



UPDATE

On behalf of the staff at Hayward's, I would like to wish you all an amazing Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 6th December.

CAROL SERVICE

What an amazing service! Well done to the children, who were brilliant, and Mrs Yates for the amazing work that she does to develop and further their singing. Thanks to all the families who attended and their amazing generosity in helping us collect £264.91 for Shelter!



SINGING

A small group of KS2 children visited the Congregational Church with Mrs Greedy and Mrs Yates on Friday to perform in front of a live audience and with the Mid Devon Good Afternoon Choir. The concert was very well attended and the children performed brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved.



COOKING IN YEAR 3



In Year 3, we have been making Christmas biscuits. The children had to learn how to rub together the dry ingredients with the butter to make breadcrumbs before choosing which spices they wanted to add to the mix. They then rolled out the dough before cutting out their chosen shapes. They finished off their biscuits by icing them and then they packaged the spare ones in a bag with some ribbon and a handmade label as a present for someone.

EYFS 'TICKET TO RIDE'



This half term, the EYFS children have been immersed in our topic 'Ticket to Ride'. On Friday the children had a fantastic time learning about road safety with Mr Everett. The children learnt to 'Stop, Think, Look, Listen' whilst crossing the road.

EVER THOUGHT OF FOSTERING



Ever thought of Fostering? or are you needing some additional independent support at the moment? If you are, please check this social enterprise - www.epicfamilycic.co.uk

CHARMOUTH



Well done to the children in Year 3 and Year 4 who did their bit to save the environment during their recent trip to Charmouth. The children collected 1600 nurdles (pretty much even split across the two days), plus 10 larger black nurdles, and 30 colourful beads probably from fishing gear or a child's necklace.

The nurdles have now been added to the museum's nurdle tube that's on display. Once the tube is full, they will send them off for recycling. Previous lots have been used for craft activities, and turned into mobile phone cases. Well done kids!

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL

A reminder that applications for a primary school place in September 2026 must be done by the 15th January 2026, please go through the Devon Portal by clicking [here](#)

Please let school know if you would like a tour ahead of the deadline.

PICK N'MIX SHARING

Thursday 12th February 2026
Wednesday 1st April 2026

KEY DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Wednesday 7th January 2026	Year 2 Dress up as a Famous Person Day
Thursday 8th January 2026	Year 1 Dress up as a Famous Person Day
Thursday 8th January 2025	Year 3 Miss Marsh's Class start swimming
Wednesday 28th January 2026	Year 5 and Year 6 Reading Café
Friday 6th February 2026	Year 2 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 11th February 2026	Hero Day
Friday 27th February 2026	World Book Day at Hayward's
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
Thursday 2nd April	Y3 and Y4 Greek Day—Families invited to attend
Friday 22nd May 2026	Year 4 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screening check and Year 2 Phonics Screening retakes.
Friday 3rd July 2026	Year 1 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Friday 10th July 2026	EYFS Poetry Celebration Assembly

HEADTEACHER AWARD



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Well done to Leo for being so supportive to another child in his year group last week, to Finley for passing his STANley 4, to Grace and Nola for passing their Rainbow awards, to Chloe for passing her 'black tag' in her martial arts lessons, to Noah for passing his STANley 3, to Grace for passing her Angelfish 2, to James for passing his swimming award, to Alexa for some brilliant art work, to Thea for passing her Octopus 2, to Otto for some brilliant writing and the amazing improvement that we have seen in his handwriting, to Maddix for the determination and effort that he has put into his most recent piece of writing, to Louis for some great story writing, to Lauren for passing her Octopus 2 and her 50 metre awards and to Freddie for some excellent Christmas inspired story writing.



SPORTS STAR



A huge well done to Millie in Year 1, to Harry, to Ivy-Rose, to Zuzanna, to Evie and to Percy who have all received Sports Star awards from Mr Kelly this week. It is brilliant seeing so many children doing so brilliantly in their PE lessons. Really well done everybody! Can't wait to see who gets one in the new school term.



VISIT TO HILLBROW



This week some of the Year 2s had the opportunity to perform their Christmas songs to some of the residents and staff at Hillbrow Residential Home. The children's singing was beautiful and full of energy, and the residents were so grateful for the children visiting. Christmas cards, made by the children, were given to each elderly person, and the children left an air of festive cheer behind.

FAMILY HUB

Please note that the first session will be taking place on Tuesday 6th January in the Owlery at Hayward's.

Your Family Hub—here to help you give your child the best start in life.