



Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

12 September 2025

Key Dates

SEPTEMBER 25

- 17 - Interhouse Sports Day (children only)
- 24 - TT Rockstar & Robots Day
- 15/9 - 20/10 (every Monday) - Cricket workshops – Yr 4/5 & Yr6

OCTOBER 25

- 3 - New starters (Sept 26) Open morning
- 8 - New starters (Sept 26) Open morning
- 8 - Rapid Class Museum Trip
- 9 - Streams Class Museum Trip
- 10 - ECO Day
- 15 - YR2 Museum Workshop
- 22 - 24–Huish Woods Yr4

27 Oct – 3 Nov – school closed for holidays

NOVEMBER 25

- 3 - Inset Day - School Closed
- 4 - Flu Spray Vaccines
- 12 - Winter Bedtime Stories
- 26/27 - Parents Evening

Friends Of Holway Events



Wednesday, 15th October
DISCO

Wednesday, 10th December
RAINBOW FAYRE

A message from Mrs Brewer, the Head Teacher.

A big welcome back to everyone, I hope you all had a good summer break. It has been good to hear and see the children back in school. We have several exciting activities lined up for this term starting with our Inter House Sports Challenge next Wednesday and Rockstars and Robots day later in the month. I hope you all managed to get to meet your child's teacher during the sessions this week.; remember you can always email the teachers or catch them after school until 3.40pm most days except Wednesday and any club days. You should have all received a Curriculum Information letter for your children which will inform you of what is happening this term.

YEAR 6 Secondary School Open Evenings *IMPORTANT*****

Bishop Fox's School

Open Evening: Thursday 18th September 5pm – 7.30pm
Open Mornings: Monday 23rd & Thursday 26th September 9.15-10.45am

The Castle School

Open Mornings: Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th September 9.30 -11am

Monkton Wood Academy

Open Mornings: Friday 12th & Friday 19th September, from 9.45am – 10.15am

Pyrland School

Open Evening: Thursday 29th September 4.00pm – 7.30pm.
Open Mornings: Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th October 9.30am – 11.00am

Brymore Academy

Open Mornings: Friday 19th September & Friday 10th October 9.30am – 12.00pm
Location: Brymore Academy Centre, Cannington TA5 2NB

Meeting the Teacher Dates

Thames and Mersey classes are having their Meet the Teacher on Friday 12th September

Clubs

Clubs will begin on **Monday 15th September** and will run until the **week commencing 8th December**. All clubs will finish at **4:15pm**, and **pick-up points** will be clearly displayed next to the school office and at the end of this newsletter

Please ensure that all consent forms are returned to the office before commencement of club and that **all payments** have been made via **Scopay** or in **cash to the school office by Monday 15th September**.

Unfortunately, children will **not be able to attend** their chosen club if payment has not been received by this date.

Lost Property

We have new lost property bins! On fairer days we will be putting the lost property out at the front of the school, please ensure lids are locked to keep the clothes dry.



A Note from Mrs Stanford

Next Wednesday 17th September we will be having an Inter-House Sports Day - in the form of a Dodgeball competition. All children will take part with support. It will be a great day of teamwork, energy and sportsmanship. Please can all children come to school in their PE kit for this day. This event will not be open to parents, but we will feed back all about it after the event.

Residential for the This Academic Year

Thank you for your interest in the residential for next year. We have now sent out offer letters for those that have expressed an interest and if you haven't signed up and are interested in a place, please let the office know. We will advertise further if there are any spaces remaining.

Year 3 - Nettlecombe
Year 4 - Huish Woods
Year 5 - London
Year 6 - Cardiff

Rockstar and Robots Day

We are hosting a special re-launch of our TT rockstars and a brand-new launch of our Numbots subscription for the children in school on Wednesday 24th September 2025 and we will be calling it 'Rockstar and Robots Day'. To Celebrate our launch, we would like the children to come into school dressed up as a rockstar or as a robot ready for a fun-filled day. During the day we will be setting up opportunities for the children to play on TT rockstars and/or Numbots, battle each other and even challenge the teachers to competitions as well as other super fun times table and number bond related activities.



We have decided to do this special 'Rockstar and Robots Day' to highlight how important it is that the children learn their times tables and number bonds off by heart and are able to recall them rapidly, and to remind the children that they have access to this brilliant subscription-based website at home. All children should have or will be coming home with their log in details for TT Rockstars and Numbots for you to use at home and as we move through the year, we will continue to set up competitions and give out special certificates to celebrate their achievements within the games.

If you have any questions or need any support with accessing TT Rockstars or Numbots at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We can't wait to see all of the children dressed up in their rockstar outfits ready for 'Rockstar and Robot Day' on Wednesday 24th September 2025.

Action Staytions Info

Just to remind you that we run our chargeable Action Staytions after school club which can be booked through the Scopay app on the following times and prices:-

Monday to Friday (term time only)

BREAKFAST (Drop off at School Office)	8.00am to 8.45am	£ 3.50
SHORT SESSION (Pick up - Drop in door)	3.15pm to 4.45pm	£ 6.00
FULL SESSION (Pick up - Drop in door)	3.15pm to 5.45pm (prompt)	£ 9.00

Every session includes a breakfast or a healthy snack.

If you require any further information on how to book or you are having trouble booking in please contact the school office.

Attendance

Attendance is regarded as a Safeguarding issue.

A big thank you to the majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly. Your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work. It will also enable your child to:

- ✓ access the lessons needed to achieve their expected progress and standards
- ✓ maintain friendships and develop new ones
- ✓ have access to social and sporting events offered by the school
- ✓ develop work habits such as good punctuality which are essential to thrive in the world of employment

Parental Responsibility for Attendance

Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child's regular attendance at school. The department for Education and Somerset Council automatically monitor pupil attendance daily through the school registers. The Department for Education informs the Headteacher every two weeks the monitored attendance details of absent pupils. The School Attendance worker will make contact if your child is identified in this monitoring.

If you are worried about your child/children's attendance the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with the school attendance worker – Mrs Sue Wright.

Term Time Leave Forms

Can we please ask that if you know that your child is going to be absent from school in advance for any other reason than sickness that you fill out a Term Time Leave form beforehand. Please ask the office if you are needing a form.

Start of School Day

We have been having an increased number of children arriving at school very early and are hanging around at the front of the gates, school gates open at 8.35am. If you are needing to drop your child off early for school, please use our chargeable Action Staytions Breakfast Club which runs from 8am.

Woodlands, Read Alongside & Boardgames Schedule

All the Autumn Term Schedule for Woodlands, Read Alongside and Boardgames can be found at the end of the newsletter, please use this as your point of reference in future newsletters.

Allergies & Lunch boxes

This is a reminder to please not include anything in packed lunches that contain nuts, as we have multiple children in school with nut allergies. This includes sandwiches filled with chocolate spreads, which are often made with hazelnuts.

Polite Note

We've been experiencing a high number of children needing to use the toilet right before school is open, please ensure your child has used the toilet before arriving at school, your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our community is everyone's responsibility. If you see or hear something on school site that worries you, please ask to speak to the school safeguarding team. Sensible safe parking can also be regarded as a safeguarding issue.

Mobile phones - We would like to ask parents not to use their mobile phone on the school site/playground whilst picking up their children.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

Swimming

Thames and Mersey 09.09.25 – 09.12.25
Medway 11.09.25 – 20.11.25

PE Days

Children to wear P.E. kit to school on their P.E days

Dove & Eden	Friday- Indoor PE	Severn	Wednesday - Indoor PE Monday - Outdoor PE	Mersey	Monday - Indoor PE Wednesday - Outdoor PE
Tweed	Monday - Indoor PE Wednesday - Outdoor PE	Avon	Tuesday - Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE	Thames	Monday - Indoor PE Wednesday - Outdoor PE
Medway	Thursday - Indoor PE Tuesday - Outdoor PE	Dart	Wednesday - Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE		
Tamar	Tuesday - Indoor PE Thursday - Outdoor PE	Derwent	Tuesday - Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE		

Woodlands/Garden – Autumn Term 2025

Tweed	21.10.25 / 11.12.25	Severn	09.10.25 / 18.11.25	Derwent	16.10.25
Tamar	25.09.25 / 09.12.25	Avon	02.10.25 / 25.11.25	Mersey	16.09.25
Medway	23.09.25 / 13.11.25	Dart	04.11.25 / 04.12.25	Thames	18.09.25

Boardgames 2:45pm – 3:10pm – Autumn Term 2025

Tweed	25.09.25	Severn	06.11.25	Mersey	04.12.25
Tamar	13.11.25	Avon	09.10.25	Thames	13.11.25
Medway	27.11.25	Dart	16.10.25		
		Derwent	02.10.25		

Read Alongside 2:45pm – 3.10pm – Autumn Term 2025

Eden	26.11.25	Medway	08.10.25	Derwent	24.09.25
Dove	22.10.25	Severn	03.12.25	Mersey	01.10.25
Tweed	15.10.25	Avon	05.11.25	Thames	10.12.25
Tamar	12.11.25	Dart	19.11.25		

Club Collection Points at 4.15pm– WC 15th September – WC 8th December 2025

Monday		Gate
Boardgames Club KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Avon Classroom	KS2
Book Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Tamar Classroom	KS1
Colouring Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Dart Classroom	KS2
Construction Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Tweed Classroom	KS1
Dance Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Medway Classroom	KS1
Eco Club KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	KS2 Playground	KS2
Gruffalo Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Dove Classroom	KS1
Lego Club KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Medway Classroom	KS1
Printing/Art Club UKS2 (Years 5 & 6)	Severn Classroom	KS1
Tuesday		
Lego Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Medway Classroom	KS1
Craft Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Tamar Classroom	KS1
Bracelet Making Club KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Eden Classroom	KS1
Wednesday		
Book Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	KS2 Playground	KS2
Spanish Club KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Main Entrance	n/a
Art Club KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Dove Classroom	KS1

Parking reminder

We would like to remind you again to request courteous and polite behaviour whilst parking and bringing into school and collecting your children.

Thank you to those parents who appreciate that the behaviours they model to all the children around at this time are really important.

Whilst appreciating that parking on local roads can be challenging and sometimes emotions may be heightened, can I request that you all consider the impact of verbal and aggressive comments to other adults whether they are local residents or other parents and consider the impact of these behaviours on the children.

I am recommending to any adult, parent, carer or local resident to report such behaviours to the Police.

Parking outside school

Parking illegally or disrespectfully - Residents have complained about the illegal, inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking of parents/Carers before and after school.



We would like to make parents aware of the Highway Code 243 which includes the following: (from www.police.uk)

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. It's important that motorists follow the [Highway Code](#).

Parking restrictions outside schools

Understanding yellow zigzag markings. Most school entrances and exits in the UK have yellow zigzag road markings with the writing 'School Keep Clear'. They indicate the part of the road where motorists should not wait, stop, or park a vehicle. Both yellow and white zigzags also show areas that must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road.

Parking on yellow zigzags

Yellow zigzags without accompanying signs advise motorists not to wait or park there at any time for the safety of children and others. We can issue tickets for parking on them, based on causing an obstruction to other motorists or pedestrians. **DO NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 meters (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Please note that parents will need to check out safeguarding themselves as we as a school have not checked clearances etc and cannot recommend or guarantee this has been done.

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18mths - 6yrs

SATURDAY

TAUNTON

0900-0940, 18m-3y

0940-1020, 3-6y

**FREE
TRIAL**



SUNDAY

CHARD

0900-0940, 18m-3y

0940-1020, 3-6y



NORTH

PETHERTON

0900-0940, 18m-3y

0940-1020, 3-6y

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TIGERS

U12s

FOR PLAYERS THAT WANT TO DEVELOP THEIR GAME
AND TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

WEDNESDAYS
5:30-6:30PM

SATURDAYS
12:15-1:15PM

STARTS 6TH SEPTEMBER

@ RICHARD HUISH | TA1 3DZ
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42 TIGERS

BASKETBALL ENGLAND

888 MEDIA

NETBALL YOUTH CAMP

DATE: TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
LOCATION: COURT FIELD SCHOOL
TIME: 10-3
COST: £25
(£15 SIBLING DISCOUNT FOR FULL PRICE)

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JUST 4 KEEPERS

SOMERSET

NOW RECRUITING U7-U10'S WHO WANT TO DEVELOP THEIR GOALKEEPING SKILLS



WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- SPECIALIST GOALKEEPER TRAINING FROM QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED COACHES
- A SAFE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT FOR LIKE-MINDED GOALKEEPERS
- GROUP SESSIONS IN TAUNTON EVERY FRIDAY (TERM TIME)

**CONTACT NOW TO
BOOK A TASTER
SESSION OR FIND
OUT MORE!!!**

...A MONTHLY