



Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

9th October 2026

Key Dates

OCTOBER 26

21-23 - HUISH WOODS Yr4

26-30 - HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

NOVEMBER 26

2 - INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

3 - BACK TO SCHOOL

4 - SCHOOL DISCO (AFTER SCHOOL)

6 - INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

11 - TT ROCKSTARS DAY

**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 have been really impressed with the generosity of all the families with your contributions to the Trussell Trust Food Bank as part of our Harvest Celebrations. We are looking forward to a day of fun with Shakespeare workshops next week for children in Clyde, Tyne, Trent, Fowey and Thames. It has been a privilege to have some of the younger children share their Great Fire of London collages with me.

Don't Forget! Key School Reminders & Updates

Year 4 – Huish Woods

We are still waiting for medical consent forms these are due back to office by Monday 12th October. Reminder full balance is due by Friday 16th October 2026.

Year 5 – London

This is now fully booked! We have had an amazing response from families and all available places have now been allocated. Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms and deposits. We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable trip in March 2026. If you have missed out please contact the school office and we can add your child to the waiting list.

Autumn Term - School Disco

Our first school disco of the year will take place on Wednesday 4th November 2026. A letter with full details will be sent home with children before half term. Please ensure that the completed reply slip is brought along on the night of the disco.

Autumn Term Clubs

Payment for our Autumn Clubs will be due in full in **December 2026**. The amount payable will be based on the number of weeks the club has run. All payments will be needed in full before we can book your child onto further clubs.

Polite Request

Please can we ask that, at the end of the day, you leave the playground promptly. We have after-school clubs running, and these children need to be able to use the playground safely.

Do not ride bikes or scooters on school grounds and especially through the car park. We please ask that people dismount at the blue gates and then push their bike/scooter through the school grounds.

Online Booking – School Dinners

The school dinner ordering is now fully up and running. Please remember to book your child's school dinners on SCOPAY **in advance**.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications – Deadline: 31 October 2026

If your child is transferring to secondary school in September 2027, please ensure you submit your application by 31 October 2026.

Due to increasing demand for school places in the Taunton and Wellington areas, it is important that applications are submitted on time and that you list three school preferences. We strongly recommend that you include your catchment school as one of your choices.

Please be aware that if your preferred schools are unable to offer a place and your catchment school has not been included as a preference, your child may be allocated a place at a school further from home. In these circumstances, there may be no entitlement to school transport assistance.

For full details on the application process and how to apply, please see the School Admissions information using the link below.

APPLYING: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

GUIDE: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/secondary-admissions-guide/>

Medical & Dental Appointments During School Time

A Reminder to Parents and Carers

Regular attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning and school experiences.

Where possible, we kindly ask parents and carers to arrange medical, dental and other healthcare appointments outside of school hours. This helps minimise disruption to your child's education and ensures they do not miss valuable learning time.

We understand that some appointments can only be offered during the school day. In these circumstances, please inform the school office in advance and provide appointment details where possible.

☒ **Helping Your Child Attend School**

- Book appointments after school, during holidays, or on non-school days where possible.
- Inform the school office of any unavoidable appointments.
- Ensure your child attends school before and after the appointment whenever practical.

Thank you for your support in helping us maximise learning time for all pupils. 

School / PE 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.

PE Footwear Reminder: PE trainers should be plain black, with no bright colours or large logos, or children may wear black plimsolls.

PE, Swimming & After-School Sports Activities – Jewellery Reminder

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PUPILS, ALL JEWELLERY, INCLUDING EARRINGS, MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE TAKING PART IN PE, SWIMMING AND AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

Please ensure that jewellery is removed before your child comes to school, or that they are able to remove it independently when required. Thank you for your support in helping us keep children safe during physical activities.

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.**

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.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING

Thames & Fowey (Tuesday) 15.9.26 – 08.12.26

Medway (Thursday) 17.09.26 – 10.12.26

CLASS	PE DAYS <i>Children to come into 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	N/A	N/A	Pls ensure waterproofs & wellies are in school daily
DOVE	Friday Indoor PE	N/A	N/A	Pls ensure waterproofs & wellies are in school daily
TWEED	Tuesday - Outdoor PE Friday - Indoor PE	21.10.2026	~~01.10.2026~~	~~22.9.2026~~ 08.11.2026
MEDWAY	Wed - Outdoor PE Thursday - Indoor PE	~~16.9.2026~~	15.10.2026	~~01.10.2026~~ 19.11.2026
TAMAR	Thursday – Outdoor PE Monday – Indoor PE	~~07.10.2026~~ 09.11.2026	19.11.2026	~~17.9.2026~~ ~~06.10.2026~~ 03.12.2026 08.12.2026
CLYDE	Friday - Outdoor PE Tuesday – Indoor PE	~~30.9.2026~~ 18.11.2026	10.11.2026	~~15.9.2026~~ 03.11.2026
TYNE	Friday - Outdoor PE Tuesday – Indoor PE	~~23.9.2026~~ 25.11.2026	10.12.2026	~~29.9.2026~~ 17.11.2026
TRENT	Thursday - Outdoor PE Wed – Indoor PE	14.10.2026	22.10.2026	13.10.2026 24.11.2026
FOWEY	Wed - Outdoor PE Tuesday - Swimming	09.12.2026	03.12.2026	15.10.2026 10.11.2026
THAMES	Wed - Outdoor PE Tuesday - Swimming	04.11.2026	16.11.2026	~~08.10.2026~~ 10.12.2026



Winning the gold medal for children's sports classes

We take what children love to do the most (running super fast, jumping high and throwing far) and mix it with imaginative themes, learning to follow instructions, making friends, developing skills and burning energy!



Teeny Athletes
Walking - 2 Years

Didee Athletes
2 - 3 1/2 Years



Little Athletes
3 1/2 - 5 Years

Mini Athletes
5 - 7 Years



Your local weekly classes:

Taunton
Exeter

Saturdays
Sundays

Contact: Amy Meyer

ameyer@miniathletics.com 07725696318



www.miniathletics.com



YMCA TAUNTON

INTRO TO BREAKING

For ages 11-16

Wednesday 28 October, 2-5pm

This is much more than just a dance class. Throughout the day, participants will:

- Learn the foundations of breaking
- Explore the history and culture behind the dance
- Enjoy music, movement, creative play, video inspiration, and relaxed chill time
- Express themselves through art, rhythm, and freestyle movement

No dance experience is needed.

Complete beginners are very welcome.

This session is designed as a fun introduction and a chance to try breaking before regular weekly sessions begin in November.



BOOK NOW!



yfc.yourtaunton.com/taunton/yymca/taunton

£10 per session

YMCA

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Here for communities
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Lisieux Way, Taunton, TA1 2LB

OCTOBER HALF-TERM 2026

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Taunton School, TA2 6AD

19TH - 30TH OCTOBER 2026

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AGES 5-12

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OCTOBER CAMPS 2026

DISCOVER NEW ACTIVITIES THIS OCTOBER!

The timetables below are for this October - we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MINICRAFT	ANIMATION FUN	LEGO ROBOTS	ROBLOX WORKSHOP	DRIVING ROBOTS
LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	ALPHABETIC REALITY	ROBOTS ARENA	HOTWIRE	INVENT & BUILD LAB
INFLATABLE GAMES ZONE	LITTLE BIT INVENTIONS	POKEMON	DIY SKILLS WORKSHOP	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Please note that activities are subject to change due to availability or unforeseen circumstances.

WHAT TO BRING

- Swimsuits & towels
- Water bottle
- Headphones
- Weather appropriate clothing

FIND A CAMP NEAR YOU!

We have more than 80 camps running this summer across the UK.

[View Locations](#)

RAVE REVIEWS

★★★★★

"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Roblox!"

Laura Hart - St Ebbes Primary School

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TEENS FREE RALLIES

October 2026

FREE PADEL COACHING every SATURDAY!

Girls Age 11-13 2:30pm-3:30pm

Boys Age 11-13 3:30pm-4:30pm

Book via Padelstars app

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PADEL BRINGS US TOGETHER

M H S T
Mental Health Support Team

Register for our online free sessions for parents

Tuning in to Kids

LED BY SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Would you like to feel more confident at:

- Helping your child cope with big feelings?
- Staying calm and confident during challenging moments?
- Understanding what your child is telling you through their behaviour?
- Building a stronger, more positive relationship with your child?

"I HAVE LEARNT A LOT THAT I DIDN'T EVEN CONSIDER! I FOUND IT VERY HELPFUL!"

PARENT

12:30-14:30

Mondays: 2nd November, 9th November, 16th November, 23rd November, 30th November, 7th December 2026

Virtually via MS Teams

[Click here to Register](#)

Or search bit.ly/TIK2ndnov