



# Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

03<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

## Key Dates

### JULY 26

8 - Yr6 W-S-M Trip  
13 - Yr 6 Bikeability  
20 - Yr 6 BBQ  
21- Yr6 Water fight  
22 - Yr 6 Leavers Assembly  
23 - School holidays begin

### SEPTEMBER 26

3-7 Inset days no school  
8 - School return

**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.

I am sure most of you enjoyed the successful Summer Fayre this week, a BIG THANK-YOU to Miss Bowen for organizing this. Regularly checking of the Met Office Heat Alerts shows next week is forecast as another hot one. As part of our risk assessment we will be cancelling all afternoon outdoor physical activities (**please see below clubs that will still be running**) as recommended in the Government and HSE risk assessments, so sadly any sports events will be cancelled. We will look at the possibility of re scheduling during a morning, we are sorry for any disappointment.

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

#### Upcoming Trips & Events

**Yr6 - Weston-Super-Mare Geography trip** – We still need outstanding medical consent forms and permission slips, without these consent forms your child cannot attend the trip.

#### **Yr1 - Huish Woods**

Postponed, please email sent 03.07.26

#### **Yr6 – Leavers BBQ**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm – 7pm (Please note this a new date)  
All children must be collected, no walkers. KS1 playground.

#### **Yr 6 – Water fight**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, please bring a change of clothes for the water fight and a water gun if you have one.

#### **Yr 6 – Leavers Assembly**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.15-10.15am  
Please arrive at main reception.

#### **Summer Clubs Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Please see list of clubs running -

Newspaper Club - Monday

Sewing Club - Wednesday

Math - Thursday

Drama- Thursday

**All other summer clubs have been cancelled refunds will be issued in due course.**

#### **Class Photo's**

**Please ensure all orders for class photos have been completed by the deadline of 11:59pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July to ensure free postage. Orders can be made following this date, but you will need to pay for postage.**

## Moorhaven Care Home



On Thursday 2nd July, as part of our 'Care in the Community' link with Moorhaven Care Home, some of our Year 5 children attended a Garden Party. The elderly residents and children enjoyed a buffet lunch together. To mark Maud's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the children, helped by Rita, had baked and decorated a cake. Maud's family were there to help her celebrate and Elaine had made the children Archie bookmarks to mark the first anniversary of the Archie Project link between Moorhaven and Holway Park Primary School.



## Yr 5 - Cardiff Residential

An incredible time was had by all on our Yr 6 Cardiff residential! We visited the Big Pit, Cardiff Castle, St Fagans and Bristol Aerospace and the weather could not dampen the spirits of the children and staff. The ten-pin bowling was lots of fun as well as our walk and games around Cardiff Bay.

## Sports Day Success

We were delighted to hold our Sports Day events over two wonderful mornings, on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June. Both events were a huge success and a true celebration of our wonderful school community.

It was fantastic to see some of our core values in action, as children were given the opportunity to sparkle and strive in a variety of events. Throughout both days, we witnessed outstanding sportsmanship, perseverance, teamwork and resilience. The children supported one another, celebrated each other's achievements and showed great determination in every race and activity. Every single pupil should feel incredibly proud of themselves.

A huge congratulations goes to our overall house winners:

**Mendips with a total of 355 points**

**(KS1 winners: Brendons 158 points      KS2 winners: Mendips 227 points)**

We would also like to extend a big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support. Your encouragement made a real difference to the children – and, of course, thank you for enthusiastically getting involved (and even inspiring a very memorable KS2 teachers' race!).

It truly was a fantastic couple of days, and we are so proud of everyone who took part.

## Readathon

Well done to everyone that took part in the readathon. It has been lovely to see how many books have been read over the two weeks. Could all money to be returned to the office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## Lost Shoe

Is this your child's shoe? Does your child have 2 right feet shoes?



At the Summer Fete, two children used the bouncy castle and happened to have the same shoes. Unfortunately, one child accidentally went home with two right shoes, leaving two left shoes behind.

If your child has a pair of these shoes, could you please check whether they have two right shoes? If so, please let us know so we can reunite both children with the correct pair of shoes.

Thank you for your help!

## 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>

## Taunton Heritage Trust

Taunton Heritage Trust offers small grants to help families who may be struggling with the cost of school uniforms. We would be grateful if you could share the attached poster with staff, parents, and carers who may benefit from this support. - If you would like any further information about the grant scheme, please do not hesitate to get in touch via their website [www.tauntonheritagetrust.org.uk](http://www.tauntonheritagetrust.org.uk) or call 01823 335348.

## 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.

# 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!

## **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	<del>24/06/26</del>	<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>	<del>18/06/26</del>	<del>30/06/26</del>
SEVERN	Monday – Outdoor PE Wednesday – Indoor PE	13/05/26	02/07/26	23/06/26
AVON	Tuesday – Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE	<del>06/05/26</del>	<del>25/06/26</del>	07/07/26
DART	Tuesday – Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE	<del>09/04/26</del>	11/06/26	<del>02/07/26</del>
DERWENT	Tuesday - Swimming Friday - Outdoor PE	<del>20/05/26</del>		<del>16/06/26</del>
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>