



Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

26 September 2025

Key Dates

SEPTEMBER 25

15/9-20/10 (every Monday) -
Cricket workshops - Yr 4/5 & Yr6

OCTOBER 25

3 - New starters (Sept 26) Open morning
9 - Base new starters open afternoon 3.30pm
8 - New starters (Sept 26) Open morning
8 - Rapid Class Museum Trip
9 - Streams Class Museum Trip
10 - ECO Day
15 - YR2 Museum Workshop
22-24 - Huish Woods Yr4

27 Oct – 3 Nov – school closed for holidays

NOVEMBER 25

3 - Inset Day - School Closed
4 - Flu Spray Vaccines
6 - Base new starters open afternoon 3.30pm
7 - School individual photos
12 - Winter Bedtime Stories
26/27 - Parents Evening

A message from Mrs Brewer, the Head Teacher.

We have welcomed many children this term across the school not just in our Reception Classes and the Autism Centre, but across all the age groups. The children all enjoyed the TT Rockstars & Robots day, one of our new entrants enthralled KS2 and staff with her solo performance at the front of the KS2 assembly, it was lovely to see her having so much fun 😊. We are looking forward to learning about Harvest celebrations around the world this coming week - please refer to the letter sent home re: small harvest donations for our Taunton Food Bank.

FULL ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS ESSENTIAL- REGULAR ABSENCE IS REGARDED AS A CHILD SAFEGUARDING ISSUE

Allergies & Lunch boxes

This is a reminder to please not include anything in packed lunches that **contain Nuts.** We have multiple children in school with nut allergies. **This includes sandwiches filled with chocolate spreads, which often are made with hazelnuts**

YEAR 6 Secondary School Open Evenings **IMPORTANT******

**** Please note that the deadline for Secondary School Admissions is Friday 31st October, please see link below to make your application:-**

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

Pyrland School

Open Mornings: Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th October 9.30am – 11.00am

Brymore Academy

Open Mornings: Friday 10th October 9.30am – 12.00pm
Location: Brymore Academy Centre, Cannington TA5 2NB

**** Please see information sheet at the end of this newsletter for useful information when applying for your child's secondary school ****

Rockstars and Robots Day – Wednesday 24th September 2025 - a note from Miss Welch

We had an absolutely fantastic time on Wednesday as we celebrated our Rockstars and Robots Day to mark the exciting launch of Numbots and the relaunch of Times Tables Rock Stars! The school was buzzing with energy as children came dressed in the most amazing costumes – from glittery rockstars to shiny robots, the creativity was incredible! Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a range of fun and engaging activities, from challenging each other in times table battles to exploring number bonds and practicing subitizing through interactive games. It was wonderful to see so many smiles, laughter, and impressive maths skills on display. A huge thank you to all our families for your support in helping to make this day so special – we couldn't have done it without you!

Yr4 Huish Woods 22-24th October 2025

***Spaces available* Please contact the office if your child is interested.**

Thank you to all parents who have made payments to date and registered your children for our Year 4 Huish Wood trip. Medical forms and kit lists will be sent home shortly to help you prepare. Please kindly note that final payments are due by 17th October 2025.

Lost Property

We have new lost property bins! On fairer days we will be putting the lost property out at the front of the school, please ensure lids are locked to keep the clothes dry.



Action Staytions Info



We would like to remind you that we run a chargeable after school club, called 'Action Staytions' which can be booked through the Scopay app on the following times and prices:-

Monday to Friday (term time only)

BREAKFAST (Drop off at School Office)	8.00am to 8.45am	£ 3.50
SHORT SESSION (Pick up - Drop in door)	3.15pm to 4.45pm	£ 6.00
FULL SESSION (Pick up - Drop in door)	3.15pm to 5.45pm (prompt)	£ 9.00

Every session includes a breakfast or a healthy snack.

If you require any further information on how to book or you are having trouble booking in please contact the school office.

Attendance

Attendance is regarded as a Safeguarding issue.

A big thank you to the majority of 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

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 attendance details of absent pupils. The School Attendance worker will make contact if your child is identified in this monitoring.

If you are worried about your child/children's attendance the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with the school attendance worker – Mrs Sue Wright.

Term Time Leave Forms

Can we please ask that if you know that your child is going to be absent from school in advance for any other reason than sickness that you fill out a Term Time Leave form beforehand. Please ask the office if you need a form.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our community is everyone's responsibility. If you see or hear something on school site that worries you, please ask to speak to the school safeguarding team. Sensible safe parking can also be regarded as a safeguarding issue.

Start of School Day

We have been having an increased number of children arriving at school very early and are hanging around at the front of the gates, school gates open at 8.35am. If you are needing to drop your child off early for school, please use our chargeable Action Staytions Breakfast Club which runs from 8am.

Woodlands, Read Alongside & Boardgames Schedule

All the Autumn Term Schedule for Woodlands, Read Alongside and Boardgames can be found at the end of the newsletter, please use this as your point of reference in the future.

Polite Note

We've been experiencing a high number of children needing to use the toilet right before school is open, please ensure your child has used the toilet before arriving at school, your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mobile phones - We would like to ask parents not to use their mobile phone on the school site/playground whilst picking up their children.

Parking reminder

We would like to remind you again to request courteous and polite behaviour whilst parking and bringing into school and collecting your children.

Thank you to those parents who appreciate that the behaviours they model to all the children around at this time are really important.

Whilst appreciating that parking on local roads can be challenging and sometimes emotions may be heightened, can I request that you all consider the impact of verbal and aggressive comments to other adults whether they are local residents or other parents and consider the impact of these behaviours on the children.

I am recommending to any adult, parent, carer or local resident to report such behaviours to the Police.

Collection at the End of the day

Children who have not been collected from the classrooms by 3.25pm will be taken to the Action Staytions childcare facility, this is a chargeable facility. If parents have an emergency which means they cannot arrive on time to collect their child please contact the school office.

Clubs

Clubs continue to run up until the **week commencing 8th December**. All clubs will finish at **4:15pm**, and **pick-up points** will be clearly displayed next to the school office and at the end of this newsletter

CLASS ACTIVITIES

Swimming

Thames and Mersey (Tuesday)	09.09.25 – 09.12.25
Medway (Thursday)	11.09.25 – 20.11.25

PE Days

Children to wear P.E. kit to school on their P.E days

Dove & Eden	Friday- Indoor PE	Severn	Wednesday - Indoor PE Monday - Outdoor PE	Mersey	Monday - Indoor PE Wednesday - Outdoor PE
Tweed	Monday - Indoor PE Wednesday - Outdoor PE	Avon	Tuesday - Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE	Thames	Monday - Indoor PE Wednesday - Outdoor PE
Medway	Thursday - Indoor PE Tuesday - Outdoor PE	Dart	Wednesday - Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE		
Tamar	Tuesday - Indoor PE Thursday - Outdoor PE	Derwent	Tuesday - Indoor PE Friday - Outdoor PE		

Woodlands/Garden – Autumn Term 2025

Tweed	21.10.25 / 11.12.25	Severn	09.10.25 / 18.11.25	Derwent	16.10.25
Tamar	25.09.25 / 09.12.25	Avon	02.10.25 / 25.11.25	Mersey	16.09.25
Medway	23.09.25 / 13.11.25	Dart	04.11.25 / 04.12.25	Thames	18.09.25

Boardgames 2:45pm – 3:10pm – Autumn Term 2025

Tweed	25.09.25	Severn	06.11.25	Mersey	04.12.25
Tamar	13.11.25	Avon	09.10.25	Thames	13.11.25
Medway	27.11.25	Dart	16.10.25		
		Derwent	02.10.25		

Read Alongside 2:45pm – 3.10pm – Autumn Term 2025

Eden	26.11.25	Medway	08.10.25	Derwent	24.09.25
Dove	22.10.25	Severn	03.12.25	Mersey	01.10.25
Tweed	15.10.25	Avon	05.11.25	Thames	10.12.25
Tamar	12.11.25	Dart	19.11.25		

Club Collection Points at 4.15pm– WC 15th September – WC 8th December 2025

Monday		Gate
Boardgames Club KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Avon Classroom	KS2
Book Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Tamar Classroom	KS1
Colouring Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Dart Classroom	KS2
Construction Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Tweed Classroom	KS1
Dance Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Medway Classroom	KS1
Eco Club KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	KS2 Playground	KS2
Gruffalo Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Dove Classroom	KS1
Lego Club KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Medway Classroom	KS1
Printing/Art Club UKS2 (Years 5 & 6)	Severn Classroom	KS1
Tuesday		
Lego Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Medway Classroom	KS1
Craft Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Tamar Classroom	KS1
Bracelet Making Club KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Eden Classroom	KS1
Wednesday		
Book Club KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	KS2 Playground	KS2
Spanish Club KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Main Entrance	n/a
Art Club KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)	Dove Classroom	KS1

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
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 meters (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- 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
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities.

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18mths - 6yrs

SATURDAY

TAUNTON

0900-0900, 18m-3y

0900-1020, 3-6y

**FREE
TRIAL**



SUNDAY

CHARD

0900-0900, 18m-3y

0900-1020, 3-6y

**NORTH
PETHERTON**

0900-0900, 18m-3y

0900-1020, 3-6y



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NETBALL YOUTH CAMP



DATE: TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

LOCATION: COURT FIELD SCHOOL

TIME: 10-3

COST: £25

(£15 SIBLING DISCOUNT FOR FULL PRICE)

IF YOUR AFTER A TRICK OR A TREAT IT'S
THE ULTIMATE DAY FOR NETBALL
LOVERS!

SPACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOK
USING THE FORM BELOW

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/CKJ82A6AHC](https://forms.office.com/E/CKJ82A6AHC)

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT
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OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that parents will need to check out safeguarding themselves as we as a school have not checked clearances etc and cannot recommend or guarantee this has been done.

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DANCE
ACT
**CREATIVE
COURAGE
FOR LIFE!**

Stagecoach Taunton

Delve into the creative arts with our combined singing, dancing and drama classes.

Join us for a Two-Week Trial

Now enrolling for the Autumn term.

A two week trial is £25 for Early Stages (4-6 yrs) & £50 for Main Stages (6-18 yrs).

Weekly classes available on Fridays at Selworthy School and Fridays at Parkfield Primary School. All teachers are fully trained and DBS checked.

Holiday Workshops

No experience necessary, our super-creative team have put together these courses which are suitable for the total novice through to those that live and breathe the performing arts.

Spooktacular Halloween Workshop 27th - 28th October 2025


Festive Fun Workshop 22nd - 23rd December 2025

Parkfield Primary School, Taunton 10am – 4pm, Ages 4–18 Years.

*OFSTED stipulate that we can only have four year olds for a maximum of four hours per day.

Available to book online. Scan the QR code for more info.

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- Mud Kitchens
- Nature Crafts
- Firelighting
- Campfires
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EXPLORE LEARN GROW

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

CHOICE ADVICE

Advice and support on school admissions and appeals



Call us on **01823 356 903**



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or scan the QR code



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