or actions) we can change or add to our daily life that might help make our lives slightly better.

Examples include...

- To go to sleep by 9pm every school night
- To have a playdate with a friend 1x a month
- To be brave and put my hand up in class 1x a day even though it is scary
- To read a new book every month

SPECIFIC
Simple, Significant, Sensible

MEASURABLE
Meaningful, Motivating

ACHIEVABLE
Attainable, Actionable

RELEVANT
Reasonable, Realistic, Results-based

TIME-BOUND
Time-based, Time-limited

If you need support for your mental health, please speak to a trusted adult at school or at home.

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