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We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Pupil Information Evening next week. Please come through the main office door and make your way to your child's classroom where you can enjoy spending some time looking through their books.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the PTA volunteers who have helped at this evening's disco. We are lucky that so many people have stepped up to help ensure that the disco was well staffed. I hope that the children had a good time. Particularly thanks go to DJ Lethbridge, supported by Daisy and Amelia, who did an amazing job with the entertainment.

FOREST SCHOOL

In Forest School this week, the Year 5 children were tasked with making wren nests. This was to provide nesting materials for the wrens to use in the spring. The children placed sticks into a cut disk and then, using flexible lengths of various plants, wove it into a cone shape. They poked sheep's wool into the middle and then hung them in the trees ready for the wrens to use.

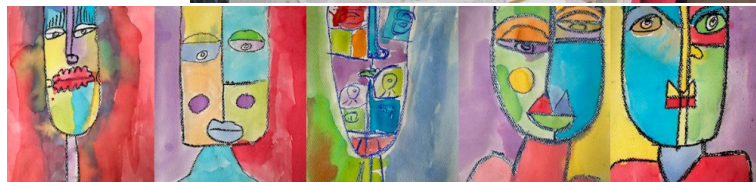


VISIT FROM MR HUXTABLE



Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Steve Huxtable, the Mayor of Crediton, into school to meet with our newly elected School Council and see our Book Talk provision. At the start of 2025, Steve very generously donated hundreds of pounds worth of book stock to school, brand new sets of texts to use for teaching in reading. The classes had made a collection of cards for Steve which the School Council presented to him and he was very appreciative. The School Council enjoyed discussing with Steve what a council is and what his role is in the town. Steve said he really enjoyed his visit to the school and said he will try to come back again before Christmas!

ART OPPORTUNITY



A group of children enjoyed working with 'Kick Start Arts' Linda Williamson on Wednesday afternoon, following the assembly she delivered to all pupils.

Linda introduced all children to her Kick Start Art 'Portrait' competition for this term. Children are invited to get creative and produce a portrait in any style – drawing, painting, collage, or mixed media. Medals and certificates will be awarded, and entries close on Sunday 16th November 2025.

Find out more: [Kick Start Art – Portraits Challenge webpage](#)

Watch the project video: Portraits Challenge video on [YouTube](#)

PICK n' MIX

We are looking forward to seeing the children's Pick n' Mix contributions on Wednesday 22nd October. It is a great opportunity to develop a child's independent learning skills by helping them select something that interests and excites them from the repertoire of tasks available. Children will be asked to bring in their work where they will receive feedback from their peers and key adults whilst walking around an exhibition of their classes work.

Hayward's Primary School

Y6/6 Home learning: Autumn Term **How did WW2 affect life in Europe?**

Take a look at the activities below. There are lots to choose from! We would like you to choose an activity each half term and complete it at home. As you are aiming for just one in a half term, please spend some time to make sure it is your best work. You should then bring your home learning into school on the dates specified below. During that week, you will have a chance to share your projects with your friends.

It is up to you how to present and organise your work but please ask if you would like any help or guidance along the way.

We look forward to seeing what you come up with **as this will be displayed at our end of topic day!**

Find out about a famous figure (military, entertainment, science) from WW2 and write a fact file.	Create a WW2 propaganda poster to encourage people to contribute towards the war effort.	We Can Do It!	Find out about a relative or local person who was alive in World War 2. What did they experience? Present what you have found out in a creative way!
Write a poem about a key event, or person's experience, in WW2.	Write a fact sheet or WW2 places, tanks or military vehicles.		Read a fiction book based in WW2 and write a book review.
Make a model of a WW2 garden/playing area in a sketch.	Find a WW2 nation recipe, make it at home and take a photo of your creation.		Visit a location in Devon which was significant in WW2. Create a guide for visitors.
Draw and label a person from WW2 wearing a uniform from either: The Army, Airforce, ATS, Home Guard or Land Girls.	Find out about a city or town which was bombed during The Blitz and make a poster about it.		Listen to a song from WW2 and choose one to write the lyrics out for and decorate.

Pick n' Mix Due Dates:
Autumn 1: Wednesday 22nd October Autumn 2: Wednesday 10th December

PICK N' MIX HOME LEARNING SHARING

Wednesday 22nd October and Wednesday 10th December

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



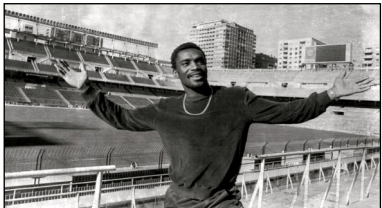
Black History Month is an important event that we recognise every year at Hayward's. It helps us:

- Recognise and celebrate key achievements.
- Recognise and celebrate those who have overcome adversity, racism and prejudice.
- Celebrate uniqueness and diversity
- Find heroes that can inspire us.

In our assemblies, over the last three years, we have learnt about some amazing people. Can your child identify any of them



This week we learnt about Laurie Cunningham and his amazing achievements as a professional footballer who played for England. We also learnt about Plymouth footballer Jack Leslie and how, having been selected by England, he was then de-selected as there was so much outcry over the thought of a black player playing football for England. We reflected together on how sad racism was and sadly still is.



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

We will be hosting a parent information session in the school hall on Thursday 13th November at 2:45pm. Based on the results of the parent survey, which saw responses from more than 125 families, we will be continuing with out plans to promote a smartphone free childhood by saying no to smartphones in school.

From September 2026, we plan to no longer allow Year 5 children (current Year 4 children) to bring Smartphones to school. From September 2027, no children will be allowed to bring Smartphones to school. We will use the meeting to work with parents to explore the evidence around smartphone use in childhood and to problem solve any potential barriers.

EYFS OPEN DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY



HAYWARD'S EYFS OPEN EVENT 'STAY and PLAY'

If you have a child starting primary school in September 2026, you will be considering which school is right for you and your child. Come and visit our Hayward's family, see our brilliant Early Years unit and meet our experienced Early Years staff. During the visit you will have a short presentation, a guided tour with some of our Year 6 Ambassadors and the opportunity to stay and play with your child, alongside some of the children already in our Early Years classes. We are offering two dates for visits:

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 1:30pm
Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 9:30am

Please phone or email the school office to book a place at the open morning. If you are unable to make this time, please call the school office to arrange another visit with the Headteacher. We look forward to meeting you!

Contact office@haywards.devon.sch.uk or (01383) 772970

The application window for a child starting primary school in September 2026 is fast approaching. If your child was born between 1 **September 2021** and **31 August 2022** they are due to start primary school in September 2026.

To make an application, which must be done **Between November 15th 2025 and the 15th January 2026**, please go through the Devon Portal by clicking [here](#)

SPORTS STAR—LAST WEEK



Well done to Deliah, Catherine, Rogan, Lincoln, Sky and James who all impressed Mr Kelly last week by demonstrating the Hayward's Hero values within their PE lessons.


EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



Year 1 have had a lot of fun making cardboard tube crafts to inspire our writing. This is part of our work on the stories 'Not a Stick' and 'Not a Box' by Antoinette Portis.



KICKBOXING



Kickboxing

@ Haywards Primary School

After School Club

Come and have fun with your friends playing games and hitting pads...

Bring out the warrior in you and learn some fun skills and drills.

The course is aimed for all ages and ability levels.

Starts: 10th November 2025
Ends: 15th December 2025
6 week course

Monday's 15:30-16:30pm

For any further information call 07502 529123 or email office@vmmfitness.co.uk

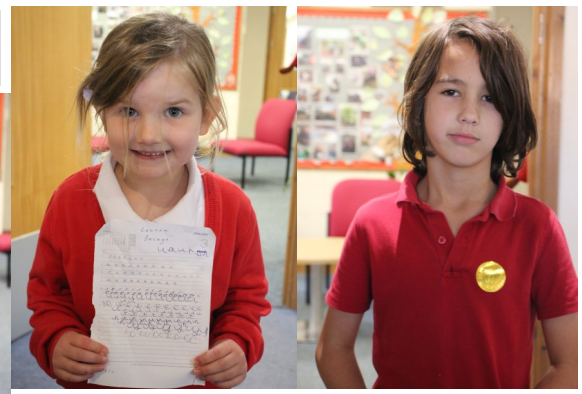
HOW TO BOOK:

1. Select after school club
2. Click the school logo
3. Follow the instructions

£24

Per Person

HEADTEACHER AWARD



Well done to Kaleb for the progress in his handwriting, to Freya and Iris for passing their STANley 5, to Jacob for making such pleasing progress in his phonics, to Lauren for the amazing effort that she has been putting into her handwriting at home and school, to Alfie for demonstrating outstanding Hayward's Hero values, to Bonnie for doing some brilliant research on Laurie Cunningham following our assembly, to Roxy for passing her STANley 4, to Nithi for the positive attitude that she is showing in the classroom and to Emily for showing a brilliant attitude in her English lessons this week. Well done everybody!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is essential that children, unless they are really unwell, are in school every day. Any absence from school should be rare; significant; unavoidable and short, although we understand that unexpected episodes e.g. stays in hospital are unavoidable. Setting up good attendance routines now, will hold you in better stead as children move through the school and on into secondary school and into working life. Please click [here](#) for the school's latest attendance policy.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE THROUGH SCHOOL

Foodbank Voucher—A reminder that school is able to contact the Foodbank to arrange a delivery if required. Please come and speak to Mrs Bedford, Mrs Raychell or Mr Smith if you need some support.

The Renew Uniform Shop—Our recycled uniform shop is stocked up with plenty of quality items at the fraction of the normal price. The shop is open on Thursday and Friday after school if you would like to visit.

Early Help—A reminder that part of Mrs Raychell's job is to offer Early Help to families. Please speak with her to find out more.

KEY DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October	Autumn Term Parents' Evening
Friday 24th October 2025	Year 6 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 4th November 2025	Tapestry Learning Journal 'drop in clinic' after school from 3:45-4:15pm
Tuesday 11th November 2025	Read Write Inc (RWI) EYFS Parent Workshop
Thursday 13th November 2025	EYFS Superhero Day – Celebrating our topic 'Only One Me!'
Thursday 13th November 2025 at 2:45pm	Smartphone Free Childhood Presentation
Tuesday 25th November 2025	Christmas Bingo at Hayward's (Evening—Time TBC)
Friday 28th November 2025	Year 3 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Saturday 29th November 2025	Lights on ceremony in the square at 15.35pm (Y5 and Y6 choir performance)
Tues 2nd (pm) and Weds 3rd December (am)	EYFS Christmas Nativity Play
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Christmas Dinner Days (Christmas Jumpers optional)
Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 3:45pm	Y2 Christmas Singing
Thursday 11th December 2025 at 3:45pm	Y1 Christmas Singing
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Morning KS2 rehearsal at the Church (Y3 to Y6)
Wednesday 17th December 2025	KS2 Carol Service @ 2pm in the Church
Wednesday 17th December 2025	EYFS Christmas Party
Friday 6th February 2026	Year 2 Poetry Celebration Assembly
2nd-6th March 2026	Grenville House Residential —Y6
Friday 27th March 2026	Year 5 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Weds 25th to Fri 27th March 2026	Great Potheridge Residential — Y4
Friday 22nd May 2026	Year 4 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Friday 3rd July 2026	Year 1 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Friday 10th July 2026	EYFS Poetry Celebration Assembly