



# Holway Park Community Primary School

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Stargaze, Spirit, and Strive to Sparkle!

24 October 2025

## Key Dates

### OCTOBER 25

*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

19-21 - Yr4 Huish Woods REVISED

26/27 - Parents Evening

## Friends Of Holway Events



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

### A message from Mrs Brewer, the Head Teacher.

Pupils have had the opportunity to participate in two special days, ECO day and wear Red to show racism the red card. Learning to respect and tolerate different cultures within our community is such a valuable life skill.

Wishing everyone a good restful break we look forward seeing you all again on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### YEAR 6 Secondary School Admissions

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

#### 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**

#### Inset Day

Please note that school will be closed for Inset Day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

#### School Photo's

Please note that the school photographer will be visiting on

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025,**

please ensure your child comes to school wearing their school uniform. If you have a PE day please bring your PE kit in a bag.

### **London Residential – March 2026 Year 5**

We have a few spaces available on our Year 5 London Residential trip which is a rare occurrence on this popular trip. Over three action-packed days, students will enjoy unforgettable experiences including visits to a museum, a ride on the London Eye, a tour of the Tower of London, and a spectacular West End theatre show. If your child is interested, please contact the office for more information asap to avoid disappointment.

### **Huish Woods – Revised Date 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

Thank you so much for your understanding regarding the postponement of our Huish Woods trip. We're delighted to let you know that we've secured new date of 19th to 21st November 2025. We're really looking forward to the trip.

### **We the Curious - Year 4/5's – Revised Date Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

An email has been sent advising parents of the revised date, if you've already sent back a consent form there's no need to send it again.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Poppy Appeal 2025**

Poppy items will be available for purchase from the school office starting at 3:15pm on Tuesday, 4th November 2025, please see suggested price list.



## **Poppy Appeal 2025**

*Support the Royal British Legion and wear your poppy with pride.*

**Available Items & Prices**

- Plastic Free Poppy – 50p
- Paper Plastic Poppy – 50p
- Metal 2025 Pin – £2
- Slap Band / Ruler – £1
- Plastic Wristband – £1
- Fabric Wristband – £1
- Reflector Poppy – 50p

## Food Bank Donation

Foodbank extends heartfelt thanks for the generous food donations received during the Harvest season.



## 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.

## **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.

## **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.**

### **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.

### **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.

## 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	11.12.25	Severn	18.11.25	Derwent	27.11.25
Tamar	09.12.25	Avon	25.11.25	Mersey	20.11.25
Medway	13.11.25	Dart	04.11.25 / 04.12.25	Thames	11.11.25

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

Tweed	-	Severn	06.11.25	Mersey	04.12.25
Tamar	13.11.25	Avon	-	Thames	13.11.25
Medway	27.11.25	Dart	-		
		Derwent	-		

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

Eden	26.11.25	Medway	-	Derwent	-
Dove	-	Severn	03.12.25	Mersey	-
Tweed	-	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.



New for 2026!

Are you searching for a low-cost, highly inclusive sport that gets every child active and engaged?

You've heard the hype, now become the first school in your area to bring Pickleball to your PE lessons, using Sport Premium funding!

### What is Pickleball?

Pickleball is a cross between tennis, badminton and table tennis.

It's played with paddles and a plastic ball, making it **quiet, safe** and instantly **accessible** to young children.

It improves essential **motor skills** such as hand-eye coordination, agility, teamwork and spatial awareness.

Our Pickleball programme can be fully **funded**.

Our programme is designed for schools to fund using the **PE and Sport Premium**, helping you make lasting, targeted improvements to your sport provision.

We provide the equipment packages, simple lesson plans and teacher training.

### Benefits of our programme:

**Simple to implement**, requires minimal equipment and can be played inside or out.

- Delivers **CPD-focused training** to upskill staff to teach pickleball.
- Ensures **equal access** for boys and girls to a new, engaging sport.
- Raises the **profile of PE** through a modern, exciting activity.
- Builds **long-term sustainability**, Pickleball remains part of your PE provision.

We'd love to show you how easy it is to bring this international phenomenon to your school. Click below to complete an enquiry form. For an immediate answer, give our planning team a call on **01536 411334**.

<https://www.educationgroup.co.uk/book-a-workshop?source=Mailchimp>

OCTOBER HALF TERM

# TIGERS CAMP

MON 27 | TUES 28 | WEDS 29

9-4PM

8-14 YEARS OLD

@ RICHARD HUISH COLLEGE

£20 PER DAY OR £50 FOR 3 DAYS

CONTACT - GARYC@RICHUIH.AC.UK



huish  
TIGERS  
Basketball

BABY CUBS | 10:30-11:15  
RECEPTION - YR2

JUNIOR CUBS | 11:15-12:15  
RECEPTION - YR3-YR5

# TIGERS CUBS SATURDAYS



@ RICHARD HUISH / CONTACT - GARYC@RICHUIH.AC.UK



# GIRLS ONLY SESSION

THURS 30 OCTOBER

9-12PM

10-16 YEARS OLD

@ RICHARD HUISH COLLEGE

£10 PER HEAD

CONTACT - LEWISC@RICHUIH.AC.UK



@ RICHARD HUISH  
12:15-1:15PM  
CONTACT  
GARYC@RICHUIH.AC.UK

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TIGERS  
Basketball

# SATURDAY SESSIONS

U12/U14 | YEARS 6/7/8/9





**Brainwave**  
Unlocking Children's Potential  
Be bold, be bright  
for Brainwave #boldbrightbrainwave

**Open Day**  
Everyone Welcome!

**Wednesday 19 November 2025**

Choose a time slot: 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm

Brainwave Centre, Marsh Lane, Huntworth Gate,  
Bridgwater, TA6 6LQ

Each session includes:

- ★ Therapy demonstrations
- ★ Tours of our Retail Centre, accommodation lodges, sensory garden, and hydrotherapy pool
- ★ Refreshments available

Any questions? Please call us on 01278 429089 or email [fundraising@brainwave.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@brainwave.org.uk)  
[brainwave.org.uk/brainwave-open-day-2025](http://brainwave.org.uk/brainwave-open-day-2025)

brainwave.org.uk

Registered Office: Marsh Lane, Huntworth Gate, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 6LQ

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Brainwave is a charity (1073238 / SC039137) and a company limited by guarantee (3664739)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 11:00am - 3:00pm**

# Family Half Term Fun & Dog Show

Northfield House, Staplegrove Road, Taunton, TA1 1DG

Come and enjoy a family fun day at Somerset Sight and support your local charity.

**Fun Dog Show** – Starts 11.30am. £3 per class  
Sponsored by Skinners Dog Food

**Traditional Family Games** – all games free.

**Fresh locally sourced BBQ.**

**Spooky Magic Show**

**Prize for best carved Pumpkin – bring own carved pumpkin.**

In aid of Somerset Sight. Charity number: 1154472

Please be advised that there will be no parking available at Northfield House




**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN YOUR LOCAL AREA**  
Can you help?



**We are looking for volunteers across Somerset to work one-to-one with sight impaired people.**  
**Our befriending service volunteers visit regularly to provide companionship and support to people with sight impairment.**

We offer full training and support, and pay all reasonable out of pocket expenses, including mileage.  
If you would like to know more about joining our friendly team, please contact us on 01823 333818 or email: [admin@somersetsight.org.uk](mailto:admin@somersetsight.org.uk)

Head Office Address:  
Northfield House, 51 Staplegrove Road, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1DG.  
Tel: 01823 333 818 | [www.somersetsight.org.uk](http://www.somersetsight.org.uk)  
Registered charity number: 1154472 | Company number: 8432686



## Wellington Swimming Club

# WELCOMES NEW SWIMMERS

*Swimming compliments a wide range of sports, is excellent for fitness and builds confidence in a safe and fun environment.*

### What are your swimming goals?

- To develop your strokes?
- To get fit?
- To compete?

### Why not try Wellington Swimming Club?

- a small, nurturing group,
- based at Wellington Sports Centre
- with passionate and professional coaches

For more information or to book a FREE trial session please email us at [WSC\\_MA@outlook.com](mailto:WSC_MA@outlook.com) or complete the contact form on our website [www.wellingtonswimmingclub.com](http://www.wellingtonswimmingclub.com)



# Half-Term Holiday Activities: Art Adventures



**27–29 October 2025, 10:30–15:30**

Take inspiration from Wells Art Contemporary (WAC) installations in the Cathedral this half term with our creative drop-in workshops for families!

**Monday 27 October**

### **Branching Out**

Explore relationships between humans and trees with 2D and 3D art

**Tuesday 28 October**

### **Willow and Windows**

Create a willow-framed suncatcher

**Wednesday 29 October**

### **Decorate a Deck**

Design a deck and create your own mini skateboard model



Admission **FREE** with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](https://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays)

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.



**WELLS  
ART**  
CONTEMPORARY