HAYWARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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UPDATE

Another excellent week! It is great to see the children so engaged with their learning. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 4 LEARNING







The children in Year 4 have had a busy week. In Science, they have been learning about The Water Cycle. They have set up their own water cycle experiments and made predictions. Now they will need to wait until next week to make their observations and link this to our science learning. In the Challenge Curirculum, they have been learning Stone Age topic actions. This is to help them remember the three different prehistoric ages. They have been practising a set of actions that remind them where people lived, whether they moved around and how they sourced their food.

YEAR 5 COOKING—BREAK MAKING



Year 5 have been busy baking bread this week as part of their learning. They began by practising their kneading skills using salt dough before tasting a variety of different breads and rating each one out of 10. The children then designed their own bread rolls, prepared the dough and carefully shaped their creations. After patiently waiting for them to bake in the oven, the classroom was filled with the delicious smell of freshly baked bread! The best part was, of course, getting to taste their creations — and they were a big success! The children thoroughly enjoyed developing their baking skills.

HARVEST

I think the best way to describe how I felt when I saw the Harvest donations in the hall today was .... wow! Thank you so much for your generous donations, which I know will be put to good use by Crediton Foodbank. Thank you to the Year 6 helpers and Ambassadors who put together a brilliant display. Thanks also to Miss Down for leading our Harvest Festival today.







YEAR 2 SCIENCE

This week Year 2 have spent time exploring whether a material was waterproof or not. The children worked in groups to test 5 materials.

Afterwards, they had to decide which material would be most appropriate for a roof. They decided the material would have to be strong, waterproof, thick and hard.





AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY and MAYBE A LUCY AWARD



A brilliant opportunity to follow in the footsteps of two children who make a difference to British Wildlife. If you have been watching the news, you will know all about Eva and Emily and their inspirational story.

They are looking for 20 young people, aged 8-13 from Devon, to join their very first Wild Pets programme.

If selected, your child will breed and care for harvest mice at your home during Spring/Summer 2027, before they are released into the wild in September 2027.

The deadline to apply is **1st December 2026**, but applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and successful Wild Kids may be selected and announced throughout the application period. This means that places may be filled before the final competition deadline, so we encourage families to apply early.

For more details about this exciting opportunity please click here. Remember, looking after wildlife is a brilliant way to earn a Lucy Award at Hayward's. Let me know if you have any exciting stories to tell of your own wildlife exploits.

APF COACHING @ HAYWARD'S

EXCITING NEWS FOR HAYWARDS!
We are delighted to announce that APF Coaching is coming to Hayward's School!

To book a place or ask any questions, please email Apfcoachinguk@gmail.com

Already successfully running at Crediton Youth, APF Coaching gives children a fantastic opportunity to learn new football skills, build confidence, have fun and enjoy playing the game in a positive and encouraging environment.

Coach Alfie is a qualified football coach with his UEFA level one and an extended Diploma in sports coaching and management. He is really looking forward to getting started and working with the children of Haywards!

Whether your child is already football-mad or just wants to give it a go, these sessions are a brilliant chance to develop skills, spend time with friends and most importantly, have fun!
£24 for the half term

Limited spaces available, so please get in touch soon to reserve your child's place!

Come along, have fun and fall in love with the beautiful game!



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 interested 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

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.

SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING

Could we please remind families that the easiest way to order meals (and pay for them if required) is through the School Gateway app. When logging in, you will be able to see any balance that you owe, you can view the menu for each day and order meals daily or up to half a term in advance. Meal orders through the gateway will be charged for at the time of booking, but if ordered meals are subsequently missed (eg your child is off sick), then a credit will be applied to your balance for a future meal. The cut off time for ordering is 8.00am on the morning of the day you are booking for, so we would suggest you place your order the day before, or maybe at the weekend for the coming week. Ordering in advance also helps us reduce our food waste, as the kitchen can order appropriate quantities based on orders placed. Children will still be asked to confirm their meal order choice in the classroom at registration.

PUPIL INFORMATION EVENING

If you haven't already, could I ask that you please sign up as soon as possible to meet your child's teacher. Pupil Information Evening's take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October 2026. Spaces are available so please book fast.

PICK N'MIX HOME-LEARNING SHARING

Wednesday 21st October 2026
Wednesday 16th December 2026

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Well done to Seth for receiving a Player of the Week award, to Grace for passing her orange belt in her martial arts, to Lily for passing her STAnley 7, to Finley for passing his yellow belt in his martial arts, to Ava for passing her STAnley 5, to Dylan for showing brilliant learning behaviours and trying really hard in his lessons, to Eden for coming 2nd on the Beam and 3rd on the Floor in the South West Classic Challenge Gymnastics Competition, to Eloise for coming 1st in the Bars, 1st in the Vault and 2nd in the Floor in the same competition, to Harper for passing her STAnley 3 swimming award, to Maria and Marcella for completing a 12km riding challenge at the weekend with her family, to Mila-Ivy for the brilliant work she did when 'packing her suitcase for a journey to the moon', to Coby for some brilliant work in his writing, to Amy and Darcy for impressing their teacher with their Maths work and to Oliver for the hard work and effort that he is putting into his writing. Well done everybody!

PRIMARY SPORTS 'STAR OF THE WEEK' AWARD



Well done to Aria, Aiden, Lily, Jake and Grace who all received Primary Sports 'Star of the Week' awards from Mr Kelly in their PE lessons this week. It is brilliant to see how much the children enjoy their PE sessions and how quickly they are improving in their key skills.

PRIMARY
SPORTS & EDUCATION

CALENDAR DATES FOR THE YEAR

Date	Activity and year Group	Any Notes
Autumn Term 2026		
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 2nd December	EYFS Nativity Performance	10am start
Thursday 3rd 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 8th 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 16th 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 23rd 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 11th 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 22nd June	Whole School Sports Day	am = KS2 pm = EYFS and KS1. More details to come.
Tuesday 29th 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 6th July	Year 6 Play Performance Evening	6pm Start
Thursday 8th 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 20th 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	