



## UPDATE

I'm left wondering if there can be any rain left to fall ... In spite of the wet, soggy weather, we have had a good week at Hayward's and the learning continues to go well. The children are enjoying their new topics and it has been great listening to them share their new found learning.

If you have not already, please ensure that you sign up for a Pupil Information Evening slot as soon as possible. Working together is the best way to ensure that your child has the best education possible and we can consider what we need to do collectively over the remainder of the year.

## THINKING MATHEMATICALLY



A big focus in our Maths lessons at the moment is developing the children's reasoning skills.

Reasoning in maths refers to the ability to apply logical and critical thinking to solve mathematical problems. Whilst becoming increasingly confident in our arithmetic and times tables remain incredibly important for our children, the ability to apply these skills in a real life situation is important too.

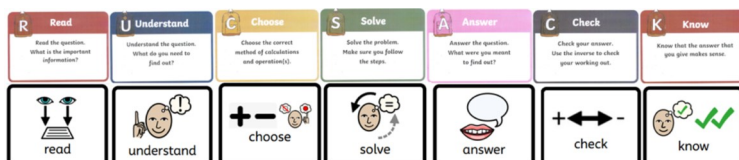
In KS1, we are helping children by providing them with some key stem sentences that they can use to explain their thinking:

- I know ...
- I think ...
- I can see ...

In KS2, we are helping children by providing them with some key stem sentences that they can use to explain their thinking:

- I notice that ...
- My first thought is ...
- I think .... because ...
- The method I would use is ...
- I know ...
- I have decided ... because ...

The children may have also told you that we have recently introduced RUCKSACK to help the children with their problem solving. R (Read) U (Understand) C (Choose) S (Solve) U (Understand) C (Check) K (Know it makes sense) is a framework which helps the children work through a problem and to take account of all steps.



## YEAR 2 MULTI - SPORTS

This week a small team of Year 2 children participated in a multi-sports festival with four other local schools run by Primary Sports. We enjoyed football skills, running, jumping, rolling and throwing and catching. Julia, Finn, Reggie and Theo represented the school brilliantly with their skills and also showed respect to those from other schools. Well done to them and also to Miss Mildon for her throwing and catching skills in the team activity!



## THANK YOU TO PAINT POTS

I wanted to say a huge thank you to Paint Pots for their ongoing support. Thanks to the generosity of Gemma Jackson, who provided a donation of more than £300 from their summer trail, we have been able to purchase 30 splashflex bibs and braces that can be worn when the children are outside using the Mud Kitchen during OPAL lunchtimes. Thanks Gemma. I am sure that the children will make very good use of them.



## BUBBLES in YEAR ONE



The children in Year One have enjoyed making giant bubbles this week, as a follow up to their Bubble story and to inspire their writing. The children were in awe of the colours and shapes that were being generated when the bubbles were formed.

## PICK N'MIX SHARING

Thursday 12th February 2026 and  
Wednesday 1st April 2026

## SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to Marcie, Sienna, Thomas, Jake, Harlow and Hania who have received Mr Kelly's Primary Sports Star certificates this week for showing excellent sporting values in their lessons.

## CHAT FUNDRAISING GOSPEL CHOIR

CHAT are hosting an uplifting gospel concert with the Soul of the City Gospel Choir on Saturday 7th February at St Peter's Church, Tiverton. It promises to be a good evening to raise vital funds for their work supporting people across Mid Devon.

**Soul of the City**  
GOSPEL CHOIR

**CHAT**  
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Caring for people across Mid Devon

FEBRUARY | DOORS OPEN | TICKETS  
**7th** | **7pm** | **£15**

St. Peter's Church, Tiverton EX16 6NR

Soul of the City Gospel Choir perform an uplifting concert filled with soul, harmonies and powerful melodies.  
All profits go to CHAT, supporting people across Mid Devon.  
Refreshments available to purchase.



Tickets available at  
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## DEAN STREET ENTRANCE CLOSED

Please note that the Dean Street entrance will be closed on the morning of Tuesday 3rd February 2026. Teen Trees will be carrying out work near Hero Hub 2 and as a result the slope will be closed.

## CAKE SALES

The PTA will be starting their cake sales next week. As in previous years, we would be extremely grateful if families from the allocated year group can donate cakes which can be sold to raise money for the school.

Could we ask that any home made cakes have an ingredient card submitted with them please. This helps us ensure we avoid any allergy related issues.

Cake sales will be held at the front of the school, by the office, from 3:30pm. Thanks for your support.



### Cake Stalls

Year 6 – 27/01/2026  
Year 5 – 27/02/2026  
Year 4 – 24/03/2026  
Year 3 - 24/04/2026  
Year 2 – 19/05/2026  
Year 1 – 19/06/2026  
EYFS – 14/07/2026

Please bake, buy and support if you can. Thank you

## PUPIL INFORMATION EVENINGS

The Spring Term 'Pupil Information Evening' is taking place on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February. By this time, we will be approaching nearly halfway through the year and it is a brilliant time to discuss how we can continue to work together to support your child as they move through the remainder of the year. Please return the booking form to school as soon as possible in order to get your preferred time and day.

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

On Tuesday 27th January 2026, communities across the UK will come together to remember the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered during the Holocaust, the millions more murdered under Nazi persecution, and to commemorate where persecution led in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.



At Hayward's we will be recognising Holocaust Memorial day, in an age-appropriate way. For more details about Holocaust Memorial day, please click [here](#).

## ROAD SAFETY

Can I please remind all families that it is not safe to stop your car and drop children off on the zig zag markings outside Dean Street gate. Can I also ask that children are reminded by yourselves about being careful when crossing the road at Dean Street and be particularly carefully when stepping out an around cars which may have stopped further up the road. Please ensure caution at all times.

# HEADTEACHER AWARD



Well done to Catherine who competed brilliantly in a recent race coming 4th out of 100 other runners, to Lacey for the effort that she is putting into learning her key number facts both inside and outside of school, to Hannah for passing her level 2 acrobatics exam, to Marley for some brilliant descriptive writing, to Ivy and Benji some great creative writing linked to their study of the Ancient Greeks, to Lauren for the amazing progress that she is making in her writing, to Merlin for passing his STAnley Award Level 7, to George for showing brilliant progress in his writing, to Maisie for passing her Angelfish 1, to Shelby for receiving a well-deserved medal from her rugby training, to Rocco for showing a brilliant level of maturity over the last few weeks, to Jemima, Aimee, Shannon, Evelyn and Amy who produced and performed a brilliant dance routine in front of their peers and to Tallulah for passing her STAnley 4 swimming award. Well done everybody!



KEY DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR	
Weds 28th January 2026	Year 5 and Year 6 Reading Café
Fri 6th February 2026	Year 2 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Tues 10th February 2026	Parents' Evening
Weds 11th February 2026	Hero Day
Thurs 12th February 2026	Parents' Evening
Fri 27th February 2026	World Book Day at Hayward's
2nd-6th March 2026	Grenville House Residential —Y6
Fri 27th March 2026	Year 5 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Weds 25th to Fri 27th March	Great Potheridge Residential — Y4
Thurs 2nd April	Y3 and Y4 Greek Day—Families invited to attend
Fri 22nd May 2026	Year 4 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Mon 8th to Fri 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening check and Year 2 Phonics retakes.
Fri 3rd July 2026	Year 1 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Fri 10th July 2026	EYFS Poetry Celebration Assembly

# GECKOS SPACES

## GECKOS WRAPAROUND PROVISION

In conjunction with Haywards School

Cooking, Pool/Football Table, Outdoor sports  
Arts & Crafts, Games and activities  
Outings in the local area

### Plus Lots More..!

Open 8.00-9.00am and 3.30-6.00pm  
Hayward's drop off and collection including from after school clubs  
£5.25 per hour

Every school holiday 8am – 6pm (except for Christmas)  
Open to children from all primary schools - reception to year 6  
£4.25 per hour

Book early to avoid disappointment

For more information contact Leapfrogs on 01363 776474  
email: geckosclub@outlook.com

# LISTENING CAMPAIGN

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? .... or anything else at all on your mind - to do with life, school, parenting, family, the community of Creden...

If you would like to be heard, please email [kseller@haywards.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kseller@haywards.devon.sch.uk) to arrange a time to be listened to. Appointments will be up to 30-40 minutes. If you are not sure about this, but interested, please feel free to email or call the school to discuss. There is no agenda here except you: the aim of the meeting is to listen - not to provide answers to questions or solutions to problems; however, taking time to listen will increase our understanding of our community, which can only lead to strengthening our connection.