



HAYWARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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EYFS UPDATE

The children have had an amazing start to their time at Hayward's. They are growing in confidence all of the time and it has been brilliant seeing them excited about their learning, developing new friendships and exploring their new 'school home'. I am very proud of them



YEAR 5 SCIENCE



Year 5 have used fruit to help them get a understanding of how far away planets are away from the sun, and one another, while also (based on the size of the fruit) gaining an understanding of relative size between the different planets. Using the key fact that if the distance between the sun and earth was 1 metre, they plotted where the planets would be in relation to each other.

YEAR 4 TEAM BUILDING SKILLS

Teamwork, Communication and Perseverance Challenges



As part of our PSHE and PE, we played various games which involved working together, verbal and non-verbal communication and perseverance. We even had some children as the leaders for each game to teach and motivate the others.

At the end we realised we did not need to beat others to win all of the time. Sometimes, by working together we can all be winners!



EYFS STARTER 2027 'STAY AND PLAY'



HAYWARD'S EYFS OPEN EVENT 'STAY and PLAY'

If you have a child starting primary school in September 2027, you will be considering which school is right for you and your child. Come and visit our Hayward's family, see our brilliant Early Years unit and meet our experienced Early Years staff. During the visit you will have a short presentation, a guided tour with some of our Year 6 Ambassadors and the opportunity to stay and play with your child, alongside some of the children already in our Early Years classes. We are offering two dates:

Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 1:45pm

Monday 19th October 2026 at 1:45pm

Please phone or email the school office to book a place at the open afternoon. If you are unable to make this time, please call the school office to arrange another visit with the Headteacher.

We look forward to meeting you!

Contact office@haywards.devon.sch.uk or (01363) 772970

If you have a child starting school in September 2027, you will be thinking about where you would like them to start their school journey. We would like to invite families to attend one of two 'Stay and Play' events on Tuesday 13th or Monday 19th October 2026 @ 1:45pm. Please share this information with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

CENSUS DAY LUNCH

Our Census Day lunch is taking place on Thursday 1st October 2026 and we would be very grateful for your support. The number of school dinners ordered on the day, has a significant impact on the level of funding that comes into school. We would be really grateful if your child could order a school lunch on this day, even if it is to try it and they bring along their packed lunch too. Thanks in advance for your support.

Educatering
TASTY FOOD
HAPPY KIDS!

CENSUS DAY LUNCH
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2026

EAT WELL
LEARN WELL!

MAIN OPTIONS

Pepperoni Pizza

Margherita Pizza

Jacket Potato

DESSERT

Chocolate Ice Cream

Good Food
Brighter Futures!

DID YOU KNOW?
Every school meal counted on Census Day helps our school receive **important funding** from the Government.
The more children who have a school meal on Census Day, the more funding we receive for our children.

THIS FUNDING HELPS US TO:

- Provide more resources for learning
- Support clubs and activities
- Improve facilities and equipment
- Create a better school environment for everyone

A healthy meal today helps a brighter tomorrow!

Healthy Meals Help You Thrive!

SCHOOL MEALS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

HEALTHY KIDS
HAPPIER LEARNERS
BRIGHTER FUTURES

166%

£500

raised of £300 target by
19 supporters

LUCY AWARD

A huge well done to Lacey Smith (Year 5) who completed a 4 mile walk for Brain Tumour research. She did the walk in memory of her nanny who sadly passed away in December 2021 when Lacey was just 4 years old of a glioblastoma brain tumour. Her fundraising efforts saw her raise £500 for the charity. We are all immensely proud of her.



ANAPHYLAXIS KIT SPONSORSHIP

I wanted to say a huge thank you to Hayley and Simon, parents of Reggie and Dorian, whose company 'SBMB Legal Ltd' have agreed to sponsor the two Anaphylaxis kits that we have ordered from Kitt Medical.



We are extremely grateful for the sponsorship and will share a photo, later in the term, when the two devices arrive and are installed in our first aid area—next to the hall—and the Owlery, where we cook and the Y5 and Y6 children have their lunch.



LUNCH AT HAYWARD'S

Within the parent survey at the end of term, we were asked for more details about our school lunches and what is available for the children alongside the main meal. All pupils have access to a salad bar each day and a range of vegetables, across the week, are available to the children to supplement their main.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

As you know, the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is a free, NHS run service providing specific mental health support for children and young people. They have worked at Hayward's over the last few years.

They are able to provide a range of services which include:

- Supporting young people through 1:1 and group talking therapy - Low intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LiCBT)
- Supporting the school to create a mentally supportive environment
- Staff and parent information and training sessions
- Signposting to relevant information and support options



The team have kindly offered to attend our Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October** and will be available to talk to families about their provision.

YEAR 6 MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS

In Hayward's, we now have eight Year 6 'Mental Health and Well-being Ambassadors'.

The children have received training by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

The role of our Well-being Ambassadors include:

- Promoting positive mental health & raising awareness of mental health problems.
- Removing the stigma of mental health by encouraging people to talk about mental health and sharing their experiences.
- Support celebrating mental health awareness days.
- Leading a range of activities within the school that promote health & wellbeing e.g. assemblies, circle times etc.
- Signposting pupils to access support in our school.
- Having regular contact with Mrs Gavin our designated member of staff responsible for overseeing wellbeing.
- You can spot one of our ambassadors by their 'MHA' badge.



SWAP SHOP TOMORROW

An exciting event is taking place in CREDITON tomorrow. As part of the Second-Hand September and Sustainable September, Crediton Youth Council are organising a Toy and Book Swap at the Big Green Fair on Saturday 26th September.

Children can bring unwanted toys, games and books and swap them with other toys, games and books available.



MEDICAL REMINDER

Please can families who have a child (or children) with a medical need, return their forms to the school office—addressed to Mrs Dixon—as soon as possible please so that we can update the information we hold on your child electronically and inform their class teacher.

It is the responsibility of families to further update the school if any of their child's medical needs change. This must always be done by email to the school office, so that the electronic records are updated centrally.

If a form for a trip or club is sent home and medical needs have changed for your child, please complete the form and email to the school office so the centrally records are updated and information is not lost. Many thanks for your help and support.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Well done to Arthur who achieved his blue belt in VMMA at the weekend and was noted for making some really good progress, to Bodhi, Colby and Leo for some good speech writing, to Florence for passing her 200m, Goldfish 1 and 2 and Ava for fantastic home reading with Fred the frog! Well done everybody!



PRIMARY SPORTS AWARD



Well done to Zack, Theo, Maisie, Willow and Charlotte who all received Primary Sports 'Star of the Week' awards from Mr Kelly in their PE lessons.

Mr Kelly has been really impressed with how well the children have settled back into their PE lessons. There are a few spaces available at some of the PE after-school clubs. Please check the MCAS for more details.



PICK N'MIX HOME-LEARNING SHARING

Wednesday 21st October 2026
Wednesday 16th December 2026

RENEW UNIFORM SHOP

We are ready to welcome donations of good condition uniform that we can sell in our 'Renew' uniform shop.

What can we take?

We can take jumpers, cardigans, fleeces, red PE tops, trousers and skirts please

What we cannot take?

Unfortunately we can not take any coats or shoes at the moment.

Thanks for your support and a huge thank you to the parents who give up their time to help run the stall for us after school. For new families, the Renew Shop can be found on the Dean Street slope.



KEY REMINDERS

AGM

Fancy making a difference at school... while enjoying a cuppa and a laugh?

Our AGM is the perfect chance to find out what our PTA gets up to, hear about what we've achieved, and see how you could get involved.

We're looking for new volunteers to join our friendly team — no experience needed, just a willingness to help!

Friends of Hayward's School

AGM
Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
Stay informed and get involved.

Hayward's Primary School- In Year 2 Classroom.
Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7:30pm.



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



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.

CALENDAR DATES FOR THE YEAR

Date	Activity and year Group	Any Notes
Autumn Term 2026		
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	
Monday 2nd November	Non-Pupil Day	
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 February	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 June	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	