HAYWARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October 2026

www.haywards.org



UPDATE

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the PTA helpers at yesterday's school disco. I am extremely grateful for the ongoing commitment of this amazing team of volunteers who help raise such brilliant sums of money to support experiences and opportunities for the children

EYFS SUPERHERO DAY

The children in EYFS had a brilliant Superhero Day this week.

It was great to see their costumes, hear about their superpowers and to find out about how they would use these powers to help the world. A superb day was had by all.









HAYWARD'S TRUST

The Hayward's Trust is a charity, supported by a committed team of trustee volunteers, who help provide funds for the school to help us complete projects that we would otherwise be unable to do. As well as completing projects and providing resources for school, for example OPAL play resources and interactive screens in every classroom, they also ensure that every child who attends Hayward's receives a boo in their very first year at Hayward's. The children were so excited to receive their book this week and to share it with their family at home. Thanks to the Hayward's Trust for their ongoing support.

Hee is Arlo, Matilda, Betsy and Jude holding their very own copy of the Usbourne 'General Knowledge' book. Thanks to the Hayward's trust for their ongoing support.

YEAR 6 FOREST SCHOOL

The Year 6 children have really enjoyed their Forest School this half-term.

They have had a chance to whittle gnomes, make natural mandalas using foraged materials, developed their parachute skills leading to them using the giant parachute, produced hazel leaf cookies and Wax Leaf mobiles.

It is brilliant to see how the children have developed their Forest School skills since they first started at Hayward's.













PICK N'MIX HOME-LEARNING SHARING

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Wednesday 16th December 2026



SPORTING SUCCESS

Lots of exciting sporting events have taken place over the last week. Thanks to Otto for his help in producing these match reports with Mr Baker.

Football – This week two teams of Hayward's footballers (The Hayward's Heroes and the Hayward's 29ers) played he first round of their Exeter Primary Football League campaign in Group A. It was hard going in the games, with strong defences and robust tackling.

With the Heroes did not win any game at this meeting, they are still 6th in the table with a better goal difference that other teams and a screamer of a goal by Harrison had all watching stunned! The 29ers did win both of their games and are in 2nd place on goal difference. The movement of the ball and team play really helped with this, as did the emergency goalkeepers – James and Otto – who both kept clean sheets. The next games are on the 30th November. Well done all and good luck for the rest of the season!

Open · Group A

Table

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	St Leonard's	2	2	0	0	9	1	+8	6
2	Hayward's 29ers	2	2	0	0	6	0	+6	6
3	Woodwater	2	2	0	0	4	0	+4	6
4	Trinity	2	1	0	1	5	4	+1	3
5	Clyst St Mary United	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
6	Hayward's Heroes	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0
7	Pinhoe B	2	0	0	2	0	6	-6	0
8	Pinhoe A	2	0	0	2	0	7	-7	0

Pickleball – Children from Year 3 and Year 4 welcome children from Landscore and Newton St. Cyres this week for a festival of Pickleball. We learned how to play and played lots of fun games with each other. We look forward to Year 5 and Year 6 doing the same next week.

T1 Rugby – Another sporting opportunity this week was the T1 Rugby Festival hosted by Exeter Saracens. T1 is a non-contact version of the game which anyone can play. Volunteers from the club and from Exeter University ran games and activities before we played a simple version of the game. We had lots of fun with some schools we don't normally see and some with those that we do. A great example was set in both skill and sportsmanship and we also won all our games.

In addition to the great performances on the field, we were proud that several of our children were recognised for their positive attitudes and teamwork. Congratulations to Brooke, Shelby, Otto and Millie for their awards and Jaxson and Freddie for their 'Legend Awards' from the club.

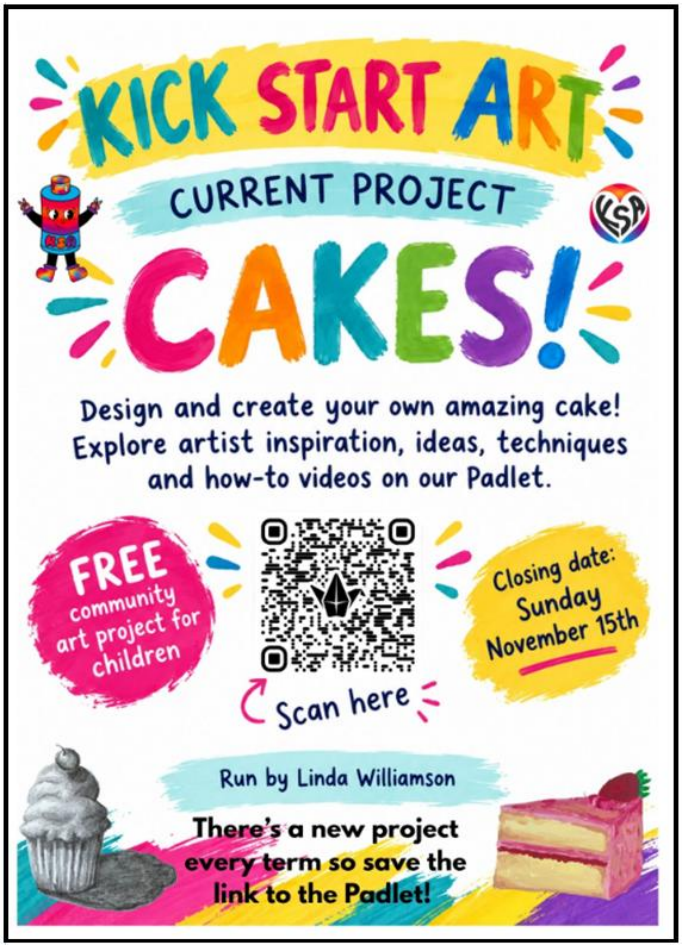
LUCY AWARD

Well done to Zarah for her commitment to supporting animal welfare. Zarah is donating her weekly pocket money to ensure that she can sponsor a Guide Dog. She discovered that it can take anything up to 5 years for people to get their own Guide Dog and she wanted to do something to help the situation. Well done Zarah!



KICK START ART COMPETITION

The children were introduced to this term's new Kick Start Art project earlier in the year when Linda visited Hayward's. The new project is 'Cakes', which I know the children (and staff) are very excited about. The poster below gives details of how you can access the Padlet. The Padlet gives you more information about the project but also provides a platform whereby children can add their work for entry into the competition. The closing date for entry is Sunday the 15th November and the prize could see a winning design turned into a real cake!

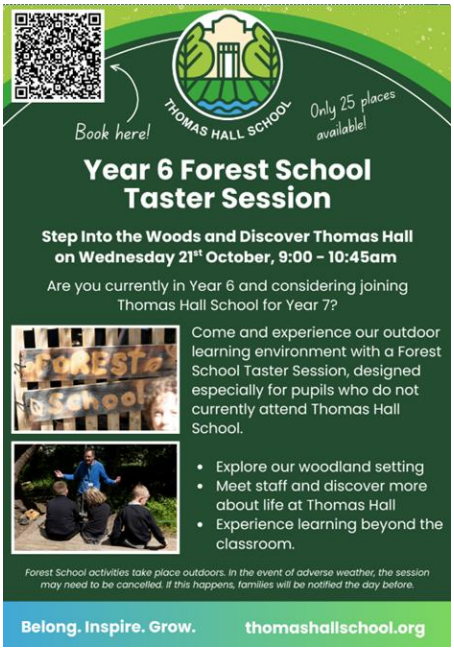


THOMAS HALL TASTER SESSION

Please see the flyer for additional details about Thomas Hall's forthcoming Open Day.

Children are being given the opportunity to visit the school on Wednesday 21st October 2026 for a Forest School taster session.

If you are interested, please contact the school directly for any additional detail.



PRIMARY SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES







KEY REMINDERS

PUPIL INFORMATION EVENING

A final reminder that if you haven't already, could you please sign up to meet your child's teacher next week. Pupil Information Evenings take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October. Limited spaces are available so please book fast.

Your child's mid-term report will arrive by email early in the week. You will need to input your child's date of birth in order to access the report.

HOME LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Home-Learning is a crucial way to support your child's learning. We have spent a number of years refining our expectations so that they are realistic and can largely, particularly in Y3 and above, by children on their own.

A remind that in:
Year 1 and Year 2 – we ask children to read for 10 minutes, five times per week, access Numberbots for 5 minutes a day and learn their 10 spellings for the half term.

Year 3 and Year 4 – We ask the children to read for 20 minutes, five times per week, access Times Table Rock Starts for 5-10 minutes 3-5 times per week and learn their 10 spellings for the half-term.

Year 5 and Year 6 – We ask the children to read for 30 minutes five times per week, access Times Table Rock Stars for 10 minutes, 3-5 times per week and learn their 10 spellings for the half-term.

Speaking from experience, any work done in primary school to help set up good home-learning expectations will stand you and your child in very good stead when they start secondary school.

Exciting new for Hayward's – We are delighted to announce that APF Coaching is coming to Hayward's School! These sessions are a brilliant chance to develop skills, spend time with friends and – most importantly – have fun. £24 for the half-term. To book a place or to ask any questions, please email Apfcoachinguk@gmail.com.

A brilliant Art Opportunity – Emmy-Lou, who ran workshops for children at Hayward's last year, is offering children the chance to take part in her 'Fine Art' holiday workshops which will be taking place on the 26th and 27th October. For more details please visit aurorashineonline.com or email Emmy-Lou at e@emmylouartcom

Clubs for Autumn Two – Mr Kelly is offering an exciting range for Autumn 2.
In additional Mr Poole is running a football club on the Wednesday and Mr Baker is running a tag-rugby club on the Friday.
Please keep an eye out for sign-up details which should be arriving just after half-term.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS





Well done to Roxy for some brilliant reasoning in Maths, to Alfie for showing excellent shading and texture skills in his art work, to Iris for completing her STAnley 6 and STAnley 7, to Monty for showing excellent skills when carrying out his column addition, to Emily for working so hard at her spellings this week, to George for showing some really good reasoning skills, to Theo for passing his STA 5 meters award, to Rory for his amazing drumming that he shared in our Wednesday assembly this week, to Hannah for passing her STA Shark 1 award, to Kwaky for showing hard work and determination when helping out with tidying following OPAL, to Annabelle for the hard work and dedication that she has shown to her spelling and developing her reading, to Alba for some brilliant writing and handwriting in English, to Freda for passing her STAnley 4 and 5 singing awards, to Noah for showing some exceptional lego building skills, to Libby for producing an excellent zoo-inspired fact file and to James and Leo for impressing Miss Down with the confident way that they spoke about their RE this week. Well done everybody!

PRIMARY SPORTS 'STAR OF THE WEEK' AWARD



Well done to Hattie, Noah, Arol, Emilia, Otto and Evie who all received Primary Sports 'Star of the Week' awards from Mr Kelly in their PE lessons their week. It is brilliant to see how much the children enjoy their PE sessions and how quickly they are improving their key skills in sport.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

An important reminder to all Year 6 families that secondary school applications must be completed by the 31st October. For more details on how to apply, please click here - Apply for a secondary place - Children, families and education

CALENDAR DATES FOR THE YEAR

Date	Activity and year Group	Any Notes
Autumn Term 2026		
Tues 20th and Thurs 22nd October	Parents' Evening	
26th October to 30th October	Half-Term	
Monday 2nd November	Non-Pupil Day	
Thursday 4th November	Year 4	Stone Age Day—visitor into school
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.
Tuesday 10th November	Year 3	Stone Age Day—visitor into school
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	