



Thursday 3rd April 2025

Ashwater Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.16 Spring Term

Dear Families,

I can't believe that this term has whizzed by! It's been very busy and productive and children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to play on the field in the sunshine. If I don't see you before the end of term, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter.

The children had a fabulous time at Mary Poppins last week. Apologies that we were back later than expected and I know children were quite tired. However, they did have an amazing experience and hearing the children sing the songs on the coach journey home, was just magical!

A lady from Theatre Royal, Plymouth called us after we had visited to compliment us on how well behaved and lovely the children were and a credit to our staff. She didn't know where Ashwater and Halwill were, and when she looked it up and saw how far we were she was even more surprised that the children were so well behaved considering they had a long coach journey. We are very proud of all our pupils, well done!



Upcoming Events

April 22

Start of Summer Term

April 24

Y3 and Y4 Swimming

April 25

Wildtribe Class 2

April 28

YR and Y6 Childhood National Measuring

May 1

Y3 and Y4 Swimming

May 6

Bag 2 School Collection

May 8

Y3 and Y4 Swimming

May 9

PTFA Meeting 9am

May 18

Bluebell Walk 2-4pm

May 18

Y3 and Y4 Swimming

May 21

Y5/6 London Trip Parent meeting 3.45pm

July 2

2nd - 3rd July London Trip Y5/Y6

Term Dates 2025 -2026

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/parents/term-dates/>

The Class 2 children also had a trip to Bodmin Jail, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Class 2 Assembly

Well done to Class 2 for an excellent assembly. The children shared knowledge about their learning with confidence. A wonderful end to a busy week.



Class 1

This week, Class One welcomed a number of adults from Devon Education Services and Jurassic Maths Hub into our classroom for a research maths lesson. This lesson was part of lesson study on the teaching of maths in a mixed age classroom. Along with the adults being present, the lesson was also filmed but none of the children let this bother them. The filming will be used by Devon Education Services and Jurassic Maths Hub as part of professional development for other teachers.

During the lesson, the children learnt about measuring and explored how they could measure different objects accurately. They did this through the context of entering a competition for the tallest plant. The children used a variety of resources to work out the height of the plant and then supported each other in using the metre rule to work out an accurate measurement.

All of the adults were really impressed with the respect that they showed towards each other as they worked in small groups, how they persevered with the tasks in hand and how confident they all were to share their ideas and did so in full sentences. I was really impressed with the children and had tears of pride in my eyes as well. Well done Class One.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 211228

Email:

admin@ashwater.devon.sch.uk

Website:

[Halwill Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)

Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the safeguarding team or email safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Catherine Gee

Miss Hayley Frayn

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Alison Clark

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

If you have concerns that your child may have a Special Educational Need, please raise this with Mrs Caswey, the Federation SENDCO. You can contact her via the school office to arrange a meeting

Other News

Burton Art Gallery, Bideford – Schools Exhibition, 11th March – 22nd April 2025

Children have worked hard to prepare their artwork, which has now been sent to the gallery. The Annual School's Exhibition runs until **22nd April 2025**. This is a highlight of the Burton's calendar, where the walls of Gallery 1 are filled floor to ceiling with art from children of all ages. The exhibition really is a riot of colour and a celebration of the good work art teachers are doing in schools in Torridge and the surrounding area. Please do go along as a family to view your child's work as well as the contributions from a number of schools.

London Trip for Y5/6 July 2nd and 3rd 2025

These letters have now been sent to parents.

Clubs

Club information is on our website:

<https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/ashwater-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

Wildtribe

After Easter Class 2 will have Wild Tribe. On Wild Tribe days, children need long sleeves tops and trousers (not jeans), welly boots, waterproofs and long hair tied back.

Swimming

After Easter, swimming will start at Ruby Oak. Please see the dates below and complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/JGGhPFDgQwkF4TR8A>

Year Groups	Dates
Y 3/4	24/04, 01/05, 08/05, 22/05
Y 5/6	05/06, 12/06, 19/06
Y R/1/2	26/06, 03/07, 10/07, 17/07

A poster for the Bude Youth Choir. It features a dark blue background with a large light blue circle in the center. The text 'BUDE YOUTH CHOIR' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Above the title is a small orange banner with 'Ruth Hayes Music'. Below the title is a yellow banner with 'FOR 7-11 YEAR OLDS WHO LOVE TO SING!'. At the bottom, there is an orange box with details about when, where, and how much, and a yellow banner with the contact information. The background is decorated with musical notes and silhouettes of children singing.

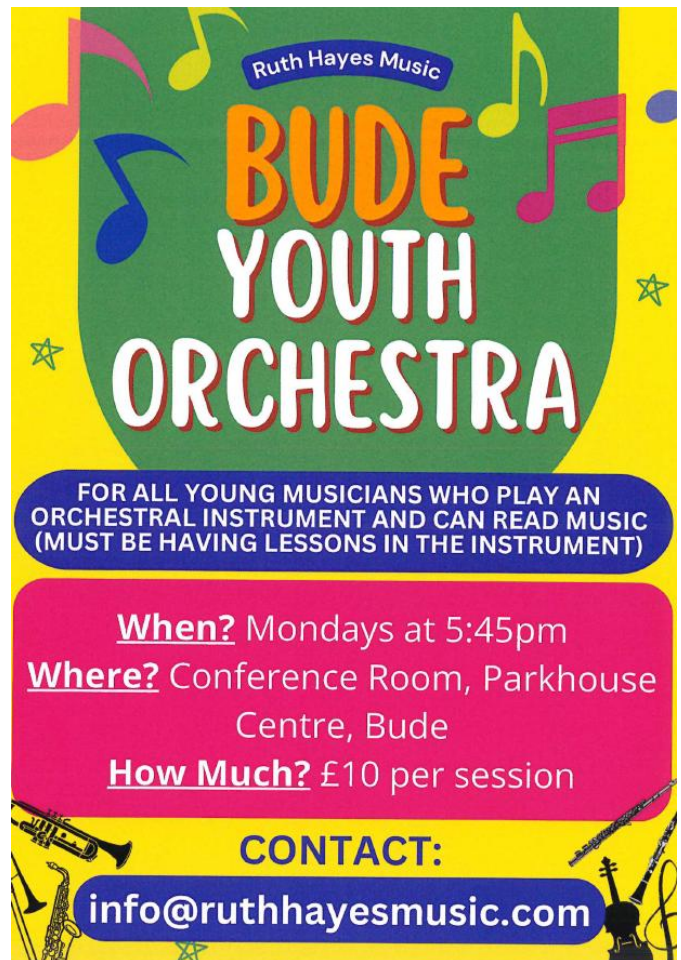
Ruth Hayes Music

BUDE YOUTH CHOIR

FOR 7-11 YEAR OLDS WHO LOVE TO SING!

When? Mondays at 4:45pm
Where? Conference Room, Parkhouse Centre, Bude
How Much? £7 per session

CONTACT:
info@ruthhayesmusic.com

A poster for the Bude Youth Orchestra. It features a yellow background with a large green circle in the center. The text 'BUDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA' is written in large, bold, orange and white letters. Above the title is a small blue banner with 'Ruth Hayes Music'. Below the title is a blue banner with 'FOR ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS WHO PLAY AN ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT AND CAN READ MUSIC (MUST BE HAVING LESSONS IN THE INSTRUMENT)'. At the bottom, there is a pink box with details about when, where, and how much, and a blue banner with the contact information. The background is decorated with musical notes and silhouettes of children playing instruments.

Ruth Hayes Music

BUDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

FOR ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS WHO PLAY AN ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT AND CAN READ MUSIC (MUST BE HAVING LESSONS IN THE INSTRUMENT)

When? Mondays at 5:45pm
Where? Conference Room, Parkhouse Centre, Bude
How Much? £10 per session

CONTACT:
info@ruthhayesmusic.com