

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

# Halwill 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 and complimented us on how well behaved and lovely the children were and said they are a credit to our staff. She didn't know where Halwill and Ashwater schools were in Devon and when she looked it up and saw how far we had travelled, she was even more complimentary, considering the length of the journey. We are very proud of all our pupils, well done!



### 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

THE CAREY FEDERATION



## Upcoming Events

### **April 4**

Friends Easter Tea Party 2:45pm

End of Term

### **April 22**

Start of Term

After School Club – KS2 – Athletics

Wild Tribe – Reception/YR1/YR2

### **April 24**

After School Club – All classes - Singing club

### **April 25**

Phonics Screening Check Parent Meeting

Yr1 – 2:45 – 3:30pm

### **April 28**

National Childhood Measurement

Programme – YR and Y6

### **May 5**

Bank Holiday

### **May 12**

SATs week

### **May 23**

End of Term

### **June 2**

Start of Term

### **June 16**

Non -pupil Day

### **July 2**

London Trip Y5/Y6

### **July 23**

End of Term

### **Term Dates 2025 -2026**

These are on our website:

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

The Class 3 children also had a trip to Bodmin Jail, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



### **Class 3 Assembly**

Well done to Class 3 for an excellent assembly. The children shared knowledge about their learning with confidence. A wonderful end to a busy week.

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

These letters have now been sent to parents.

### **Clubs**

Clubs information is on our website <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/halwill-primary-school/about-us/before-after-school-clubs/>

### **Wild Tribe**

After Easter, Reception, YR1 and YR2 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.

### **Useful Links**

#### **School Contact Details**

**Tel:** 01409 221476

**Email:** [admin@halwill.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

## 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 |

## Driving on Site

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## THE CAREY FEDERATION



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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Families,

Re: Driving on to school site

When Devon County Council rebuilt Halwill Primary School in 2005 a condition was put in place that parents would not drive on to the school site, with the exception of those with a disability or medical reason that inhibits them or their children, from walking down.

This is because there is not enough space on site for all parents to safely drive down and park. The site was designed for safe pedestrian access to allow children to walk safely to school. For this reason, the school pays an annual rent to the Parish Council to enable parents to park there.

Moving forward, if you think you qualify to drive down to the school on medical grounds, please complete the request form on our website or you can collect one from the school office. If your request is approved, you will be given a permit to place on your dashboard. You will need to reapply annually.

If you do not have a permit that demonstrates you are eligible to drive on to school site, please use the Parish Hall Car Park as you are not permitted to drive into school. Please remember to drive safely at all times and be mindful of children.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Mrs Ruhaina Alford  
Executive Headteacher  
The Carey Federation  
Halwill & Ashwater Primary Schools



**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<br><b>Relationships</b>         | For being<br><b>Resilient</b>               | For being<br><b>Resourceful</b>  | For being<br><b>Reflective</b>   | For being<br><b>Respectful</b>                             |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Callie – Class 4<br>(28 <sup>th</sup> March) | Elsie – Class 4<br>(28 <sup>th</sup> March) | Elodie – Class 2<br>Joseph – Class 2<br>Freddie V – Class 3<br>Chloe – Class 4<br>(28 <sup>th</sup> March) | SBH – Class 1<br>Ted – Class 3<br>Finley – Class 3<br>(28 <sup>th</sup> March) | Mila – Class 1<br>LH – Class 2<br>(28 <sup>th</sup> March) |

**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](mailto:info@ruthhayesmusic.com)

**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

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