



UPDATE

What a wild and blustery week that was! Thanks to everybody who attended the Pupil Information Evenings this week. I hope you found the evening informative. It was lovely hearing all of the positive conversations as you were passing my office.

BREAD MAKING IN YEAR 5



The children in Year 5 have been bread-making this week. They have investigated the taste of different bread types and have then learnt how to make their own. Having baked their master-pieces, they then had the opportunity to taste and evaluate their product. The children learnt some brilliant skills this week and have had great fun at the same time.



AUTHOR VISIT



We were delighted to welcome Clare Barker, author of the Knitbone Pepper series, to introduce her new book Hettie Nettle's Handbook for Hedgewitches. The children were very excited to see Clare again as she has come in previously. On arrival, she told Mrs Seller "I am so delighted to be back at Hayward's because I remember this school so well: the children are so enthusiastic and have such an energy for reading!" It was lovely for us to have Clare back here too! She will be at The Bookery next week 2.30pm - 4.30pm doing a Storytelling workshop. It looks like it is sold out, but she did say it's worth enquiring as they might be able to squeeze some more children in!

BOW FOOTBALL FESTIVAL



On Friday, some Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed a football festival at Bow Primary School. There was some precision passing, dynamic dribbling and great goals. The children represented the school well winning 4 games and losing 1. Mr Baker reported that, as always, "it was a privilege to be involved and our Hayward's Hero qualities were again on show". Well done to Ben, Freddie, Ozzie, Oscar, Albie, Ruben, Oliver, Ellie, Leo and James.

FOOTBALL AT THE LEISURE CENTRE

The children from Year 5 and Year 6 participated in a festival of football this week on the astroturf at Crediton Leisure Centre with five other schools. We played a high tempo game and pressed hard throughout.

Hayward's Red and Blacks won 1 game and lost 2 but persevered well. The 29's, as they now seem to be called, won all of their games and also played some very stylish football which impressed their newly upskilled coach. Thanks to all for their participation.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2025



Children in Need will be taking place on Friday 14th November 2025. The School Council have been working with Mrs Seller in order to plan our events for the day.

The children have chosen to:

- Invite children to bring in 50p in order to 'Wear their Own Pyjamas' for the day.
- Invite families to donate cakes for an after-school cake sale.
- Each class will be doing 25 of something in order to meet the requirements of this year's theme 'Challenge yourself to 25'.
- Ask children to let them know if they are tackling any Challenge 25s for themselves which we can advertise through the newsletter.

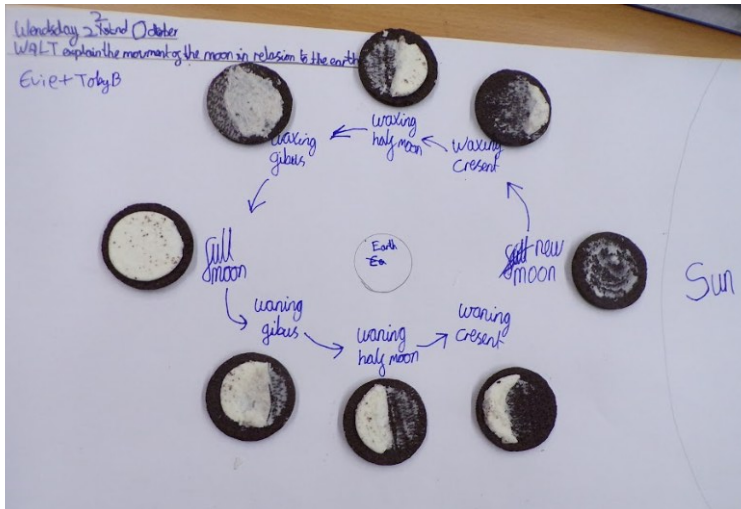
CHURCH PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The Church have contacted us to let us know that the Christmas Tree Festival will be taking place between Thursday 4 December and Sunday 7 December.

There will be no problem with dropping off in the car park on the Thursday and Friday as this takes place before the Festival opens. However, there is no guarantee that there will be space in the car park at pickup time as the Festival is open until 6pm. Families may wish to make alternative arrangements on these days.

SCIENCE—PHASES OF THE MOON

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the phases of the moon through oreos! What a clever way to bring Science to life.



APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

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](#)

A reminder that our last Open Event is taking place on Tuesday 4th November at 9:30am

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 our 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.

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

FINE ART HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
28TH & 29TH OCTOBER
 Create a spooky masterpiece!
 10.00am-12.00pm-£15.00 per class
 TO BOOK GO TO:
WWW.AURORASHINEONLINE.COM
EMMYLOUART.COM
 07949293463

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THE OUTDOORS AT
HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS
AT ESCOT FOREST SCHOOL
MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

JOIN US FOR:
 CHESTNUT ROASTING,
 CLAY MODELLING,
 WHITTLING,
 HALLOWEEN CRAFTS,
 DEN BUILDING,
 FIRE LIGHTING.

BOOK NOW!

The White Room Creative Space
 50 Commonmarsh Lane
 Crediton, Devon, EX17 1DN
 07422712884
info@whiteroomdevon.co.uk

SPORTS STAR



Well done to Hector, Xander, Martim, Freddie, Julia and Ida who all impressed Mr Kelly last week by demonstrating the Hayward's Hero values within their PE lessons.

HEART PROJECT and ARTS CENTRE YEAR 6

Crediton Heart Project and Crediton Arts Centre have organised some free art workshops for young people during half term. Join artists and the youth work team for some fun and creative activities. All FREE!

Drumming workshop – all welcome - Monday 27th October, 2pm to 5pm – all welcome. Book [here](#)

Clay Trinket Box making workshop (Girls only)
 - Thursday 30th October, 2pm to 5pm - Make your trinket box
 - Thursday 13th November 3.30 to 5.30 - Decorate your trinket box. Book [here](#)

KICKBOXING

Kickboxing
 @ Hayward's 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

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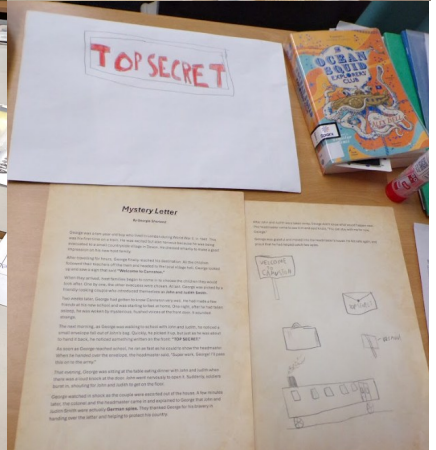
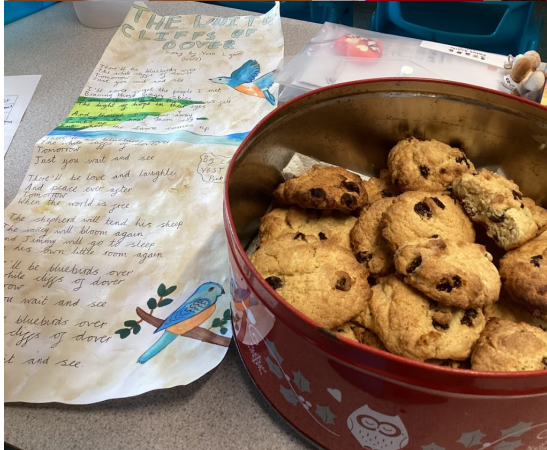
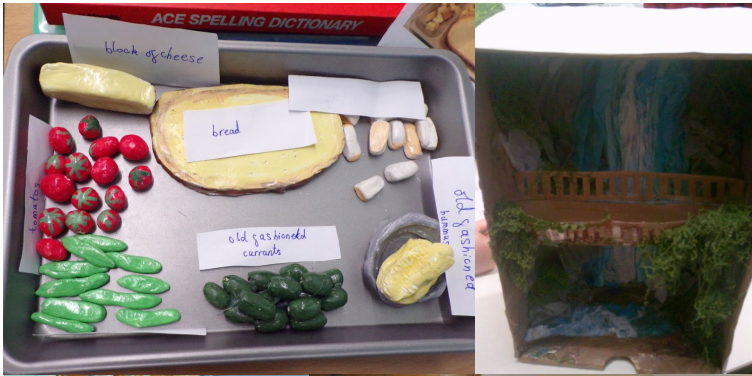
HOW TO BOOK:
www.vmmfitness.co.uk/shop
 1. Select after school club
 2. Check the school logo
 3. Follow the instructions

£24
 Per Person

PICK N' MIX HOME-LEARNING SHARING
 Wednesday 10th December 2025

PICK N' MIX

Another great round of Pick N'Mix this half-term. It was lovely seeing the different ways that the children presented their home-learning tasks to their peers.



LUCY AWARD

Well done to Millie and Millie who have both worked incredibly hard to clear up their local areas.

Both are incredibly well-deserving of our Lucy Award. Well done!



HEADTEACHER AWARD



Well done to our EYFS volunteer, Dee, who did amazingly well at the recent Special Olympics. Congratulations from everybody at Hayward's. Well done to Emilia for the hard work that she is putting into her spellings, to Leighton for the hard work that he is putting into his handwriting, to Alife and Wren for some impressive additional home-learning linked to our assemblies on Black History Month, to Alfie for the effort that he is putting into improving his handwriting, to Delliah for achieving her STANley 5, to Leelah and Evelyn for being super helpful in the school hall at lunchtimes, to Millie for passing her STANley 6 and 7, to Arthur for showing brilliant application to his home-learning, to Havana for doing so well in her reading and spelling and to Emily and Jessica for some really impressive writing. Well done!



KEY DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

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
Friday 14th November 2025	Children in Need
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 2:45pm	Y2 Christmas Singing
Thursday 11th December 2025 at 2:45pm	Y1 Christmas Signing
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