



# Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

## Key Dates

### JULY 26

23 – School holidays begin

### AUGUST 26

26 - GO LIVE DATE for Scopay Dinners  
Please submit your order in by 30<sup>th</sup> August.

### 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.

We said farewell to a wonderful group of children today in the Y6 leavers assembly. In their words 'This may be then end of their time at Holway Park, but it is just the beginning for their next adventure'. I wish them all the best in their future adventures.

I would like to thank all the staff for their huge efforts and hard work supporting all the children and wish them all a great summer break with time to relax and recharge. I would also like to thank all the children for their hard work and effort and wish them a good break during the summer. Have fun, make memories and enjoy.



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



### Huish Woods – Year 2 Residential Trip 24–25 September 2026

A final information pack — including the Final Letter, Medical Consent Form, and Kit List — will be sent home on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Please ensure full payment is made by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026.



### Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) – Moving into Year 3

As your child enters Key Stage 2 in September, please remember that UIFSM only applies to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. From September, Year 3 pupils will no longer automatically receive free school meals. Some families may still qualify for Free School Meals (FSM) based on benefit-related criteria. We encourage all parents to check eligibility using the link below: <https://service.somerset.gov.uk/free-school-meals>



### Asthma Medication Reminder

If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure it is returned to school in September. Your child should take their inhaler directly to their new classroom, along with the updated medical form.



### Summer Holiday Clubs Reminder

Looking for ways to keep your children busy and entertained this summer? A variety of outside-of-school holiday clubs are available, offering exciting activities, sports, and creative opportunities throughout the summer holidays. Go to the school website under Newsletter to find out more.



### The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner is asking children across England to share their views about growing up today. The survey takes just a few minutes and helps shape future support for young people. Families can take part here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>

## Secondary School Opening Sessions for Year 6 Leaver 2026/27

### **Castle School**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am - 11.00am

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9.30am -11.00am

### **Bishops Fox's**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (Please look on their website for timings)

### **Monkton Wood**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026 4.30-8.00pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 9.44-10.15am

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9.45-10.45am

## SUMMER FAYRE

Our Summer Fayre was a fantastic success! It was so heartwarming to see so many families from our school and the wider community coming together to enjoy the sunshine, have fun, and support our school. We are absolutely thrilled to share that we have raised over £1,200 so far – an amazing achievement! This incredible amount will go towards a range of exciting opportunities and resources for our school next year. Thanks to your continued support, we have already been able to reduce the cost of class trips, purchase ECO resources, and provide many other enriching experiences for our children. A massive thank you to all the staff who helped with the preparations and set up – it truly wouldn't be possible without your support. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special!

## School Uniform

**Please take a moment to review our School Uniform Policy:**

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

Teachers may send reminders home if uniform does not meet the policy.

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

Lost property will be placed outside the office area—please check regularly for missing items.

**REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND BELONGINGS TO HELP US RETURN THEM TO THE RIGHT CHILD.**

## 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>

## 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.**

## Free School Meal Changes

Please see email that was sent out this week for further details.



There are some changes being introduced to Free School Meals (FSM) which will enable **more children** to qualify for FSM

**NEW!**

### TARGETED FSM

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Targeted FSM will continue to support children in households experiencing the greatest financial hardship.



For families receiving Universal Credit with household earning below £7,400 per year



Pupils will receive a free school meal



Eligible for the HHH program



The child's school will also receive Pupil Premium Funding

**NEW!**

### EXPANDED FSM

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Expanded FSM will help more children by removing the current link to benefits and using a simpler, fairer way to identify those who need support.



For families receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400 per year



Pupils will be entitled to free meals only



#### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

- If your child currently receives FSM, their eligibility will be re-checked before the new school year.
- You may be asked to provide updated information to confirm whether your child qualifies.
- Households that no longer meet the criteria will not automatically continue to receive FSM, as previous transitional protections in place since April 2018 will end when the current school term finishes.



#### NEXT STEPS

- Somerset Council will automatically recheck all current existing eligible claims for FSM eligibility under the new criteria before the end of term and will contact all families who are no longer eligible, following these rechecks.
- Parents and families who are not entitled under the current criteria and believe they may be entitled under the new expanded criteria, we ask that parents apply from August 2026 onwards.



**IF YOUR CHILD (FROM YEAR 3 UPWARDS) CURRENTLY RECEIVES FSM, AND AFTER RE-CHECKING IS NOT ENTITLED TO FREE MEALS FROM SEPTEMBER, PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYING FOR SCHOOL MEALS OR PROVIDING A PACKED LUNCH FROM HOME.**



Applications can be made at:

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



GOOD FOOD.



BETTER LEARNING.



STRONGER FUTURES FOR ALL.

## School Dinners Big Changes

A letter has been sent home providing information about some big changes to our school dinners and ordering online.

# ALL SCHOOL DINNERS ARE MOVING **ONLINE** THROUGH scopay

A simple, secure and convenient way to manage school dinners





**IF YOUR CHILD IS ON  
UFSM OR FSM**

**YOU MUST BOOK  
SCHOOL DINNERS**

- ✓ Log in to the Scopay app
- ✓ Go to "Bookings" and select School Dinners
- ✓ Choose your child and select the days you would like dinners

 Please book in advance to ensure your child receives a dinner.



**IF YOU PAY  
FOR SCHOOL DINNERS**

**YOU MUST PAY  
THROUGH THE  
SCOPAY APP**

- ✓ Log in to the Scopay app
- ✓ Go to "Payments"
- ✓ Select "School Dinners"
- ✓ Add credit to your account and make payment

 Please ensure your account is in credit to avoid any issues with meal orders.



**UNABLE TO  
PAY ONLINE?**

**PLEASE CONTACT  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE**



We are here to help.  
Please get in touch with the school office if you are unable to make payments online.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
IN MAKING SCHOOL DINNERS SIMPLE AND CASHLESS.**



## **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](http://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