



# Holway Park Community Primary School

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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

## Key Dates

### JUNE 26

- 3 - Yr6 Museum Trip (Thames Class)
- 10-12 - Yr6 Cardiff Residential
- 11 - Vision Screening (Reception)
- 17 - Class Photos-Yr6 leavers and class
- 18 - KS2 Sports Day
- 19 - KS1 Sports Day
- 22 - Donation Day for Summer Fete

### YR6 TRANSITION DAYS

- 30 June - Yr6 Transition Day
  - Castle School
  - Monkton Wood School
  - Pyrland School
- 1 July - Yr6 Transition Days:
  - Bishops Fox School
  - Castle School
  - Monkton Wood School
  - Pyrland School
- 2 July - Yr6 Transition Days:
  - Bishops Fox School
  - Monkton Wood School

### JULY 26

- 1 - FOH Summer Fete
- 3 - Tropiquaria Trip (EYFS/Yr1)
- 8 - Yr6 W-S-M Trip

**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.

We are coming to the end of a short but eventful half term. Year 2 have been enjoying their residential at Huish Woods, several classes have been out on exciting visits to the Somerset Museum, community walks and Hestercombe House & Gardens. Year 6 were a great example for the school during their SATs test, moderators visiting the school during this time commented on the wonderful attitude of the pupils. I hope you all have a good relaxing break in preparation for the long final half term of the academic year.

## Don't Forget! Key School Reminders & Updates

### **Half Term Holiday**

We would like to remind you that the school will be closed for the Half Term holiday from 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026. School will reopen on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

### **Year 6 Bikeability – New Date!**

13th & 14th July 2026 – New Bikeability sessions for Year 6!  
Please ensure forms have been filled in asap.

### **Upcoming Trips & Events**

Cardiff Residential – final payments & medical forms are required by 5<sup>th</sup> June 26.

### **Vision Screening – Reception Children**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Please complete the OPT OUT form if you do not give consent for your child to take part. If we do not receive an opt-out slip by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026, we will take this as your consent for your child's vision to be tested.

### **Children's Mobile Phones**

Phones should only be brought to school if a child walks home alone or with prior agreement.

Phones must be **switched off**, handed in to the **school office**, and collected after school.

This helps keep children safe and reduces distractions, in line with Government guidance.

### **School Uniform**

Please review the school uniform policy:

<https://www.holwaypark.somerset.sch.uk/school-uniform-2>

Teachers will send notes home if uniform is incorrect.

If you need help obtaining uniform, please speak to the office.

**Lost property** will be placed outside the office—please check for missing items. Remember to **label all belongings**.

### Vaping and Smoking on school site

A reminder that **vaping and smoking are not permitted anywhere on the school site**, including at drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy environment for all pupils.

### A quick end-of-day reminder

We know that the end of the school day is a lovely chance to catch up and chat at the gates – it's a nice part of the day for many families.

We've noticed, though, that some children are needing to come back into school to use the toilets after they've already been collected. This can be quite busy in the office and does interrupt staff at a key time.

If possible, we'd really appreciate children heading home to use the toilet once they've been collected.

Thanks so much for your help with this – it really does make a difference to how smoothly the end of the day runs!

### Year 6 Leaver – The Big Step to Bishop Fox

Following a very successful first year, Bishops Foxs are partnering with The Big Step in 2026 to ease transition from primary to secondary. It gives a lot of information about what is available, when and at what cost. Crucially, they want parents to understand that Bishop Fox's will fund half the cost for Pupil Premium students if necessary.

<https://thebigstep.org/school/bishop-foxs>

**Is your child starting secondary school in September?**

**Ease the stress for your child moving up to Year 7**



### 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.

## **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

**Parents will regularly receive Attendance Alerts if their child's absence is close to the government criteria for persistent absence.**

### **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 absence details of pupils. The school will make contact if your child is identified in this monitoring. If you are worried about your child/children's attendance the first person to contact is to discuss your concerns with the school PFSA Angie Bristow.

### **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.

### **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
- opposite or within 10 meters (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- 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

MAY HALF TERM

# TIGERS CAMP

THURSDAY 28  
9AM-12PM

@ RICHARD HUISH  
£10 PER HEAD

## GIRLS ONLY

CONTACT - GARYC@RICHUIISH.AC.UK

MAY HALF TERM

# TIGERS CAMP

TUES 26 | WEDS 27  
9AM-3PM

8-14 YEARS OLD

@ RICHARD HUISH  
1 DAY - £20  
2 DAYS - £35

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## BOYS SELECTION & ASSESSMENT

**WEEKLY TIMES**  
U14s - WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:30PM  
U16s - THURSDAYS, 6:00-7:30PM  
U18s - THURSDAYS, 7:30-9:00PM

**WEEK 1**  
U14s - WED 13TH MAY  
U16s & U18s - THURS 14TH MAY

**WEEK 2**  
U14s - WED 20TH MAY  
U16s & U18s - THURS 21ST MAY

**WEEK 3**  
U14s - WED 1ST JULY  
U16s & U18s - THURS 2ND JULY

**WEEK 4**  
U14s - WED 8TH JULY  
U16s & U18s - THURS 9TH JULY

## CLASS ACTIVITIES

### SWIMMING

Derwent (Tuesday) 21.04.26 – 21.07.26

Tweed (Thursday) 04.06.26 – 09.07.26

CLASS	PE DAYS <i>Children to come into school dressed in their PE Kits</i>	READ <b>ALONGSIDE</b> <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- Outdoor PE	-	-	-
DOVE	Friday- Outdoor PE	10/06/26	<del>07/05/26</del>	n/a
TWEED	Monday - Outdoor PE Wed - Indoor PE	17/06/26	<del>14/05/26</del>	02/06/26
MEDWAY	Thursday - Indoor PE Tuesday - Outdoor PE	24/06/26	<del>30/04/26</del>	09/06/26 & 09/07/26
TAMAR	Tuesday – Outdoor PE Thursday - Indoor	03/06/26	18/06/26	30/06/26
SEVERN	Monday – Outdoor PE Wednesday – Indoor PE	<del>13/05/26</del>	02/07/26	23/06/26
AVON	Tuesday – Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE	<del>06/05/26</del>	25/06/26	07/07/26
DART	Tuesday – Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE	<del>09/04/26</del>	11/04/26	02/07/26
DERWENT	Tuesday - Swimming Friday - Outdoor PE	<del>20/05/26</del>	09/07/26	16/06/26
MERSEY	Monday - Indoor PE Wed - Outdoor PE	TBC	<del>21/05/26</del>	18/06/26
THAMES	Monday - Indoor PE Wed - Outdoor PE	TBC	04/06/26	04/06/26