

Monday 3rd March 2025

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.12 Spring Term

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a good half term. The weather wasn't the best but it is lovely to have the sunshine and blue skies now that we are back at school. Spring is definitely here! We have a busy half term ahead and we look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations and the remaining Class Assemblies.

This afternoon we have an exciting House Competition between the Owls and the Bells. This involves building towers out of playing cards. Soon we will be holding elections for Year 6 pupils to put themselves forward as House Captains. This is a new role within the school so the children can be creative in how they would like to develop the House system further. Thank you to Miss Preece who is organising this. Please do ask her if you have any questions.

Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher

NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe Programme** this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. Teachers will be delivering the assemblies in class this week.

Next week, the NSPCC volunteer led **face to face** workshops for children in Year 2 and separately in Year 5&6 will take place. Other year groups will do follow up work with their own teacher. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme. If you would like to know more, please click here: [Speak out Stay safe programme | NSPCC Learning](#)

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 opens once again on **11 March 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

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

March 4

After school club (Basketball) Classes 1 & 2

Recorder lessons for Class 4

Wild Tribe for Class 3

Parent Consultation 1:45 – 6:00pm

Bags2school Drop off 9:30 -3:00

March 5

Scribbleton Trip – Class 1&2

March 6

World Book Day

March 10

Tempest Photos - Class & Leavers

March 13

Class 4 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

March 14

Class 2 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

March 18

NSPCC Workshop for Y2, Y5&6

March 26

Mary Poppins School Trip

March 28

Class 3 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

April 4

End of Term

April 22

Start of Term

Safe Driving

A reminder to please drive at the appropriate speed when in the Parish Hall Car Park or if you are coming onto school site. This is for the safety of all the children. Thank you for your support with this.

Term Dates 2025 -2026

These are on our website:

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

Parent Consultation, Tuesday 4th

March 1:45 – 6:00 pm

Please do book your 10 minute slot by calling, emailing or dropping into the office.

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.

Bags2school

Please drop off the bags on:

Tuesday 4th March between 9:30 and 3:00 pm or

Wednesday 5th March between 8:00 and 8:45 am.

These timings are to avoid congestion at drop off and pick up.

Please leave the bags in the bike shed. If your child cycles or scoots to school, please note the **bike racks will be out of use on Tuesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th March.** Apologies for any inconvenience.

Historic School Records

A huge thank you to Michael Richard who has given us his father's Halwill School Report from over 80 years ago. We will be sharing these with the children in assembly.

After School Clubs

Basketball Club for Class 1 and 2 runs on Tuesdays this half term. Please book a place with the office.

World Book Day- Thursday 6th March:

"No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world." - John Keating This year for World Book Day, the Carey Federation will be exploring the book 'The Word Collector' by Peter Reynolds.

The day will involve a whole Federation assembly, the sharing of stories, poetry and various activities around this book. As the focus is on words, all children and staff can come dressed up as a word!

What word will you choose? Archaeologist to extravagant.....the possibilities are endless! Have a look at the images below for some inspiration.

Mrs Rothery



Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 221476

Email: admin@halwill.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

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Mrs Alix Rothery

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Alison Clark

Attendance Officer

Mrs Ceren Brooker

Secondary School Places

These were emailed to parents today from Devon School Admissions.



Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

Each week children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. The following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.

For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Gabe – Class 4 (14 th Feb)	Hazel – Class 1	Mila – Class 1	Niamh – Class 3 (31 st Jan)	Evelyn – Class 3 (31 st Jan)
Lottie – Class 2	Millie – Class 2	Thomas – Class 2	Chloe – Class 2	Jessica – Class 1
Mia – Class 2	Harry – Class 3	Ryan – Class 3	Sidney – Class 3	(14 th Feb)
Reggie – Class 3 (28 th Feb)	Reidy – Class 3	(14 th Feb)	Charlie – Class 4 (14 th Feb)	Euan – Class 1
	Ellie – Class 4	Finley – Class 3	Frankie – Class 1	Mathilde – Class 3
	Callie – Class 4 (14 th Feb)	Sidney – Class 4	Ivy – Class 2 (28 th Feb)	(28 th Feb)
	Chloe S – Class 4 (28 th Feb)	Arthur – Class 4 (28 th Feb)		



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Please leave your donations, in the bike shed

Tuesday 4th March between 09.30am to 3.00pm

(Bag 2 School collecting Wednesday 5th March)

BAG 2 SCHOOL is free fundraising, that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing. All the bags will be weighed, and we will be paid for the total weight collected.

Please use your own bags and there is no limit to the number of bags you wish to donate, just ensure they are items in the "we collect" list.

Help us raise money for Halwill Primary School while you have a good clear out!

If you have several bags to donate, please do **NOT** drive into school at drop off and pick up times.

This will cause congestion and block access for people who have prior permission to drive down to school, during this time.

If you need to drive down, with your donations please stick to the times above.

Many thanks

Friends of Halwill Primary School

