



Holway Park Community Primary School

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13th February 2026

Key Dates

FEBRUARY 26

16-20 - HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
23 - RETURN TO SCHOOL

23/24 - Bikeability Group 2
26 – Eco WWF Day

MARCH 26

2 - Secondary Admissions Outcome
4 - Bedtime Stories
5 - World Book Day
11-13 - Nettlecombe (Yr 3 Trip)
11-16 - Book Fayre (after School)
18-20 - London (Yr5 Trip)
31 - Parents Evening

APRIL 26

1 - Parents Evening
3 - GOOD FRI - SCHOOL CLOSED
6 - EASTER MONDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
7-17 - EASTER HOL - SCHOOL CLOSED
20 - RETURN TO SCHOOL

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

Update Contact Details

Pupil Data Collection Sheet



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

A message from Mrs Brewer, the Head Teacher.

All the children have had a great storytelling experience this week; we have had a storyteller in school for 3 days.

We are also looking forward to some forthcoming workshops for several classes based on the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

The FOH disco was well attended again this week, and funds were raised for FOH to spend on resources and activities for the pupils.

Rapids & Streams classes in ASC Centre Classes have enjoyed their visit to Taunton Library.

I hope everyone enjoys the half term break.



THE SCHOOLBAG CHECKLIST



Bikeability Reminder

If your child is booked onto the 23rd & 24th February Bikeability course, please remember to bring their bike and equipment on the first day back after the half-term holidays.

Upcoming Trips

Nettlecombe Court – Year 3 (11–13 March)
Medical consent forms must be returned ASAP.
Final balance is due Friday 6th March 2026.

London – Year 5 (18–20 March)

Medical consent forms to be returned by Friday 27th February 2026.
Final balance is due Friday 13th March 2026.

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.

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.

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 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

Safeguarding- Safeguarding our community is everyone's responsibility. If you see or hear something on school site that worries you, please speak to the school safeguarding team.

Secondary School Admission Outcome – 2 March 2026

Families who applied for secondary school places will receive their outcomes on 2 March 2026.

- Online applicants will be notified by email.
- Paper applicants will receive their outcome letter sent by business class post on the same date.

Parents wishing to appeal their allocation must submit their appeal application by 30 March 2026. This deadline applies to all families notified of their outcome on 2 March.

Following the outcome date, the School Office will contact all Year 6 parents with further information. This will include details of upcoming transition events, required consent forms, and additional information to support pupils moving into Year 7 in September 2026.

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.

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.

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 and follow recent Government guidance on mobile phones in school. Thank you for your cooperation!

Free Oral Health Webinar for Parents and Caregivers

We are pleased to invite all parents and guardians across Somerset to a free, NHS-funded Oral Health Webinar taking place on Saturday 28th February at 10:00am.

This session is suitable for families with children aged 0–12 years, and it provides practical, evidence-based guidance on supporting good oral health at home.

This opportunity is open to all families, even if a setting currently takes part in our supervised toothbrushing programme or not.

Please feel free to share the link below with all year groups in your setting

🔗 Webinar link:

[Big Brush Club Webinar - Saturday 28th February at 10am - For Parents and Caregivers of young children](#)

We hope this will be a useful resource for your families, and we appreciate your support in sharing it widely.

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.



Parking Around School – A Polite Reminder

We kindly ask all parents and carers to continue parking **considerately** during school drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints from residents about cars **blocking driveways**, parking **inappropriately**, and instances where residents have experienced **unacceptable behaviour** when approaching drivers to ask them to move.

Please help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by parking safely, legally, and respectfully at all times. Residents are within their rights to contact the **Police, parking wardens, or their local councillor** if vehicles obstruct access to their property or if they encounter inappropriate conduct.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe and considerate.

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.

ATTENDANCE

One day's absence could be as many as seven missed lessons, as well as time spent with friends and doing extracurricular activities. You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day.

It can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. **NHS guidance is clear that it's fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold.**

We know that parents and carers worry about their children's mental health. Rather than keeping your child off school, let us know about your concerns. We can then work together on supporting your child.

Attendance is regarded as a Safeguarding issue.

A big thank you to most 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.

Could you tell if your child was being exploited?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm

30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

18 March



30 March



Ready, Set, Read!



We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating World Book Day on

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Children are invited to come to school on the day dressed as their favourite book character.

On the day, the children will be taking part in several reading and book activities, whilst taking part in author workshops, quizzes and much more.

The evening before, **WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH**, we will be holding our annual Bedtime Stories event. This is an amazing event where we invite children and families back to school from 5.45pm to 7pm dressed in their pyjamas to share lots of different stories with a teacher. We will also be finishing off the evening with hot chocolate and biscuits!

The following week, we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair which will be held after school from **Wednesday 11th March until Monday 16th March**. This is a great opportunity for children to use their £1 World Book Day voucher to get money off a brand-new book.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Bedtimes Stories – Wednesday 4th March

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

After - School Book Fair – Wednesday 11th March until Monday 16th March

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. 23rd 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. 2nd March 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, was well as access to special events.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING

Avon and Dart (Tuesday) 06.01.26 – 31.03.26
Severn (Thursday) 26.02.26 – 21.05.26

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

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RECEPTION - YR2

JUNIOR CUBS | 11:15-12:15
RECEPTION - YR3-YR5

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- 👤 [School Years \(3 - 6\)](#)
- 🔗 [Booking Link : BOOK HERE](#)

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