



Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

30th January 2026

Key Dates

FEBRUARY 26

11 - FOH Disco (information to follow)
16-20 - HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
23 - RETURN TO SCHOOL
23/24 - Bikeability Group 2

MARCH 26

4 - Bedtime Stories
5 - World Book Day
11-13 - Nettlecombe (Yr 3 Trip)
11-16 - Book Fayre (after School)
18-20 - London (Yr5 Trip)

Friends Of Holway Events



Wednesday

11th February 2026

Valentines Disco

Update Contact Details

Pupil Data Collection Sheet



<https://forms.office.com/e/ckn2bHvw9m>

A message from Mrs Brewer, the Head Teacher.

Fortunately, the Bikeability was able to continue, and the rain held off until the last part of Tuesday. Year 4 and Year 5 had a great trip to 'we are the curious' last week, the children had an amazing day. We are hoping more trips we will be arranged during the next term. The Autism Centre also had a visit to Taunton Library which was thoroughly enjoyed. We are looking forward to visits from two storytellers during February and March.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could leave the school playgrounds promptly after collecting their children at the end of the day so that the after-school clubs can start on time, we need to lock the school gates to allow this to happen promptly.

A group of children were able to enjoy a lunch with some visitors from a local care home as part of our continuing 'care in the community project', these visitors have a wealth of life experiences the children enjoy.

The Schoolbag Checklist

Label Belongings

Please remember to **clearly label all school belongings**, including **hats, coats, and gloves**. This helps us return lost items to the right children quickly and easily.

After-School Activity Clubs

We still have **spaces available** in our after-school activity clubs!

Please see the **next page** for the full club list and contact the **school office** if you'd like to book a place.

Upcoming Trips

Nettlecombe Court – Year 3 (11–13 March)

The final letter, medical consent form, and kit list will be sent home next week.

London – Year 5 (18–20 March)

The final letter, medical consent form, and kit list will be sent home before the end of this half term.

Huish Woods – Year 2 (20–22 May)

We still have a few places available. Please contact the school office if you would like to register your child.

Taunton Food Bank Donations

We are continuing to support the **Taunton Food Bank** and would greatly appreciate any donations.

A list of suggested items can be found on a **later page**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Bring any donations to the School Office - Thank You.

FULL ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS ESSENTIAL- REGULAR ABSENCE IS REGARDED AS A CHILD SAFEGUARDING ISSUE

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 PFSA Angie Bristow.

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.

Spring Term Clubs - Availability

A limited number of spaces remain in the following clubs. Should you wish to register your interest, please email the school office.

Monday Clubs

Art Club KS1 (Yrs 1&2)
Boardgames Club KS1 (Yrs 1&2)
Colouring Club KS1 (Yrs 1&2)
Colouring Club KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5&6)
Construction Club KS1 (Yrs 1&2)
Football Club KS1 (Yrs 1&2)
Lego Club KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5&6)
Story Writing Club KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5&6)

Tuesday Clubs

Football Club KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5&6)

Wednesday Clubs

Lego Club KS1 (Yrs 1&2)
Multi Skills Club KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5&6)

Collection at the End of the School Day

As our new after school clubs are now up and running, please leave the school site once you've collected your child from their classroom. This will allow the clubs that use the playground to get going as soon as possible. Many thanks for your help with this.

We the Curious Year 4&5

On Wednesday 21st January, we took the year 4/5 children in Derwent, Dart and Avon class on a trip to We the Curious. They had an amazing day exploring all the hands-on science activities and an extra special treat watching the 3D planetarium show all about space. All the children were engaged and showed enthusiasm throughout the whole day. It was so lovely to see their imaginations and curiosity come to life.

Holway Caterers

Holway Caterers operate independently from the school; they do not have access to pupils' personal data. To help them allocate payments correctly, please ensure that your child's surname is included as a reference when making a BACs payment.

They also kindly request that payments are made promptly. If accounts fall into arrears, Rita will contact parents directly with a letter regarding outstanding balances.

Bikeability

Our February course is now full – please let us know if your child would like to be put on a waiting list. If we have enough interest, we will try and arrange another date.

Pupil Absence Reporting

All pupil absences must be reported directly to the school office by phone or email. Please do not use Class Dojo to report absences, as teachers may not see messages in time. Contacting the office ensures that your child's attendance record is updated promptly and that we are aware of their whereabouts for safeguarding purposes.

School Office Telephone Number: 01823 252126

Key Stage 2 Free School Meals

Just a reminder that children in Years 3 to 6 (KS2) are no longer covered by Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). If you think your child may be eligible for means-tested Free School Meals, please complete the online application. You can find the information and apply here:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

If you are not eligible and still want your child to receive meals from Yr 3 please speak to Rita in the Kitchen in the mornings to discuss payment methods.

Lost Property

If your child is missing any belongings, please take a moment to look in the blue lost-property bins in the foyer. All **unnamed** items are placed there.

Anything that is **clearly labelled** with a child's name is usually returned straight to their class. Labelling all clothing and personal items really helps us get things back to the right child quickly and reduces the amount of unclaimed property.

Children's Mobile Phones in School

Children should only bring a mobile phone to school if they are **walking home alone** or have a **specific reason agreed with the school**.

Please remember:

- **Phones must not be taken into the classroom.**
- All phones should be **switched off** and **handed in to the school office before school starts.**
- Phones will be kept securely and can be **collected from the school office after the child leaves.**

This practice helps us keep children safe and avoid distractions during learning. Thank you for your cooperation!

Taunton Food Bank Donation Request

In these challenging times, many families are struggling more than ever. Our Taunton Food Bank is working hard to support those in need, and we're reaching out for your help.

If you are able, please consider donating just one item to make a meaningful difference for someone in our community. Please bring all donations to the School Office.

Many thanks

Taunton Foodbank -Helping local people in crisis

Give Help -Donate food

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

Urgently needed food items

- UHT Long-Life Milk
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Porridge Instant/ Pot
- Noodles
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Tea (40/80 Teabags)
- Clean, Strong Carrier Bags and Bags for Life

We are unable to accept Baby formula or Baby food.

PLEASE NO MORE

- Cereal
- Sanitary products

Spring Clubs Reminder

CLUBS WILL END: FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Please note:

- There will be a **one-week break at half term**, starting **Monday 16th February**.
- Clubs **finish promptly at 4:15 pm**.
- Collection points for each club are listed below (please check carefully to avoid confusion).
- **If your child will not be attending a club, please inform the school office.** We need to know where children are to keep them safe.
- **If someone other than a parent is collecting your child**, please let the office know in advance.

Thank you for your support in ensuring smooth running of the clubs and collections!

Club Collection Points at 4.15pm		
Monday		Gate
Art Club (Years 1 & 2)	Eden Classroom	KS1
Boardgames Club (Years 1 & 2)	Avon Classroom	KS2
Construction Club (Years 1 & 2)	Tweed Classroom	KS1
Colouring Club (Years 1 & 2)	Medway Classroom	KS1
Colouring Club (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Dart Classroom	KS2
Dance Club (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Dove Classroom	KS1
Eco/Gardening/ Forest School (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Mersey Classroom	KS2
Football Club (Years 1 & 2)	KS2 Playground	KS2
Lego Club (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Medway Classroom	KS1
Story Writing (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Derwent Classroom	KS1
Tuesday		Gate
SATS Booster Club (Year 6)	Thames Classroom	KS2
Football Club (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Tweed Class	KS1
TT Rockstars (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Derwent Classroom	KS1
Wednesday		Gate
Chess Club (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Main Entrance	N/A
Football Club (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	KS2 Playground	KS2
Lego Club (Years 1 & 2)	Dove Classroom	KS1
Multi Skills Club (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	KS2 Playground	KS2
Thursday		Gate
Drama Club (Years 5 & 6)	Main Entrance	N/A

Action Staytions

We have some exciting events coming up in Action Staytions Wrap Around Care Provisions.
Please contact the school office or Action Staytions staff to book your place.

ACTION STAYTIONS

Spring Term Events

W.C. 2nd February 2026

Messy Monday	Hands on art/crafts and sensory activities
Techie Tuesday	Get all "techie"
Whacky Wednesday	Variety of fun games to suit all ages
Thinking Thursday	Trivia, puzzles and problem-solving fun
Fun Friday	Choice of fun activities and games includes parachute games, table tennis and more.

W.C. 9th February 2026

Move It Monday	Dance and yoga
Try It Tuesday	Construction/lego challenges
Wild Wednesday	Outdoor/nature activities
Thoughtful Thursday	Jewellery, keyrings and loom bands
Food Friday	Cooking

Home Reading will also be carried out during each session

Pricing and Hours

3:15pm to 4:45pm - £6

3:15pm to 5:45pm - £9

Contact Information

Bookings: 01823 252126

More information: 07547113622

Miss Conway / Mrs Salisbury

A wrap around care provision at Holway Park School.
Run by two experienced members of staff providing a range of exciting activities for children supporting whatever their interests may be. Price Includes activities, resources and refreshments, as well as access to special events.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING

Tamar (Thursday)	27.11.25 – 12.02.26
Avon and Dart (Tuesday)	06.01.26 – 31.03.26
Severn (Thursday)	26.02.26 – 02.05.26

CLASS	PE DAYS <i>Children to come in to school dressed in their PE Kits</i>	READ ALONGSIDE <i>Start: 2:45pm End: 3.10pm Arrive 5 mins early to check in</i>	BOARDGAMES <i>Start: 2:45pm End: 3.10pm Arrive 5 mins early to check in</i>	WOODLANDS <i>Children to come to school dressed in clothing /footwear which can get muddy and coats to keep warm.</i>
EDEN	Friday- Indoor PE	18.03.2026	N/A	N/A
DOVE	Friday- Indoor PE	11.02.2026	12.03.2026	N/A-
TWEED	Monday - Outdoor PE Wed - Indoor PE	04.02.2026	12.02.2026	03.03.2026
MEDWAY	Thursday - Indoor PE Tuesday - Outdoor PE	28.01.2026	05.03.2026	13.01.2026 & 24.03.2026
TAMAR	Tuesday – Outdoor PE Thursday - Swimming	21.01.2026	12.02.2026	10.03.2026
SEVERN	Monday - Outdoor PE Wed - Indoor PE	25.03.2026	26.02.2026	15.01.2026 & 17.03.2026
AVON	Tuesday - Swimming Friday - Outdoor PE	25.02.2026	26.03.2026	29.01.2026 & 02.04.2026
DART	Tuesday - Swimming Friday - Outdoor PE	11.03.2026	15.01.2026	12.02.2026
DERWENT	Tuesday - Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE	14.01.2026	22.01.2026	26.02.2026
MERSEY	Monday - Indoor PE Wed - Outdoor PE	04.03.2026	29.01.2026	22.01.2026 & 31.03.2026
THAMES	Monday - Indoor PE Wed - Outdoor PE	01.04.2026	05.02.2026	20.01.2026 & 26.03.2026

FREE
streetlinkz
 Family Create n' Make
 5pm to 6pm / All ages
 Streetlinkz Creative Youth Hub
 6pm - 7pm / Ages 11yrs +
 Spring/Summer dates: April 1st & 29th,
 May 13th, June 10th & 24th, July 8th & 22nd

FREE/PAY WHAT YOU CAN
 (Suggested donation 50p)

The Exchange
 Riverside Church Hall
 (upstairs)
 Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ
 Accessible venue - lift available

TAKE PART
 Free Food snacks & refreshments,
 Music, DJ, Circus Skills, Aerial
 hoop/silks, Arts, Crafts, board
 games, chat, chill.
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 new, meet and make new friends.

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Contact: M: 07866 771601

E: sally@fuseperformance.co.uk streetlinkztaunton



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FROM MONDAY 16TH TO THURSDAY 19TH

FEBRUARY



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8.45am - 9.30am, 9.30am - 10.15am
 and 10.30am - 11.15am

King's College Swimming Pool, Taunton

£93 per six-lesson half-term

To book your session, send an email to
communityswimming@kings-taunton.co.uk

Somerset Cricket Foundation – Camp Information Feb Half Term

We have some fantastic courses on offer in Taunton during Feb Half Term, especially for Primary age children who are just starting out in cricket. They are based here at the County Ground and in the newly revamped Centre of Excellence where the professionals train!

Parents can book by visiting our website or clicking on this link [Children's Coaching - Somerset Cricket Foundation](#)

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026			
Centre of Excellence, Cooper Associates County Ground, TA1 1JT			
Date	Event	School Year	Time
Monday 16 February	All Round Cricketer	3,4	9:00 - 12:00
Monday 16 February	All Round Cricketer	5,6	13:00 - 16:00
Tuesday 17 February	Specialist Wicket Keeping	7, 8, 9, 10	9:00 - 11:00
Tuesday 17 February	Powerplay Bowling and Batting	7, 8, 9	12:00 - 15:00
Wednesday 18 February	All stars Mini Cricket	1 & 2	10:00 - 11:30
Wednesday 18 February	Dynamos Fun (softball)	3, 4,5,6	12:30 - 3:00
Thursday 19 February	Blast Batting	5, 6, 7	9:00 - 11:30
Friday 20 February	All stars Mini Cricket	1 & 2	9:00 - 10:30
Friday 20 February	Glow in the dark cricket	7, 8, 9	12:00 - 1:15
Friday 20th February	Glow in the dark cricket	4, 5, 6	1:45 - 15:00