



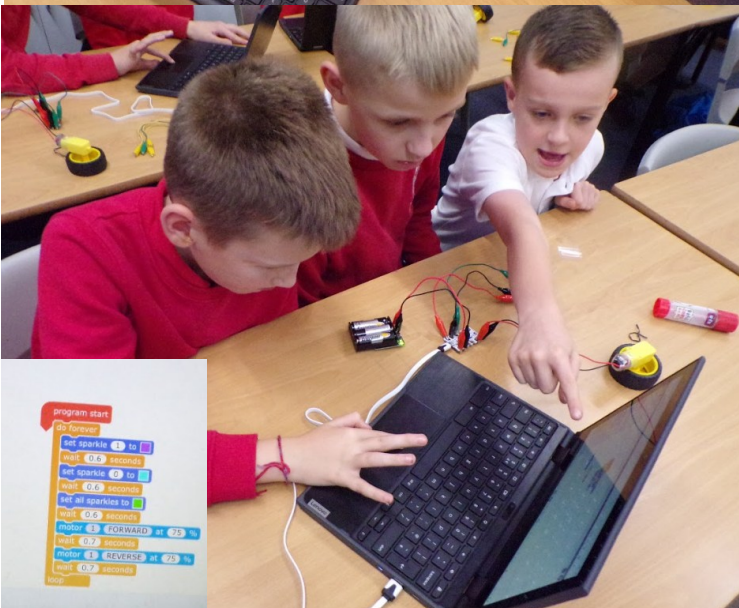
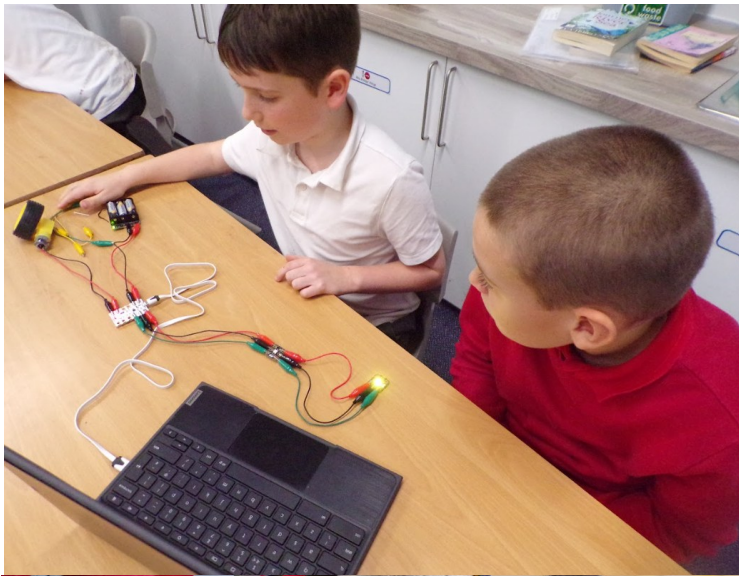
UPDATE

I am sure you will join me in offering Izzie Spencer our congratulations following her wedding over half-term. Izzie will now be known as Spencer-Webb. I hope that you all have a great weekend.

PROMPT START TO THE SCHOOL DAY

Can I please remind all families that school starts at 8:55am. Children need to be in class ready for the start of the school day by that time (unless prior arrangements have already been made by the school). Opening the gates at 8:45am hopefully gives a large enough window for children to arrive and get settled for the start of the school day.

COMPUTING — CRUMBLE KIT



The children in Year 5 have had a successful afternoon trying out the new 'Crumble' kit for the first time - flashing lights and spinning wheels galore, along with plenty of collaboration and problem-solving!

The children use Scratch to programme the equipment in order to get the desired result. The children are now ready to start designing and creating some Mars Rovers!

YEAR 3 ART



The children in Year 4 have been making lino prints based on the work of John Banting.

They have used patterns that they had observed in fossils to create surrealist designs which we then etched into styrofoam.

The children then created a watercolour background which we printed our designs onto.

YEAR 3 ART



We were fortunate enough to get a visit this week from Lucy Smith. Lucy was a former Hayward's pupil who was encouraged by Mrs Greedy to take up rugby as a sport. She worked hard throughout her life and overcame many challenges, including the loss of her mum and having to stop rugby due to injury, in order to become a rugby referee.

Later, thanks to her hard work, she was selected to be part of the match official team at Sandy Park for the Rugby World Cup 2025. She was part of the team who officiated Japan vs New Zealand, France vs Brazil, Canada vs Scotland and Wales vs Fiji. Her assembly focussed on helping us understand that making mistakes is okay, if you learn from them, the importance of working hard to achieve your dreams, showing perseverance when it gets hard and being grateful for those around you who are trying to support you every step of the way.

REMINDER ABOUT CHURCH PARKING

We are incredibly fortunate that the Church Governors, who own the privately run car park at the back of Holy Cross Church, allow Hayward's families to use this as a place where they can park when dropping off or collecting children. This is private land and not parking that we can use outside of the agreed hours.

This is an important reminder that **we are only allowed to use the car park at the following times—8:30am to 9:15am and 3:15pm to 3:45pm**. There may also be days, which I will communicate via MCAS, where we are not able to use the car park at all due to funerals or other events taking place there.

It is also essential that we do not park at the pull in area opposite the entrance to the dairy, by the outside church toilets. This is an unnecessary hazard and it is not allocated parking. It is required for emergency vehicle access to the Church.

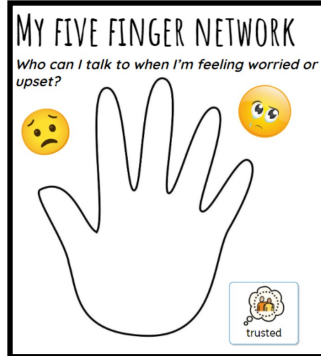
The church will be investing in CCTV and number plate recognition, as well as additional signage, in order to stop parking outside of these time windows.

Should they withdraw permission for us to use the car park, many of our families will have difficulty parking and accessing the school. Please help us by abiding by these requirements. Many thanks for your support with this important matter.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK (w/b 10th Nov)

We will be recognising Anti-Bullying Week at Hayward's next week. Anti-Bullying Week, and in particular this year's theme I will use my 'Power for Good' is a great way of reminding us all of our collective responsibility to challenge bullying behaviour and not allow it to happen inside school or outside in the community.

Within assemblies and in PSHE lessons, We talk with the children about bullying being 'Several Times on Purpose' (STOP) and that it is important that we 'Start Telling Other People' (STOP). We also encourage the children to think about their '5 finger network' and the importance of being able to identify 5 people who we can talk to if we are worried or concerned about somebody.



Within our PSHE lessons, and within our whole school assemblies, we talk a lot about uniqueness and the importance of celebrating this and a person's individuality. We will be offering the children the chance to wear 'odd socks' on Monday which we will recognise and celebrate in our Monday assembly.

TIMID TO TIGER

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are offering families of Crediton the opportunity to engage with an intervention called Timid to Tiger. This is a parent group to support families with young and anxious children. These sessions include discussions, practice time and introduction of tips and ideas to support. The intervention runs for 10 weeks for 2 hours each week which will start at the end of February 2026.

A graphic for the "TIMID TO TIGER" intervention. It features a tiger stripe pattern in the top left corner. The title "TIMID TO TIGER" is in large green letters. Below the title, there are four questions in colored boxes: "Is your child anxious?", "Does your child struggle to leave you?", "Is your child afraid of something?", and "Do they have low confidence?". To the right, there is a list of criteria: "We are open to parents: Who have primary aged anxious children. 2 hours available to commit to face to face sessions a week. Ready to make active change to support their young people." At the bottom, there is a flowchart: "Express your interest by speaking to Clare Bedford" leads to "Mini Assessment completed by a MHST Practitioner", which leads to "Access the group or collaborative signpost". There are also question marks and the text "Any questions? Please contact: Clare Bedford".

EXETER CHIEFS £1 TICKETS

Exeter Chiefs have a fantastic KIDS FOR A QUID offer for their next men's home game against Bristol on Saturday 22nd November - 3pm which is valid for all Under 17s. To purchase your tickets, please click [here](#)

LISTENING CAMPAIGN

We want to hear from you! On behalf of our leadership team, Mrs Seller is launching a 'Listening Campaign' and would like to hear from you. We are interested in listening to the voices in our community: What is putting pressure on you and the people you care about? What does community mean to you? What joys or/and challenges do you find in parenting in a rapidly changing world?

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

A reminder that we are 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.

SPORTS STAR



Well done to Aria, Frank, Thomas, Ivy, Harlow and Violet who all impressed Mr Kelly last week by demonstrating the Hayward's Hero values within their PE lessons.

I have really enjoyed seeing so many children being noticed by Mr Kelly for their efforts in their PE lessons. Who will be next?

CREDITON HEART CHRISTMAS CRAFT FEST

Crediton Heart Christmas Craft Fest on 6th & 7th December

Following the success of their Summer Arts Festival the Crediton Heart Project is running four Christmas craft workshops on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December.

The workshops will take place at Crediton Arts Centre and are open to anyone aged five and above. On Saturday the programme includes Block Printing Christmas Cards and Wrapping Paper and Pottery Tree Decoration. On Sunday there will be Yule Log Decorations and Wreath Making.

On the Saturday evening there will be a FREE screening of 'A Muppet Christmas Carol'. The doors will open at 6pm for festive refreshments and the film will start at 6.30pm. Workshop tickets are just £3 for under 16s and £5 for anyone over 16 and can be booked online here. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-crediton-heart-project> Although the film is free please do book a ticket so we know how many to cater for.

Please can families ensure that pyjamas are appropriate for the conditions and that shoes are worn throughout the day.

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

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR 2027-2028

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2027-28. The Local Authority is also consulting on its arrangements – the admissions schemes through which you can apply. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them. Our proposed policy is on our admission page and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements The consultation runs between 1/11/2025 and 16/1/2026

CREDITON HEART CHRISTMAS CRAFT FEST

Please see the attached letter from the Church regarding two exciting Christmas events:

- **Christingle Service** in Holy Cross Church , Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm. Making of Christingles from 2.30pm in - Lady Chapel in Holy Cross Church
- **Christmas Crib service** on Christmas Eve 24th December 4.30pm

SOCIAL MEDIA and GAMING



We continue to ask that families are vigilant around their child's use of social media (including Whats App) and that they are careful about the age-rating of the games/films that they are accessing. We are seeing an increasing number of pupils accessing sites which are promoting content not appropriate for their age and either playing or witnessing family members playing games that have a much older age-rating. As you can see below, I will be re-launching the information guides which provide families with more information about apps and gaming experiences that we need to be particularly mindful of and help you to be in as informed a position as possible when deciding whether something is okay or not for your child.

HEADTEACHER AWARD



Well done to Esmal for showing great focus and producing some brilliant writing, to Ed for the hard work and enthusiasm that he is showing towards his English, to Hallie for showing excellent reasoning in maths, to Ivy and Faye for doing so well in their recent muai thai grading, to Emily and Alfie who contributed so well to our Maya Angelou assembly, to Sienna for some effective storywriting that she completed at home, to Arlo for passing his STAnley 5, to Rory for his John Piper art factfile, to Marley and Benji for their efforts in cracking the Firework Code, to Freddie for some impressive descriptive writing and to Rowan for the amazing progress that he is making in his writing. Well done everybody!



KEY REMINDERS

Please can we ensure that children consistently come to school with:

- A water bottle
- A waterproof coat
- Appropriate shoes for the correct day e.g. trainers for PE and school shoes for non-PE days.
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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](#)

CHILDREN IN NEED 2025



A reminder that Children in Need will be taking place on Friday 14th

November 2025. The children have chosen to:

- Invite children to bring in 50p in order to 'Wear their Own Pyjamas' for the day (please ensure that pyjamas are appropriate for conditions and shoes are worn all 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.

KEY DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday 11th November	Read Write Inc (RWI) EYFS Parent Workshop
Thursday 13th November	EYFS Superhero Day – Celebrating our topic 'Only One Me!'
Thursday 13th November at 2:45pm	Smartphone Free Childhood Presentation
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 25th November 7pm	Christmas Bingo at Hayward's
Wednesday 26th November	Reading Café (Year 1 and Year 2) 2:30pm start
Friday 28th November	Year 3 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Saturday 29th November	Lights on ceremony in the square at 15.35pm (Y5 and Y6 choir performance)
Tuesday 2nd December @ 2pm	EYFS Christmas Nativity Play
Wednesday 3rd December @ 10am	EYFS Christmas Nativity Play
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Dinner Days (Christmas Jumpers)
Wednesday 10th December 2:45pm	Y2 Christmas Singing
Thursday 11th December 2:45pm	Y1 Christmas Singing
Tuesday 16th December	Morning KS2 rehearsal at the Church (Y3 to Y6)
Wednesday 17th December 2pm	KS2 Carol Service in the Church
Wednesday 17th December	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