



Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

23th October 2026

Key Dates

OCTOBER 26

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 (SEE NOTE)

11 - TT ROCKSTARS DAY

18 - SATS Evening for YR6 Parents

25-26 - PARENTS EVENING

**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.

This has been an interesting week weather wise with a mix of rain, winds and sunshine. What has been lovely to see is that the wind and the rain did not dampen the spirits and fun of the Year 4 pupils during Huish Woods residential.

Trent, Thames & Fowey have enjoyed their cooking exploration this week making a variety of hotpots many commenting on how nice they were.

Please remember the DFE do not wish schools to authorize term time leave for leisure and therefore requests will not be authorised. I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break next week.

Don't Forget! Key School Reminders & Updates

School Toilets

Please note that the school toilets are not available for general use before or after school. They should only be used in the event of a genuine emergency. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation

Autumn Term - School Disco

Our first school disco of the year will take place on **Wednesday 4th November 2026**. A letter has been sent home with children. Please ensure the completed reply slip is **brought with your child on the evening of the disco.** 🎉

Individual School Photographs – Friday 6th November 2026

Please note that **individual school photographs** will be taking place on **Friday 6th November 2026**.

 **All children must come to school in full school uniform on this day, including those who would normally have PE.**

😊 Thank you for your support in ensuring all children are dressed smartly for their school photograph.

Autumn Term Clubs – Payment Reminder

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.

Don't Forget to Book School Dinners in Advance!

🍽️ Our online school dinner ordering system is fully up and running. Please remember to book your child's school meals on **SCOPAY** in advance to ensure their meal choice is available each day. Meals for the w/c 3rd November will need to be ordered by Sunday, 25th October 2026.

URGENT REMINDER : Year 6 Secondary School Applications – Deadline: 31st October 2026

This is an important reminder for all Year 6 parents/carers who have not yet submitted their secondary school application for September 2027.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2026. If you do not apply by this date, your application may be treated as late, which could significantly reduce the chances of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools. Due to the increasing demand for secondary school places in the Taunton and Wellington areas, we strongly recommend that you:

- Submit your application by the 31st October 2026.
- List three school preferences (not the same school 3 times).
- Include your catchment school as one of your preferences.

Please be aware that if none of your preferred schools can offer a place and you have not included your catchment school on your application, your child could be allocated a place at a school further from home. In some circumstances, this may also affect eligibility for school transport assistance.

If you have not yet applied, please do so without delay.

APPLY HERE:

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

ADMISSIONS GUIDE:

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

If you require any assistance with the application process, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Parents' Evenings – 25th & 26th November

Parents' Evenings will take place on **Wednesday 25th November and Thursday 26th November 2026**.

This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for a **face-to-face appointment of up to 10 minutes** to discuss your child's progress, achievements and next steps in learning.

Appointments will be available to book after the half-term holiday. We will contact parents with further details and instructions on how to make a booking.

Please note that all appointments must be booked through **SCOPAY**. In the meantime, we ask all parents/carers to check that they can access their SCOPAY account. If you are unable to log in or do not yet have access, please contact the school office as soon as possible and we will be happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming you and discussing your child's progress with you.

Poppy Appeal

After half term, children will have the opportunity to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by purchasing poppies and a selection of remembrance items. Our Year 6 pupils will visit each classroom throughout the week with the collection box, giving all children the chance to buy an item if they wish. Donations help support the important work carried out by the Royal British Legion for serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces and their families.

Items Available:

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| • Paper Poppy - Voluntary Donation | • Festival Band - £1.00 |
| • Metal 2026 Pin - £3.00 | • Reflector - 50p |
| • Snap Ruler - £2.00 | • Zip Pull - 50p |
| • Wristband - £1.00 | |

Please send children with the correct change where possible. Thank you for supporting this important cause and helping us remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. 

Holiday Activities

A holiday activities flyer has been posted on our website under newsletters.

Polite Request

Please ensure that you leave the playground promptly at the end of the school day. Once children have been collected, they should remain with their parent/carer and not continue to play on the equipment or around the school site. We have after-school clubs taking place each day, and these children need to be able to use the playground and outdoor areas safely and without disruption.

For everyone's safety, bikes and scooters must not be ridden on school grounds, particularly through the car park. We ask that all children and adults dismount at the blue gates and push bikes and scooters through the school site. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and ensuring our after-school activities can run smoothly.

Medical & Dental Appointments

A gentle reminder: Please book medical and dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible to avoid children missing valuable learning time.

If an appointment must take place during the school day, please inform the school office in advance.

 *Thank you for 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.



UK Health
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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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	26.11.2026	~~08.10.2026~~ 10.12.2026

