



# Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

10 October 2025

## Key Dates

### OCTOBER 25

- 15 - YR2 Museum Workshop
- 15 - School Disco
- 17 - Show Racism the Red Card Day
- 22-24 - Huish Woods Yr4

**27 Oct-3 Nov – school closed for holiday**

### NOVEMBER 25

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

## Friends Of Holway Events



**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**DISCO**

*(remember to bring your slip and money with you on the night)*

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**RAINBOW FAYRE**

### YEAR 6 Secondary School Admissions **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**\*\* Please note that the deadline for Secondary School Admissions is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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/>**

**\*\* If you feel that you need further advice or support with applying for your child's secondary school, please see the "Choice Advice" leaflet at the end of this newsletter**

### Yr4 Huish Woods 22-24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Thank you to all of the parents that have sent back Medical forms for Huish Woods so far, we still have a few outstanding could you please return to the School Office by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### Missing glasses

Some pairs of glasses have been handed into the School Office. If your child has recently lost their glasses, please take a look at the photo below. If they belong to your child, please pop by the School Office to collect them.



### Big Brush survey (KS1)

As part of you signing your child up to taking part in The Supervised Toothbrushing, parents are required to fill out a short survey about their child's current dental routine and dental situation, please log in using the link below to complete the survey.

**[www.bigbrushclub.co.uk/parent-survey](http://www.bigbrushclub.co.uk/parent-survey)**

All information from this survey is fed back to the NHS and will show how Big Brush can support the community to better Oral Health in the Southwest.



### Show Racism the Red Card Day

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a Show Racism the Red Card Day, to acknowledge this children can come to school wearing something red.

### Email parent/carer contacts - gmail

We have noticed that due to gmail securities, some parents/carers have not been receiving emails from the School Office. Please ensure that if your contact email address is gmail that you have added the School Office email address to your 'safe user' contacts to ensure that you receive all emails that are sent out.

### Flu Spray Vaccines

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 all children at Holway Park Primary School will have the opportunity to receive a flu vaccination at school. The closing date for submitting the consent form online is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at midday. Please see link below for further details. Unfortunately, if you do not submit the consent form in time you will lose the opportunity for your child to receive the vaccination in school and will have to make alternative arrangements. Please complete the consent form online even if you do not consent to the vaccination.

Decision form: <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Unique school code: (Holway Park Primary School) unique code **SM123739**

### Taunton Food Bank - A Note From Mrs Smith

#### **Thank You for Supporting Taunton Food Bank**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who generously donated to Taunton Food Bank on Wednesday 1st October as part of our *Harvest Around the World* celebration.

Thanks to your contributions, we were able to provide much-needed supplies to those in our local area who are facing difficult times (This photo doesn't even show half of the donations that we received!). It was wonderful to see our school community come together to make a real difference.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for helping us share the spirit of harvest with others.

Miss Smith



### Allergies & Lunch boxes

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

### 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.

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

#### 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.**

### **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.



### **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.

### **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
- 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.

## CLASS ACTIVITIES

### Swimming

<b>Thames and Mersey (Tuesday)</b>	<b>09.09.25 – 09.12.25</b>
<b>Medway (Thursday)</b>	<b>11.09.25 – 20.11.25</b>

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> September – WC 8<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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.

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**



Fill in our online form  
[www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice)



Contact us via email  
[choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk)  
or scan the QR code



# 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  
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ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
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more!

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5 - 11  
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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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TAUNTON

# Halloween Workshop

Where Spooky Drama Meets Pop Power



SING. DANCE. ACT.

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October

# SLAY!

10am-4pm (ages 5-18)

• 12-4pm (for 4 year olds, as per OFSTED guidance)

Parkfield Primary School

9am-4pm - £49



OR Join us 22nd & 23rd December  
SING. DANCE. ACT. SLEIGH



## FESTIVE FUN WORKSHOP

We hope you enjoyed watching Cinderella as much as we enjoyed performing it. This is Rainbow Theatre's TENTH Christmas in the South West and it was a complete sell out.

Rainbow Theatre would love to make your 2025 Christmas extra special with another magic panto. Enjoy Sleeping Beauty and her enchanting story in one of the most popular Rainbow pantomimes.

**Rainbow Theatre proudly presents**



# Sleeping Beauty

**Christmas Pantomime 2025**

Our productions are booked on a first come first serve basis and unfortunately several of our schools from last Christmas missed out this year due to enquiring too late in the year. To avoid this disappointment I am offering to fix the cost of what you paid for Cinderella if you re-book by the end of January 2025. So don't delay, places will sell out fast and we don't want you to miss out on the chance of experiencing the magic of Rainbow Theatre with another spectacular panto for Christmas 2025.

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