



# Holway Park Community Primary School

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## Key Dates

### JUNE 26

- 15-26 - Readathon
- 17 - Class Photos-Yr6 leavers and class
- 17 - FOH Disco
- 18 - KS2 Sports Day (9:30-11:30am)
- 19 - KS1 Sports Day (9:30-11:00am)
- 22 - Donation Day for Summer Fete/Non Uniform day
- 25-26 - Yr1 Huish Woods

### 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 Fair
- 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.

Two groups of children have taken part in inter school sporting activities recently and on both occasions, staff organising the event and teachers from other schools have complimented our pupils on their behaviour and attitude. This is lovely to hear and if you are a parent of one of these pupils please be proud of them, we are.

Year 2 had a great experience during their Huish Woods Residential immediately before the half term break, and Y6 are enjoying their time in Cardiff despite the weather.

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

#### **Sports Day – Next Week!**

We are looking forward to our sports day on the following dates:

KS2 (Yr3-6) Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 09:30 – 11:30 am

KS1 (EYFS-Yr2) Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 09:30 – 11:00 am

Please ensure your child wears their School Uniform PE kit.

**Please refer to the important guidance on earrings/jewellery that can be found on page 5 of the newsletter.**

#### **Class Photos – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Class photos are due to be taken next week. Can we ask you to ensure that your child comes to school in their school uniform, including Cardigans/jumpers. No badges are to be worn.

Due to timetabling, we are asking for all Yr6 pupils to be at school on time as their photo will be taken at 08:45.

#### **Upcoming Trips & Events**

**Yr1 - Huish Woods** – all medical consent forms and letters have been sent to those who indicated an interest in attending the trip. Please take note of the following deadlines:

17<sup>th</sup> June - return all medical consent forms

24<sup>th</sup> June - complete all payments. *(We understand that this deadline could be difficult for some, please don't hesitate to contact the office to discuss a payment plan).*

If you have missed out on this communication, please contact the school office if you wish to book a place.

**EYFS – Tropiquaria** – the deadline for returning medical consent forms is today, if you still need to hand it in, please pass to the office by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.

**Yr6 - Weston-Super-Mare Geography trip** – please hand in your medical consent forms by 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

## Yr6 Leavers

Can we please ask you to keep an eye on your class dojo posts and emails in the coming weeks for communication in regard to Yr6 leaver events that will be taking place. It's a time which is both happy and sad as we start to say goodbye but also celebrating all that they have achieved at Holway Park School.

## 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**.

## New Uniform Provider



We are excited to be working with an additional uniform provider, Acorn Fashion Uniform and Workwear Ltd.

Acorn Fashions is a family run business, by parents at this school who are trying to offer uniform at a lower cost compared to other suppliers. Their shop can be found near the Morrisons petrol station at:  
Unit 4, Smalls yard, Deller's Wharf, Taunton TA1 1NU.

Please check out their website: <https://acornfashion.co.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acornfashionfabric>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/acorn\\_fashionandfabrics](https://www.instagram.com/acorn_fashionandfabrics)

Further information will be sent out in a separate email and can also be found on our school website under the Parents Tab/Uniform. <https://www.holwaypark.somerset.sch.uk/school-uniform>

## Year 6 Bikeability – New Date!

13th & 14th July 2026 – New Bikeability sessions for Year 6!

Please ensure online forms have been filled in asap.

## FOH Disco

Our final disco of the year is approaching to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

KS1 – 5:30 – 6:30pm

KS2 – 6:45 – 7:45pm

Disco letters have been sent out, please hand the slip in on arrival at the disco entrance.



## Foodbank Fridays

Children can bring a donation **to class** on Friday mornings which will be collected by School Council and delivered by school council to the local foodbank.

Start Date: Friday 19.06.26

## 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.

## Readathon

We are running a **Read for Good Readathon** and we'd love your child to join in.

The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach that inspires reluctant readers to give reading a go and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun! They are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.



All you have to do is:

1. **Take a look at what they plan to read or** help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books. help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends.** The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves, and our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total, so there really is something in it for everyone.

For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit [www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org).

**Schoolreaders**  
improving literacy • increasing life chances

We are pleased to introduce you to "School Readers" that we have worked with in the past and is a wonderful organization that supports children in developing their reading skills and confidence. "School Readers" provide volunteers who visit schools to listen to children read on a one-to-one basis each week.

Reading regularly with a supportive adult can make a significant difference to a child's progress. The volunteers from "School Readers" offer encouragement, build confidence, and help foster a love of books and reading in a relaxed and positive way. These sessions are designed to complement the teaching your child already receives in class and do not replace it.

All "School Readers" volunteers are carefully recruited and fully vetted (including DBS checks), ensuring a safe and supportive experience for every child.

If you would like to find out more about "School Readers", you can visit their website:  
[www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer](http://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer).

## **School Interactions**

We are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and professional environment for our students, staff, and visitors at all times. Please be advised that **abusive, aggressive, or inappropriate behaviour towards school staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances**. This includes, but is not limited to, raised voices, threatening language, or disrespectful conduct.

Our staff are here to support you and your children, and we ask that all interactions remain courteous and constructive. Any incidents of unacceptable behaviour may result in restricted access to the premises and could be escalated in line with school policies.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us ensure a positive and welcoming environment for everyone.

**Thank you for your understanding and support.**

## **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!

## **Taunton Lion Trail**

Taunton Town are celebrating the World Cup with a **Lion Trail** in Taunton town centre. It's free to follow and there is a competition with prizes to be won. All the information on the Trail can be found on their website, including photos of the lions and information on the teams:

<https://tauntontown.com/lion-trail/>

**Trail Maps are available from Taunton Library, Taunton Visitor Centre and the GoCreate Gallery** in the Orchard Centre.

The key information on the Trail is as follows:

- The trail starts on 5 June and ends on 14 August
- There are 48 lions on the trail, each representing a country taking part in the World Cup
- The lions were painted by young artists from **Bishop Fox's School, King's College, GoCreate, Monkton Wood Academy and Taunton College UCS**
- All 48 lions are in the windows of local Taunton town centre businesses
- There are 5 lions dotted around the **Somerset County Cricket Ground**
- The competition is to find **10** of the lions, as per instructions on the front page of the **Lion Trail Map**
- The official end of the trail will be a charity football match on **23 September** at the Taunton Town ground, in aid of the **Barnaby Webber Foundation**
- The lions will be auctioned at the match, with proceeds going to BWF
- *If you have any sporting memorabilia or indeed anything that would make a good auction lot, please contact them directly.*

This is a community project developed in partnership with **GoCreate** and **Taunton Chamber of Commerce**. From the perspective of the football club, who are keen to increase awareness and encourage more children to watch the men's and women's teams next season. The admission price for children is being reduced to **£1** for the men's first team games.

## **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.**

## **New PE Guidance**

We would like to inform parents and carers of an important update to our PE and sports safety procedures, in line with the latest national guidance.

Jewellery, and particularly earrings, can present a risk of injury during physical activity. To help keep all children safe, we will be applying the following expectations consistently across all PE lessons, sporting events and extracurricular activities:

- All jewellery **must be removed before taking part in PE or sport**
- This includes **earrings – these should not be taped over**, as taping does not sufficiently reduce the risk
- If a child is unable to remove their earrings, they will take on an **alternative, non-physical role** during the session

### **What this means for families:**

- Please ensure your child removes jewellery **at home on PE days**
- Schools are **unable to accept disclaimers or waivers** relating to jewellery injuries
- If you are considering ear piercing, we recommend doing this **at the start of the summer holidays** to allow time for healing before returning to school.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and positive environment for all pupils to take part in physical activity.

## **New guidance: Jewellery and earrings during PE and sporting activities**

**Health and safety guidance** has been published for schools on the wearing of **jewellery and earrings during PE and sporting activities**.



The guidance supports consistent and safe practice across PE lessons, competitions and extracurricular sport, and reflects current national advice from the **Association for Physical Education**.

### **Why this guidance has been issued**

Jewellery, particularly earrings, continues to be a cause of injury in PE and sport. The aim is to help schools prevent avoidable injuries while ensuring pupils are treated fairly and inclusively. The guidance:

- explains why jewellery presents a foreseeable risk during physical activity
- clarifies the council's position on the taping of earrings
- provides practical advice for managing issues such as newly pierced ears
- supports schools to apply rules consistently while being sensitive to religious and cultural considerations

### **What schools are expected to do**

Schools are expected to:

- require all jewellery to be removed before PE and sporting activities
- avoid taping earrings, as this does not adequately control the risk
- use the EEC risk assessment templates to clearly identify jewellery as a hazard and set out appropriate control measures
- ensure arrangements apply consistently across lessons, clubs and events, including those delivered by external coaches

Where earrings cannot be removed, pupils should be provided with suitable non-physical roles during the activity.

### **Clear messages for parents and carers**

The guidance also sets out what parents and carers should be told, including:

- jewellery should be removed at home before school on PE days
- schools cannot accept disclaimers or waivers relating to jewellery injuries
- piercing ears at the start of the summer holiday is recommended to allow healing time

## **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

## 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	<del>10/06/26</del>	<del>07/05/26</del>	n/a
TWEED	Monday - Outdoor PE Wed - Indoor PE	24/06/26	<del>14/05/26</del>	<del>02/06/26</del>
MEDWAY	Thursday - Indoor PE Tuesday - Outdoor PE	17/06/26	<del>30/04/26</del>	<del>09/06/26</del> & 09/07/26
TAMAR	Tuesday – Outdoor PE Thursday - Indoor	<del>10/06/26</del>	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>	<del>11/06/26</del>	02/07/26
DERWENT	Tuesday - Swimming Friday - Outdoor PE	<del>20/05/26</del>		16/06/26
MERSEY	Monday - Indoor PE Wed - Outdoor PE	TBC	21/05/26	18/06/26
THAMES	Monday - Indoor PE Wed - Outdoor PE	TBC	<del>04/06/26</del>	<del>04/06/26</del>