



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk
holywell@ventrus.org.uk

Many other school events and news can be found on our [Facebook page - click here](#)

24th March 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Well, finally we are beginning to see the illnesses and bugs beginning to go away and the sun is beginning to shine for us! What a difference it makes!

We have been amazed with the amount of activity we have seen from the children this week, from Playleader training, science lessons, cross-country trials and all of our usual learning! I am delighted that the children ran so well during the cross country. Mr. Day has selected the fastest runners from **years 3-6** to represent the school in **Wilcombe in May**. Those who have been chosen will be contacted by letter soon to invite them to the event.

A huge thank you to the PTA for their generous donation of the cost of transporting our cross-country team to Wilcombe school, meaning that they will be able to attend for free. This is an exciting opportunity and I know that our children will do us proud! Thank you again to the PTA!

I know that our children are very excited about our trip to Paignton Zoo on Monday. I know that they will have an amazing time and can't wait to hear all about the animals that they see!

You will have received an email today containing a link to a parent feedback questionnaire. If everyone could please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey and share your views, I would be very grateful.

Congratulations to all those who received their first badge for the 11 club today! I know some children will be close to receiving it as well and will undoubtedly do so next week, so please remind them not to be disappointed, it is all about enjoying the challenge!

Have a wonderful weekend and keep practicing those maths challenges!

IMPORTANT - Paignton Zoo Trip – Robin & Hedgehog Classes

Children MUST be dropped off at school at 8am on Monday 27th March and will need collecting around 4pm on their return.

School News

Easter service at St Peter's Church – Please drop your child/children off at the church at 8:45am on Tuesday 28th March. Children who attend breakfast club or arrive at school by school transport will walk to the church with members of staff.

We would love it if you could possibly stay and join us for our celebration of Easter which should finish by approximately 9:30am

HAF Activities for the Easter Holidays

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/haf-providers-easter-2023/>

LOST Drinks Bottle

A precious drinks bottle has been lost so can you help? The bottle is white with a gymnast and the name River on it. If you have seen it or your child has taken it home by mistake can you, please bring it into the office so as we can return it to its owner. Thank you.

30 hour codes for the Summer Term

In order to access 30hour funding for the Summer Term 2023 (which for funding purposes starts on 1st April 2023) parents need to have applied to HMRC through their Government Gateway Account and received a code by 31st March 2023. Any codes with an eligible date of 1st April onwards will not be funded in Summer 2023 term. We encourage parents to apply in plenty of time incase HMRC require any additional information.

Sadly, a number of families across Devon did not reconfirm their details and missed the 31st of December deadline for Spring Term, moved settings in the Grace Period or had a gap in eligibility meaning they could not claim 30 hours funding in the Spring. Please make sure this doesn't happen to you.

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.

We currently have **18 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?

Diary Dates

28th March – Easter service at St Peter's Church – Please see above.

31st March – Disco - straight after school

9th – 12th May – KS2 STAT's week

Term Dates

Easter Holidays – 3rd – 14th April 2023 - inclusive

Non-Pupil Day – Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2023

Celebratory Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – Monday 8th 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=VENTRUMUL&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

West Buckland School is holding an Open Day on Monday 1st May. Click on the link for more details or to register your interest: <https://westbuckland.com/open-day-registration-2023/>