



WELCOME BACK

It has been brilliant seeing the children back at school, enjoying their new classes and engaging with their exciting learning for the term.



I'd like to give a warm welcome to the new EYFS children and families who have started at Hayward's this week. It has been lovely seeing them making the most of their first few days at school and to see them developing bonds with new friends and the key adults that they will be working with this year. We are excited about supporting the children and seeing them fulfil

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Jayne Poole Photography will be in school on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September 2026. Due to the number of children at Hayward's, we will be asking that all children come into school on Monday 21st in school uniform and that all children scheduled to have their photograph taken on Tuesday 22nd September (see below) come into school in uniform.

Monday 21st September—EYFS, all siblings across the school, Year 2 and we will aim to start Year 4, and potentially other year groups if we have time.

Tuesday 22nd September —Year 1, Year 4 (no PE kit that day), Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6.

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to Hayward's.

Carol Bournier—Carol is joining us as a teacher who will be working in our second Hero Hub. Carol has a wealth of experience working in primary schools and has a particular skillset in SEND provision. As a former Haywards pupil herself, she is very excited about returning to the school where her love of learning began many years ago.

Denise Boucher— Denise spent over 15 years as an educator internationally, before settling in Exeter 8 years ago with her family. Since then, she has worked in fields of pedagogy and neurodiversity/SEN at the University of Exeter, and returned 2 years ago to her first love - working directly with students in classroom settings - as a TA and 1-1 Learning Support Assistant in local area schools.

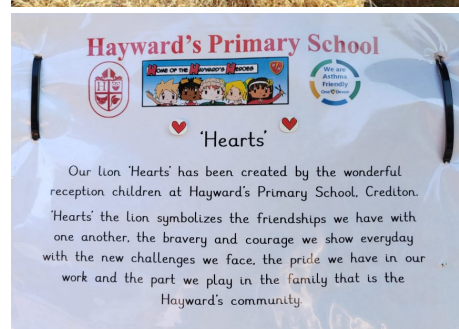


EYFS SCARECROW

Well done to all of the children in last years EYFS who contributed a scarecrow to the Sandford Scarecrow Trail which was set up over the summer. The children used pompoms to paint the face, nose and some of the eyes and every child had both their hand prints taken.

Thank you to Mrs Waller and Mrs Savage who helped set up the display ahead of the start of the trail.

Well done to everybody involved.



UPDATING PARENTAL CONSENT ON MCAS

As you will have seen from a recent MCAS, parental consents are moving to our MCAS portal rather than the old paper versions. If you check your MCAS app you will find a link to "Parental Consents". Please click into this area and work your way through the permissions outlined. We do ask that all families complete consents for all of their children. If this is not completed, we will assume that no consent is given and your child/ren may miss out on opportunities in school. Many thanks.

PICK N'MIX HOME-LEARNING SHARING

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Wednesday 16th December 2026

BUSINESS SUPPORT—ANAPHYLAXIS

From September of this year, schools are required to provide staff with invaluable training into allergy awareness and how to support a pupil who may have anaphylaxis. Benedict's Law is a set of legally binding allergy safety requirements for schools in England, created after the 2021 death of five year old Benedict Blythe, and implemented through the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 with statutory guidance taking effect from September 2026.



Whilst we have always had spare epi-pens and staff have received training in how to use one in the event of an emergency, we would like to boost the position and number of the devices and ensure that they are accessible in the event of any emergency. We have taken the decision to invest in two sets from kittmedical (you may have seen their product on Dragon's Den). **We were hoping that there may be a local business who could support us with the initial costs and the subsequent yearly running costs to ensure that the kits are maintained effectively.** If this is something that you may be able to support, or know someone who can, please let me know. Thank you in anticipation.

NUT FREE

We acknowledge that it is impractical to enforce a completely allergen-free school. However, we would ask that you please ensure that the following high-risk foods are not brought into school to help us reduce the chances of someone experiencing a reaction. These steps will help us keep children and staff safe.

These foods include:

- Packaged nuts
- Cereal, granola or chocolate bars containing nuts
- Peanut butter or chocolate spreads containing nuts
- Peanut-based sauces, such as satay
- Sesame seeds and foods containing sesame seeds

LUCY AWARD

Well done to Julia and Hannah who have received the first Lucy Awards of the new school year. Whilst on holiday in Wales, the girls kept one bucket to collect rubbish in every day when they visited the beach and they have also helped collect various toys, stationery and other bits throughout the year to go towards 'Operation Christmas Child' boxes which are sent to children who may not otherwise receive anything at Christmas time. Well done to both children.



HARVEST

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Friday 9th October. All food collected will be donated to the Crediton Foodbank.



In order to make the most of our donations, the foodbank have asked if we could focus on some key areas where they need to boost their stock. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Food Needs

- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Ham/Corned beef
- Peanut Butter
- Jam and Honey
- Jars of Pasta & Curry sauce
- Tinned Meat Meals
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Breakfast Cereals
- Toilet Rolls
- Washing Pods
- Dog & Cat Food



EXCITING NEW CLUB AT HAYWARD'S



Ani-Mates is a weekly term time visual arts academy taking place in Crediton. The academy workshops teach young people aged 7-11yrs fundamental skills in:

animation
illustration
puppet making

Each week follows a curriculum of activities that aim to develop a young persons understanding of visual arts whilst building skills, knowledge and confidence in a fun way.

When: Thursdays, 15:45 - 17:15 (Term time)

Where: Haywards School, Crediton

How much: From £4 per week

Apply to join: info@animationdevon.com



ANIMATING
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Animating Devon will be running a club at Hayward's this term. It will be taking place in Mr Gordon's classroom on Thursdays after school. If you are interesting in animating/computing, please sign up to the club by clicking on the QR Code or contacting info@animationdevon.com. The club is open for children aged between 7 and 11 years old. Places are limited.

YEAR 6 CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of clubs that children in Year 6, ahead of transition to secondary school, can access this year. Details below:

- An after school drop-in held at Crediton Library on Wednesdays. Please click [here](#) for more details and to sign up.

- Bronwyn Nott, from Crediton Methodist Church Big Top Youth Club would like to invite your child to attend their successful Big Top Youth Club which starts on Monday 14th September. Please see your MCAS for more details about how to sign up.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

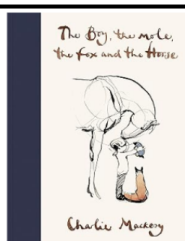


Well done to Luke and Harry who picked up Player of the Season awards for batting and bowling with Sandford Cricket Club, to Noah for winning a player of the week award, to Ed who won the Cub's Award for Scouting Enthusiasm, to Henry who won the Beaver's Award for Courage, to Cleo for gaining a STANley Super Star Award, to Toby for achieving his Goldfish 2, to Millie who won the most improved dancer in her mini combo dance class, to Ada for her Book Track award, to Clara for passing her Goldfish 3, to Leo for his STANley 7 award, to Eden for winning the most improved award for range and conditioning, to Arthur for completing his summer Book-Track award, to James and Aria for passing their STANley 7 award, to Finn for being named Copplestone's player of the week, to Georgie and Maisie for winning end of season awards with Crediton football club.

A POEM FROM YEAR 3

Children in Y3 have been working on creating a poem based on Charlie Mackesy's book, *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. They thought about a few key messages, offering good advice for the start of a new school year and worked in pairs and then, as a whole class, to put these messages in the order that felt best to make a poem.

Be kind, be curious
Help is the bravest word you can say
Sometimes you might not believe in yourself as much as we do
But it's important to know
When the big things feel out of control
Focus on what you love
One of our greatest freedoms is how we react to things
Everyone is a bit scared
But we are less scared together
There is so much beauty we need to look after
Always remember you matter, you're important and you are loved
and you bring to this world things that no one else can
We're so glad you're here.



SCHOOL DATES THIS YEAR (overleaf)

Following the feedback that we received via the parent survey last year, we have made some changes to the way that we invite families into school. We have tried to take account of the number of times that families are invited in—with the aim of reducing the pressure on working parents—and the days on which the events occur, in order to ensure that as many families can attend. We will now be holding two whole school open afternoons—one in the Spring and one in the Summer term—which give families the opportunity to come into school, experience a Reading Café, share some work that the children have completed and listen to their poetry assemblies, while also having the chance to see your children at the same time, rather than having to come in on separate days. Visits in purple, are ones where families are invited into school to engage with events during school time. As always, any feedback is welcome.

Our next step is to consider how we can try to capture the experience for those families who are unable to attend too. I will keep you updated regarding these developments.

You will also see that we have included the full year events, which will hopefully give you as much notice as possible if you would like to be involved.

KEY REMINDERS

- Can we ask that all children—including siblings—dismount their scooters and bikes when they arrive at school in the morning and when they are leaving at the end of the day please.
- Please note that there is a maximum £10 overdraft limit on ordering school meals. Once this level is reached, it is no longer possible to order school lunches and a packed lunch should be brought instead.

CALENDAR DATES FOR THE YEAR

Date	Activity and year Group	Any Notes
Autumn Term 2026		
Mon 21st and Tues 22nd Sept	Individual Pupil Photos	
Friday 9th October	Harvest	Please see the newsletter for suggested donations
Monday 12th October	Flu Vaccine	Please ensure NHS consent forms are completed when sent
Tues 20th and Thurs 22nd October	Parents' Evening	
26th October to 30th October	Half-Term	
Tuesday 10th November	EYFS Phonics and Maths Workshops	Families are invited to find out more about the teaching of Maths and Phonics in the EYFS. 6pm start.
Thursday 19th November	Bedtime Stories	5:00pm—5:45pm Opportunity to come to school and share a bedtime story with their families and teachers. Details to come.
Wednesday 2 nd December	EYFS Nativity Performance	10am start
Thursday 3 rd December	EYFS Nativity Performance	2pm start
Tuesday 8 th December	Y1 and Y2 Open Afternoon	2pm to 3:15pm Y1 and Y2 Christmas songs/Craft/Reading Cafe
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school
Wednesday 16 th December	Y3—Y6 Carol Service	Carol Service at the Church starts at 2pm
18th December	Last Day of the Autumn Term	
Spring Term 2027		
Tuesday 5th January	Return to School	
Monday 1st Febuary	Phonics Screening Meeting (Y1)	For parents of Y1 pupils. 3:00pm start. Will be finished by collection.
Tues 9th and Thurs 11th February	Parents' Evening	
15th to 19th February	Half-Term	
Tues 23rd and Thurs 25th Feb	Y3 and Y4 Museum Trip	Year 3 on Tuesday and Year 4 on Thursday
Friday 26th February	Hayward's World Book Day	Please note that this date is different from the National World Book Day
Mon 1st March to Fri 5th March	Y6 Residential	Grenville House Residential
Thursday 4th March	EYFS Phonics and Maths Workshops for parents	Families are invited to find out more about the teaching of Maths and Phonics in the EYFS. 6pm start.
Weds 17th to Fri 19th March	Y4 Residential	Great Potheridge House
Tuesday 23 rd March	Whole School Open Afternoon	2pm to 3:15pm. Y3, Y5 and Y6 sharing of poetry, classes having a Reading Café and classes sharing their work. Families are invited to move between classes over the course of the afternoon. EYFS will be sharing dances that they have been working on in the spring term.
25th March	Last day of the Spring Term	
Summer Term 2027		
Monday 12th April	Return to School	
Thurs 29th and Fri 30th April	EYFS Farm Trip	More details to come.
Mon 10th to Thurs 13th May	Year 6 SATS week	More details to come.
Wednesday 19th May	Year 2 Paignton Zoo Trip	More details to come.
Mon 31st May to Friday 4th July	Half-Term	
Friday 11 th June	Whole School Take One Picture	Exhibition will be open for families from 11am to 6pm.
Mon 14th to Friday 18th June	Year 5 Bikeability	Children need access to a bike (not BMX). More details to come
Tuesday 22 nd June	Whole School Sports Day	am = KS2 pm = EYFS and KS1. More details to come.
Tuesday 29 th June	Reserve Whole School Sports Day	am = KS2 pm = EYFS and KS1. More details to come.
Monday 5th July	Year 1 Woolley Farm Trip	More details to come.
Tuesday 6 th July	Year 6 Play Performance Evening	6pm Start
Thursday 8 th July	Year 6 Play Performance Evening	6pm Start
Thursday 8th July	Y5 Field Trip	More details to come.
Monday 12th July	Whole School Open Afternoon	2pm to 3:15pm. The afternoon will consist of Y1, Y2 and Y4 sharing their poetry, classes having a Reading Café and classes sharing their work. Families are invited to move between classes.
Thursday 15th July	Y6 Field Trip	More details to come.
Tuesday 20 th July	Year 6 Graduation Evening	6pm Start at the Boniface Centre.
Tuesday 20th July	Year 6 Water Fight	In school time. Children bring; change of clothes, towel and water gun.
Friday 23rd July	Last day of the Summer Term	