

Monday 24th March 2025

Halwill Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No.15 Spring Term

Dear Families,

As you know we had our NSPCC workshops for children in Year 2 and separately in Year 5&6 last week. The feedback about our children's behaviour and engagement was excellent and our visitors were very impressed with them. Our school received a certificate for taking part in this assembly. These important messages will run through our curriculum and we will continue to invite the NSPCC in annually. If you would like to know more, please click here:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>



Halwill Librarians

Well done to all the children who applied to be Librarians. Your applications were thoughtful and detailed and you all answered the questions during the interview with confidence and enthusiasm. Mr Lawlor and I were very impressed and it was a difficult decision to choose 10. Well down to the following children Millie, Bronwen, Callie, Chloe, Freya, Emily, Evelyn, Bella, Niamh and Matilde. I can't wait to start working with you to further promote reading in our school.

Mrs Rothery

Thank you to children who donated towards Comic Relief on Friday. Many children chose to wear non-uniform and there were a number of red noses on display!

This week is another busy week. Today, Wes Pugh, Sports Leader from Holsworthy Community College came to us to deliver the Disability Sports Festival for the Federation as sadly other schools were unable to take part. Thank you to Mr

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

March 25

After school club (Basketball) Classes 1 & 2

Wild Tribe for Class 3

Recorder lessons for Class 3

March 26

Mary Poppins School Trip

March 27

Bodmin Jail trip – Class 3

March 28

Class 3 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:30pm

April 4

Friends Easter Tea Party 2:45pm

End of Term

April 22

Start of Term

April 28

National Childhood Measurement

Programme – YR and Y6

Driving on Site

A reminder to please only drive on to school site if you have prior permission due to an accessibility issue.

Term Dates 2025 -2026

These are on our website:

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

Pugh for 'being resilient' and finding a way to make this happen for the Federation.

On Wednesday, we have our eagerly anticipated trip to the Theatre Royal, Plymouth to watch Mary Poppins. Please check the letter you received for details. All staff will be on this trip so if you need to contact us in an emergency, please email the office as the admin email will be checked periodically. We will have your contact details so we will call you if we need to. Please be aware we will use personal mobiles so our number will be blocked.

Class 3 also have their trip to Bodmin Jail on Thursday and on Friday, we look forward to seeing families at the Class 3 Assembly.

Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher

Other News

Friends' Easter Tea Party

Following a School Council suggestion that they would like the opportunity for parents and carers to be served tea and cakes by the children, the Friends are putting on an Easter Tea Party on the Friday 4th April, the last of term.

At 2:45, parents and carers are invited into school and Year 6 pupils will take your drinks order and serve you cakes. At 3.30, all families are invited back into school with their children to buy drinks and cakes.

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

I am pleased to confirm we have had enough interest for the trip to London to be viable. Letters with full details and payment information will be sent home shortly.

Support for St Giles-on-the-Heath Primary School

As you are aware, we have been supporting St Giles School during the absence of their headteacher. This will continue until the end of the Summer Term.

Swimming

After Easter, swimming will start at Ruby Oak. Please see the dates below and complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/JGGhPFDqQwkF4TR8A>

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

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

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
Jessica – Class 1 Niamh – Class 3 (21 st March)	Chloe – Class 2 Sidney – Class 3 Thorin – Class 3 Jessica – Class 4 (21 st March)	Hazel – Class 1 Albie – Class 4 (21 st March)	Jack S – Class 4 (21 st March)	Ada – Class 2 (21 st March)