

Monday 10th March 2025

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.13 Spring Term

Dear Families,

It was great to see families at Parent Consultations last week. I hope you found the meetings informative and helpful. If you couldn't attend, please contact the office and the teachers will arrange to meet you at another time.

Thursday was World Book Day and the children looked fantastic dressed as 'words' from ludicrous to archaic. Well done all for taking part! (Class photos below).

Class 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Scribbleton where they got to dress up as Shopkeepers, the Police, Construction workers and many more characters. The children especially enjoyed pretending to be Police Officers and catching criminals!



Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher

Recorders for Class 3

Next week (Tuesday 18th) Ruth Hayes will be teaching the recorder to Class 3. If you do have a recorder, please bring it in for the lesson or you can purchase one from the office and pay via the app. Please get in touch if you need to.

Assembly

Reminder about Class 4 Assembly on Thursday 13th March at 2:45 pm and Class 2 Assembly on Friday 14th March at 2:45 pm, all welcome.

SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents

Please do come along to the SATs meeting on Thursday 13th March at 3:45 pm which will be held immediately after the Class 4 Assembly.

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

March 13

Class 4 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents - 3:45 pm

March 14

Class 2 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

March 18

NSPCC Workshop for Y2, Y5&6

After school club (Basketball) Classes 1 & 2

Wild Tribe for Class 3

Recorder lessons for Class 3

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

April 28

National Childhood Measurement Programme – YR and Y6

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/>

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 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.

House Competition

Congratulations to the Owls who won the House Competition last Monday after a very exciting tie-break! The children showed great team spirit and resilience. Also, huge congratulations to our new House Captains: Owls – **Elsie/Zeejay** and Bells – **Jack H/Chloe**. Well done to all of those who put themselves forward, you showed fantastic aim high attitudes.

Miss Preece
Class 2



Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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



The Carey Qualities



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
Bethany – Class 2	Bronwen – Class 4	Will – Class 4	Grace – Class 1	HB – Class 1
Dylan – Class 3	(7 th March)	(7 th March)	LH – Class 2	EH – Class 3
Freya – Class 4			(7 th March)	Bella – Class 3
(7 th March)				Jack H – Class 4
				(7 th March)

World Book Day

Class 1



Class 2



A group of 20 children, approximately 10-12 years old, are posed in two rows in a classroom. They are wearing a variety of costumes, including a knight in full armor, a pirate with a skull mask, a boy in a black tunic with a yellow sash, a girl in a black dress with a red sash, a girl in a purple and gold costume, a boy in a white lab coat, a girl in a white lab coat, a girl in a blue dress with a white sash, a boy in a white tunic with a blue sash, a girl in a pink and yellow costume, and a boy in a black tunic with a yellow sash. The background shows classroom windows and a bulletin board with a 'SAFE' sign.

A large group of approximately 25 children and a few adults are posing for a group photo in a classroom. The children are arranged in two rows, with some standing on a wooden bench. They are wearing a variety of costumes, including a yellow banana suit, a red patterned hooded cloak, a green skull mask, a blue and white striped shirt, and a black hoodie. The background features a green bulletin board with a red and white striped pattern, a window, and shelves with various items. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera.