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5th May 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Celebratory Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – Monday 8th May 2023
KS2 SATS – from Tuesday 9th May 2023

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

It was such a joy to see our amazing Year 6 leavers receive their hoodies yesterday and I could see the pride they had on their faces as they walked out of school at the end of the day. Many parents have asked me to pass on their thanks to our fantastic PTA, who kindly organised them on our behalf. Thank you all so much. Year 6 children, although you have not left us yet, we are incredibly proud of the hard work, commitment and kindness you have shown throughout your school journey. We will all be there supporting you with your SATs, so please do not worry about them and try to enjoy the week! Good luck, Year 6s!



Although it has been a shorter week this week, we have managed to squeeze a lot into a small amount of time. Firstly, our Year 2s went out to the tennis festival at Tarka Tennis on Wednesday. Miss Boundy was extremely proud of the behaviour of the children and very impressed by their excellent sportsmanship. It is always a pleasure to see the children represent their school among other schools as well. Well done, Year 2s!

I am increasingly amazed by the **Tawstock Tiddlers** group on a Wednesday. Yesterday was attended so well by a large number of Mums, Dads, toddlers and babies and the range of activities was excellent. Congratulations to all involved and, of course, for the amazing cakes!

Robins' class was visited by Aneka Gold on Wednesday as their stunning start for their topic. Aneka spoke to the children about nursing and even had the opportunity to try out a few bandaging techniques! Don't worry, there were no serious injuries really, just some very big bandages! Thank you again Aneka!



Finally, of course, we have had the King's coronation celebration afternoon. The children have enjoyed an amazing picnic lunch, face-painting, games and crafts as well as receiving treats and souvenirs from the PTA. What an amazing opportunity to be part of living history and to mark an important event such as this. A huge thank you to the staff team, PTA and all involved for making this a special time for the children.

I do wish you all a fantastic long weekend; enjoy the celebrations and family time.

Best wishes, Mrs. Lowrey

School News

Bag 2 School collection - 11th May, 9am.

As before, we need donations to be items from the approved list (on the attached poster) and popped into tied bags out the front of School by 9am on the 11th May.

School Uniform

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw's at Daw's Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford.

As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at:

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.



ParentPay

The following trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

School Meals – £2.30 per day

Breakfast & ASC

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item, and for the correct child in your family

Parent Pay Debts.

Thank you to those of you who cleared your debts last week, we now currently have **26 children** showing debts on their ParentPay school meals account. Can we please ask that you check your accounts over the weekend and pay these off as soon as possible?

Charity Walk

One of our Teaching Assistants in Robin's class is raising vital funds for 'Children with Cancer UK' charity by walking a hilly 40km along the Jurassic Coast on May 13th. If you feel able to help Jemma raise her target of £220, the link to the JustGiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jemma-lowin>

Diary Dates

9th – 12th May – KS2 STAT's week

Term Dates

KS2 SATS week – Tuesday 9th May 2023-Friday 12th May 2023

Summer Half Term – 29th – 2nd June 2023 – inclusive.

End of Term – last day Friday 21st July 2023.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

Free School Meals

Check if your child can get free school meals and additional funding support

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

School Transport

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

[School and college transport – Education and Families](#)
School transport information,
including free school
transport
www.devon.gov.uk

NEW Privacy Notices – November 2023

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

Ventrus pupil privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf>

Community News

All Stars and Dynamos at your Local Cricket Club

With the many courses starting next week, your local Cricket Club still has capacity within their **All Stars** (5 – 8 years old) and **Dynamos** (8 – 11 years old) sessions to accept more bookings.

Attached is a Flyer promoting the **All Stars** and **Dynamos** opportunities in your local area

The link below provides further details on the two programmes.

https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/SearchResults?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6cKiBhD5ARIsAKXUdybT2LI9ID02DnF6r95JQJVOUxBIF80sGEA0F9U7LGldCO9ZettCygUaAqImEALw_wcB