



UPDATE

What a brilliant week! The weather has been amazing and we have loved having the opportunity to access the field this week and to enjoy our OPAL play. Lots of fun has been had during an OPAL lunchtime!



CENSUS DAY LUNCH

I wanted to say a huge thank you to everybody who had a lunch on Census Day this week. We managed to get 97% of children in EYFS and Key Stage One having a school lunch, which is amazing, and Nick—our kitchen manager—produced more than 350 meals on that one day alone. I am extremely grateful for your support, as this directly affects school budgets. The government take the number of lunches taken on this Census Day and the Census Day in Spring and come up with an average to determine the funding. I will let you know about the Spring Term Census Day nearer the time.

SCHOOL LUNCHES AT HAYWARD'S

FROM OUR KITCHEN TO THEIR PLATE

Fresh meals at Haywards

Homemade with care. Served with pride.

With the recent media coverage regarding school meals, we wanted to show you what we do at Haywards and have been doing for a few years now.

1

Homemade pizza bases
At Haywards, all our bread products are homemade - including the pizza bases you can see here!

2

Our vegetable-packed sauce
We make our own tomato sauce, packed with blended vegetables! We use it in all our tomato-based meals, including our pizzas.

3

Not all desserts are unhealthy!
We serve a fresh fruit platter every day. Even many of our cakes and biscuits have fruit or vegetables in them. A favourite being a chocolate sponge packed with grated courgette.

4

Locally sourced meat
All our meat is locally sourced, with much of it coming from a well-known Crediton butcher!

5

Our wonderful salad bar
We have a wonderful salad bar available daily for the children to help themselves to.

6

Fresh meals, served with pride
We couldn't be prouder of the fresh, healthy meals we serve our children here at Haywards!

Made here. Enjoyed here. Every school day.

We are really fortunate to have our own in-house catering team at Hayward's who are supported by Educatering. Lots of care goes into the preparation of meals for the children and Nick prides himself in ensuring that he caters for any dietary needs with care and attention. Please see the following link for more details about the thought that has gone into the meals produced at Hayward's.

Educatering works with our catering team to provide "... schools with locally sourced, high-quality ingredients for fresh and nutritious, child-led meals".

PICK N'MIX HOME-LEARNING SHARING

Wednesday 21st October 2026
Wednesday 16th December 2026

FRIENDS OF HAYWARD'S PTA UPDATE

I wanted to say thank you to the people who attended the PTA AGM this week and say welcome to our new co-chairs; Elisa Reece and Charley Finch. Thank you to them both for stepping into the sizeable shoes left by Claire Lethbridge. We are still in need of a large team of volunteers to help with key events, or to be part of the PTA, and we are extremely grateful for any offers of support from all year groups.

Key Updates from the PTA:

Christmas Card Ordering

Thursday 8th October at 12pm is the deadline for ordering the Christmas Card related items produced by the children. Items can be purchased from £2.

Friday 16th October—School Disco

EYFS, Y1 and Y2—5pm to 6pm (Please note that one family member -limited due to space- must attend and stay with the children).

Yr 3, Y4, Y5 and Y6—6:15pm to 7:15pm (Please note that all children must be dropped to and from the disco by a member of their family. No children can walk home on their own).

Please note that entrance to the disco will cost £5 and this will cover entrance, a drink, a bag of sweets, a glitter tattoo and a glow stick. Children will be given a card to tick off the items when they visit the stalls. **No other money is needed for the event as everything is included within the entrance price.** There will be soft and fizzy drinks available for adults to buy at the event. Payment can be made on the door by cash or card.

Tuesday 24th November—Christmas Bingo

Families arrive in the school hall from 7pm, with eyes down at 7:30pm

Friday 4th December—School Disco (same timings as above)

YEAR 5 SCIENCE



The children in Year 5 have continued learning about space by looking at night and day. They experimented with a torch to help them understand what happens when the fixed sun shines on the rotating, orbiting earth. The children were encouraged to think about how the earth being on an axis impacted the amount of sun that some areas of the earth had a different points within the year.

KEY REMINDERS

EYFS STARTER 2027 'STAY AND PLAY'

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.

If you are interesting in attending, please contact the office to reserve a space. We look forward to seeing you there.



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

HARVEST

We will be holding our Harvest Festival **next week** 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.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY

An exciting opportunity is available for children who are learning an instrument and can read music. The brilliant 'Exeter Youth Orchestra' is offering musicians the opportunity to take part in a trial session to join the group. Sessions take place in Exeter on Saturday morning during term. If you are interested in finding out more, please click [here](#).

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



Exeter Youth Orchestra
EYO
A FUN AND FRIENDLY ORCHESTRA
FOR AGES 7-18
No auditions - if you're learning an instrument and can read music, you're in!
Younger players can start in our junior orchestra.
FREE TRIAL SESSIONS
Parents are welcome watch the first session.
Saturday mornings (term-time) in Exeter.
For details and to book your free trial:
www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk. Or WhatsApp.

A CHANGE IN MARKING

When you come into school for Pupil Information Meetings in a few weeks time, you may notice that there is less written marking in your child's books than you have seen previously. Across the school, next week, we are trialling a reduced marking approach, informed by educational research which shows that effective feedback does not always need to be written and that verbal feedback is often more effective in supporting children's learning. Please be reassured that teachers continue to read and review children's work carefully, using it to identify successes, misconceptions and next steps. Children receive regular verbal feedback during lessons, enabling them to respond, make improvements and move their learning forward straight away. If you have any further questions about this, please do speak to Mrs Seller or Mrs Marsh.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Well done to Amy and Darcey for impressing their teacher with their knowledge of place value, to Maddie for some really focussed art and craft, to Rory for some exceptional mental arithmetic, to Leo for the effort that he has shown this week on his writing and presentation, to Ivy and Faye for their recent grading successes, to Reggie for the effort that is being put into his handwriting, to Starlett for passing her STANley 3, to Ivy for showing focus and determination to work on her handwriting, to Mia for showing such positivity and commitment to her learning, to Rowan for some brilliant story writing, to Thomas for showing real commitment and energy to his Timestable Rock Stars, to Lily for working so hard in the Hero Hub and bringing such positivity to her learning, to Milo for some impressive story writing, to Noah for passing his yellow belt and to Josie, Pixie and Eden for impressing their teacher with some amazing art work inspired by collage. Well done to everybody!

PRIMARY SPORTS 'STAR OF THE WEEK' AWARD



Well done to Charlie, Marcie, Molly, Rocco, Caitlin and Jayden who all received Primary Sports 'Star of the Week' awards from Mr Kelly in their PE lessons this week.

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
Friday 16th October	School Disco	EYFS,Y1 and Y2 5pm to 6pm Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6 6:15pm-7:15pm/
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.
Tuesday 24th November	PTA Christmas Bingo	7pm entrance and 7:30pm eyes down
Wednesday 2 nd December	EYFS Nativity Performance	10am start
Thursday 3 rd December	EYFS Nativity Performance	2pm start
Friday 4th December 2026	School Disco	EYFS,Y1 and Y2 5pm to 6pm Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6 6:15pm-7:15pm/
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
Friday 18th December	Last Day of the Autumn Term	
Spring Term 2027		
Monday 4th January	Non-Pupil Day	
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.
Friday 28th May 2026	Non-Pupil Day	
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	