

'Spurring each other on with love'

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PFA Spring Disco

On Wednesday 4th February, the PFA hosted a Spring Disco for pupils across Foundation, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. The event was wonderfully organised, creating a vibrant atmosphere where children could unwind, dance and sing along to their favourite songs selected by our fantastic DJ. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the parent volunteers whose time and support helped make the evening such a fun and memorable success.







Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



February 2026

16th - 20th: Half Term Break

March 2026

Thursday 5th: World Book Day Celebration - Dress up as a book character.

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th: Foundation Balanceability Training Sessions

Monday 9th - Friday 13th: Year Five Bikeability Training Sessions

Tuesday 10th March: High 5 Neon Dodgeball After School Activity (£11 per child)

Thursday 12th - Friday 13th: PFA Mother's Day Present Room

Tuesday 24th - Thursday 26th: Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 25th Class Photos

April 2026

Wednesday 1st April: Spring Music Festival for Foundation, KSI & KS2

Thursday 2nd Last Day of Term Early Dismissal @ 1.15 pm

3rd - 17th: Easter Break

Monday 20th: All pupils return to school

Friday 24th: Military Family Breakfast @ 8.10 am (All pupils wear purple accessories (purple hair accessories, socks etc) in celebration of Month of the Military Child)

Thursday 30th April - High 5 Inflatables After School Activity (£11 per child)

May 2026

Monday 4th: Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th; National Height and Weight Check (Foundation & Year Six pupils)

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th: Year Six SATs Assessment Week

Wednesday 20th; PFA Summer Disco for Foundation, KSI & KS2

Thursday 21st: New 2026 Foundation Intake Meeting @ 5pm

25th - 29th: Half Term Break

June 2026

Wednesday 3rd: All pupils return to school

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 12th: Year Four Multiplication Tables Check

8th - 12th: National Phonics Screening Check

Monday 15th: Foundation & Key Stage One Sports Day

Wednesday 17th: Key Stage Two Sports Day (Years Three to Six)

Thursday 18th PFA Father's Day Present Room

Friday 19th : PFA Father's Day Present Room

Tuesday 23rd: 1st Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm

Wednesday 24th: 1st Visit New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm

Friday 26th: PFA Mufti Day

Tuesday 30th: 2nd Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm

July 2026

Wednesday 1st: 2nd Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm

Friday 3rd: PFA Mufti Day

Friday 10th : PFA Mufti Day & Summer Fayre

Friday 17th: Year Six End of Year Trip to Woodlands

Tuesday 21st : Year Six Production @ 6 pm

Wednesday 22nd : Year Six Production @ 2pm

Year Six Leaver's Disco @ 5pm - St Barnabas Hall

Friday 24th: Last day of term 1.15 pm dismissal

Keeping Everyone Safe During Key Stage Awards

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding our pupils, we would like to remind families of the procedures in place for Key Stage Awards on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To ensure that only authorised parents and carers enter St Barnabas Hall, a member of the senior leadership team—usually the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher—will be stationed at the hall entrance each morning to welcome you. The hall doors will close promptly at 8:55am. If you arrive after this time, please enter through the main reception. A member of staff will then escort you to the hall so you can join the awards. For the safety of all children and staff, we kindly ask that you do not knock on the hall door or ask pupils or other adults inside the hall to let you in. This helps us ensure that only authorised adults are entering the space and allows us to maintain the highest safeguarding standards. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe.

Road Safety Concerns

We continue to receive a high number of concerns regarding the safety of children while walking to and from school each day. Both local residents and parents have raised ongoing worries about motorists driving at excessive speeds and failing to adhere to speed limits and road signage in the area surrounding the school. In addition, there remain persistent issues with parents and carers parking on double yellow lines and in close proximity to the zebra crossing. This significantly restricts visibility and poses serious risks to pedestrians, particularly our children at the busiest times of the day. The safety of our pupils is a shared responsibility. We ask all members of our school community to work together to ensure that children can travel to and from school safely. By parking considerately, observing speed limits and road signs, and modelling responsible behaviour, we can help prevent accidents and ensure a safer environment for everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation in being proactive, rather than reactive, in keeping our school community safe.

Upcoming Woolwell Centre Events - Please Support!



Thursday 19th & Friday 20th Feb

Times:
10:00-11:00
11:30-12:30
13:00-14:00
14:30-15:30

February Half Term Fun Days

Only **£5** per child

Soft Play for under 3 years
Arts & Craft
Bouncy Castles
Tattoos

Woolwell Centre
Registered charity: 1071238

www.woolwellcentre.co.uk/events

Darklake Lane, Woolwell, Plymouth PL6 7TR • 01752 695888



EASTER EGG APPEAL

Woolwell Centre
Registered charity: 1071238

More details about our Easter egg hunt **COMING SOON!**

Be a **GOOD EGG!**

We are looking for Easter egg donations

Any 96g small size egg would be greatly appreciated, for our **BIGGEST**, most **SPECTACULAR** family treasure hunt. If you can help, then please drop by the centre. **THANK YOU!**

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Analogue Watches Only: Supporting Safety and Learning

We have sent several communications regarding the types of watches allowed in school. We would like to clarify our expectations once again, as these are in place to support safeguarding, learning, and a distraction-free environment for all pupils.

We allow analogue watches only in school because:

- Reading an analogue clock is part of the National Curriculum for primary pupils.
- Using an analogue watch helps children practise and strengthen this essential skill of telling the time.
- It avoids potential safeguarding issues linked to digital or smart devices.

Safeguarding Risks of Digital & Smart Watches

Although some digital watches appear simple, many contain hidden or upgradable smart features. It is also impractical and intrusive for staff to check every child's device daily. We have had incidents where children have used smart functions in school, including attempts to:

- Take photos or videos of other pupils
- Send or receive text messages
- Make or receive calls
- Access apps or additional functions without adult knowledge

These capabilities present clear safeguarding concerns, particularly relating to privacy, online safety, and inappropriate recording.

To keep all children safe, maintain focus in class, and support curriculum learning, please ensure your child wears only an analogue watch to school.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, calm, and purposeful learning environment for every pupil.

J9

J9 Domestic Abuse Initiative - Safeguarding Update

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As part of our commitment to safeguarding and supporting our school community, all teaching staff have completed J9 Domestic Abuse Initiative training. The J9 Initiative raises awareness of domestic abuse and helps survivors access support safely. Through this training, staff learn how to recognise signs of abuse and respond in a safe, supportive and confidential way. Once trained, organisations display the J9 logo, signalling that they are a **safe place** where anyone affected by domestic abuse can: - access information about support services - speak to a trained member of staff - use a telephone in private to contact help if needed. The initiative is named in memory of **Janine Mundy**, a mother of two from Cornwall who tragically lost her life to domestic abuse. Her family and local police launched the project to ensure that support is easier to find for those who may be suffering in silence. By completing this training, our school is now part of the wider network of J9 safe spaces. While we hope you never need it, we want all parents and carers to know that support is available here if you ever do. If you ever need to talk to someone, or would like information about support services, please know that you can approach us safely and in confidence.

Primary Scholars - Pupil Premium Support Programme (Free of Cost)

In partnership with

Devonport High School For Boys

PRIMARY SCHOLARS

AFTER SCHOOL KS2 MATHS, ENGLISH, SCIENCE & 11+ SUPPORT

1-2-1 MENTORING WITH DHSB STUDENTS

Priority places for Pupil Premium

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

www.dhsb.org

As you may be aware, for many years Devonport High School for Boys have been working with families to attempt to give fairer access to the school. This year, as part of their Primary Scholars scheme, they will be offering support and enrichment on site at DHSB to help Year Four and Five pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium to consolidate their Maths and English skills at KS2 and/or prepare for the 11+ admission tests. They will invite each child and a parent or carer to DHSB for a block of sessions during the academic year, typically on Mondays.

Parents complete the form here:

www.atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/devonport-boys

Our school office will receive an email from Atom to confirm each child's PP eligibility. Once verified, the free Atom Home account will be created and login details sent to the parent.

High 5 Bickleigh After School Club



High 5 Update!



Meet Jamie

Our new After School Club Co-ordinator

As the first Spring Half Term slowly comes to an end, I saw this as an ideal time to introduce myself and give you all a sneak preview of what we have upcoming at our After School Clubs. Having worked for the company for nearly 13 years, I am excited to take this step in working with Nikki and the rest of the team to ensure we are delivering your children the best afterschool provision possible.

We have had a bunch of ideas of how we can make After School Club even better, and we are excited to introduce our 3 new initiatives which will begin after half term. We would love to hear your feedback on these and all things after school club so please feel free to chat with the team at school or email jamie@high5sportscamps.co.uk with anything you want/need. I hope you all have a lovely half term and we are looking forward to all of the new things happening when we come back!

FUN Days

Our fun days have historically been thoroughly enjoyed by all of our Bickleigh campers. I am pleased to say that all of the dates for the rest of the school year have been locked in and are attached on the back of this letter. We have listened to your feedback and upon request have added in a Spectacular Science show in May for the children to look forward to.

Intersite Competitions

As you may or may not be aware, Bickleigh is one of four of our After School Club provisions. Starting after half term, the children at all of the sites will be working on a project, in which the winning school will have a special prize delivered to them. Next half term, the kid's task is to build their schools mascot out of whatever they can get their hands on. I for one am very excited to see what the Bickleigh Down Deer will look like!

SPIN THAT WHEEL

As a thank you for your continued loyalty to our provision, we are introducing a High 5 After School Club reward scheme. For every 10 sessions that your child attends, they will get to spin the wheel for a prize, that could be something they get to do at After School Club, such as being the club DJ for the day or could be a treat from our lucky dip. Special prizes will be awarded after a child's 50th booking!



More info
coming soon...

Bickleigh Down After School Events

All events will be from 3:20 - 5pm.

COST **£11** Per child

for collection until 6pm is **£4** extra

KPOP INFLATABLE PARTY - THURSDAY 12TH
FEBRUARY

NEON DODGEBALL - TUESDAY 10TH MARCH

INFLATABLES - THURSDAY 30TH APRIL

SEPECTACULAR SCIENCE - TUESDAY 12TH MAY

WET & WILD - THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

Have a great
half term

