

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th November 2024



This week's
whole
school
attendance
rate is
96%

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy week at HNT with lots of engagement in classrooms and enthusiasm of learning as I have walked around the school. We started the week with a beautiful remembrance service on Monday. All the children, including our nursery children, conducted themselves beautifully in the Gospel hall and held a two-minute silence showing their respect and recognition to those who have lost their lives through conflict and war across the world. A huge well done to those children who read their poems, prayers and information about remembrance and thank you to our families and community who joined us for our assembly.

Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-bullying week this week, I led an assembly with the children earlier this week. In our assembly we discussed what 'bullying' behaviour was and what we can do as an individual and as a whole school to combat bullying behaviour. The theme for this year is 'Choose Respect'. The children discussed what the word respect means and how we can demonstrate this to each other and to others outside school. Each class have spent time this week making individual cups of kindness. We hope that the children and staff will fill each other's cup of kindness with kind words or thoughts about each other, spreading kindness and thoughtfulness across the school. We have also spoken to the children about carrying out a random act of kindness at home by helping with the dishes, doing some tidying up without being asked or just giving someone a hug. Please do let us know if a random act of kindness takes place in your home over the coming weeks. For more information about this year's campaign, please click on the link below:



[Anti-Bullying Week 2024: Choose Respect](#)



SEND Support Plans

Teachers and I met last week to review support plans for those children across the school who have a special educational need. The plans are designed to outline what measures are being put into place to support our children in order that they can thrive in our classrooms. A copy of the reviewed plans will be sent home in your children's book bags this afternoon and a copy will also be emailed to all parents. Please do speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment to discuss the targets in place to support your child *'To Be the Best We Can Be'*.

Cross Country Event

On Wednesday this week, Mrs Hopkins and a group of children across the school took part in a TEAM cross country event at High Bickington Academy. The children demonstrated great determination and resilience to complete the course.



Children in Need

Thank you to all our parents and carers for their kind donations for Children in Need. We all enjoyed a cosy end to the week wearing our comfortable pyjamas to school. Our school council organised a range of Pudsey activities for the children to take part in during lunchtime today. It was lovely to see their leadership skills shine as they supported others to complete the range of activities they had organised for everyone to enjoy.

Class 2 Parent Consultations

We have arranged a parent consultation for our class 2 parents on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November from 2-3:30pm. Communication has already been shared this week with all parents of children in class 2. The 10-minute meeting will be an opportunity for Mr Boyle and myself to discuss your child/ren's behaviour and progress so far this term and talk about strategies and support for parents to engage in their children's learning at home. To arrange an appointment, please contact the office.



Staffing Updates

Our adverts for the vacancies available at HNT have gone live last week. We have had several candidates who have contacted the school to arrange a visit and meet the staff and children. We are pleased to inform parents of children in class 2 that Mr Boyle will continue to lead the teaching and learning in class 2 in Mrs Northmore's absence.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook



Reminders...



Come and join us at our Celebration Assemblies, every Friday morning at 9:00am in Lovacott Gospel Hall, opposite the school. Everyone is welcome!



Year 5 London Trip payment instalments have been set up on Parentpay. Please log into your account to see the payment plan.



Please note, class teachers are not available in the mornings as they are busy preparing for the day ahead. If you would like to arrange a meeting with a teacher, please contact the School Office via email admin@hntps.org or telephone 01271 858373. Thank you for your understanding.



Reception and Year 6 parents/carers have received an email about the National Child Measurement Programme taking place in the Spring Term. The letter includes an OPT OUT link - all opt outs need to be received by Friday 20th December.



Please note that starting after the half-term holidays, if your child experiences a bump or medical incident during the day, we will log the details on our new online platform, MEDICAL TRACKER. You will be notified via email through the Medical Tracker system.



Please ensure that children remove earrings and other jewellery for PE and have their long hair tied back for safety reasons.



For free access to a parent online course on dyslexia and dyscalculia, please click on the following link:

[Training - British Dyslexia Association](#)

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to the Class 1 parents who attended the Phonics Workshop with Mrs Radley on Tuesday. We hope you found it helpful in understanding our teaching methods and that it will support you in working with your child at home.

What's on...?

Next Week: W/C 18th November 2024

Monday

- Running Club 3:30pm to 4.15pm

Tuesday

- Year 5: Forest School (please ensure kit is in school)
- Music lessons with Jeffers Mayo (private lesson for those parents that have signed up.)

Wednesday

- Class 3: PE (please come to school wearing kit)

Thursday

- Tempest school photographs - families and individuals
- Nursery: Forest School (AM)
- Reception: Forest School (PM)
- Class 2: PE (please come to school wearing PE kit)
- Class 4: Year 6 - Swimming (please bring kit)
- Book Club - 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Friday

- Celebration Assembly at 9:00am in Lovacott Gospel Hall - parents and carers welcome to join us
- Class 1: PE (please ensure PE kit is in school every day)
- Singing lessons with Rhiannon Wright (private music lesson for those parents that have signed up)
- Construction Club - lunchtime
- Yoga Club - 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Celebration Assemblies on Fridays

If you are attending our Celebration Assemblies, please ensure that any photographs you take are only of your own child or children and are not shared on the internet or social media platforms. Thank you.

Advance Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 2 Parent Consultations
Friday 29th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception Class - Vision Test (Opt out email has been sent to parents)• Class 2 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 4th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:00pm Year 4 Parent Workshop on the Times Tables check - Mrs Hopkins
Tuesday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.30am Nativity Performance• 5.30pm Nativity Performance (Village Hall)
Wednesday 18th December	Christingle Service (Classes 3 and 4) at 2.45pm

Dates for your diary....

School Term Dates 2024/2025 - Autumn Term

Last day of school: Friday 20th December 2024

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6th January 2025 - NO SCHOOL

School Term Dates 2024/2025 - Spring Term

First day of school: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half-term holiday: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Last day of school: Friday 4th April 2025

Easter holiday: 7th April to 21st April 2025

First day of school: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

What do we have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (N & CLI)

This week the focus in the foundation stage class has been space. We have learnt about the sun and why we have day and night, and that the moon is made of rock and has craters.



We have also started our balance bike training course.



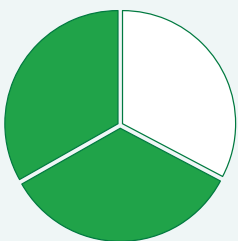
Class 2

This week, Class 2 have begun looking at a new book for writing based activities – The Bog Baby! We have been discovering more about the sort of woodland habitat that a Bog Baby might inhabit, and finding new and interesting ways to describe such a creature. Weather and seasons continue to be a theme throughout science, geography and dance(!), as we await the sort of more turbulent weather we might expect to see in the coming weeks/months.



Class 3

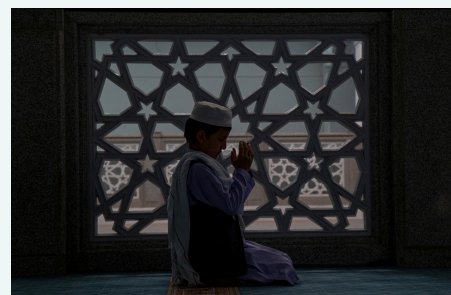
This week in class 3 we have begun exploring fractions in maths. The children have been understanding the terms denominator and numerator and have used their knowledge to organise fractions in ascending and descending order. In our writing we have looked at using synonyms to expand our vocabulary and make our writing more interesting for our reader. We have also mastered our first tune on the recorder!



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Class 4

Class 4 have been learning about what it means to be a Muslim in Britain and how the 5 pillars influence their lives. We have also finished our Banksy work and started looking at our new history topic about Titanic.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week

STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Amelia for her super writing about the sun
Class 2	Nico for 'wonderful' handwriting
Class 3	Reemy for making a fabulous start to her fraction learning in Maths
Class 4	William for outstanding running at cross country



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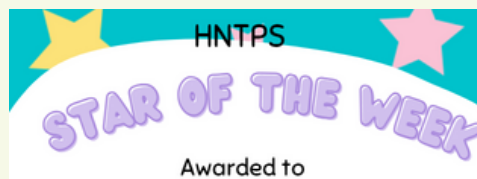
LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



BEING CREATIVE

Class 1	Astrid for making fun games to play with friends
Class 2	Georgie for showing great creativity in Geography
Class 3	George for a creative choice of synonyms in his writing
Class 4	Carter for his creativity during our Banksy work



Nursery	Olivia for making comparisons in Maths
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50 Dojo points

Bronze award

Charlotte, Teddy, Ronnie T, Archie, Jorgie, Blake, Penelope, Theo N, Flo, William B, Aiden H, Alfie, Nancy, Edie and Wilfred



100 Dojo points

Silver award

Freya, Martha, Thomas B, Isabel, Eve, Charlie, Carter

Children In Need: Friday 15th November

Well done to all of our children and staff for coming to school in their pyjamas today! Thank you also to families who have donated to Children In Need.



Our Reading Baskets this week.....

have been awarded to:

Class 1 & 2: Phoebe

Class 3 & 4: Wilfred



Children who are awarded the reading basket will have the opportunity to take the basket home for the weekend and enjoy the range of lovely books, snugly blanket, hot chocolate and marshmallows with their family. We ask that the reading basket is returned to school on Tuesday so we can prepare the basket for the following weekend. The draw for the winners will take place each week in our celebration assembly which we invite our parents to join us for in Lovacott Gospel Hall at 9:00am.

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 18th November

Our meal price is £2.55 per day for Class 3 and 4 children. Classes 1 and 2 children qualify for Universal Free School Meal funding.

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of toppings are available every day.

Fresh fruit, salad & wholemeal bread are available daily. Gentle reminder: we are a nut free school.

04/11, 18/11, 02/12,
16/12

Menu - Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Chicken Stew & Dumplings	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Gammon Joint	Ham Panini/Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Stew/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese/Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Panini/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Mixed Veg	Garlic Bread/Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes/Vegetables/Gravy	Fruit and Salad Selection
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Raspberry Muffins/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Apple Crumble/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Custard Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Oat Crunchie/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt



smart start



INTERVENTIONS

Teachers and TAs will be busy providing Smart Start interventions each morning, so please can both Class 3 and 4 children access their classroom through the front door. We will no longer be opening the side gate to the playground in the morning

The main door and bottom gate will open at 8.50am until 9.00am

Children arriving after 9.00am will miss out on the smart start interventions and will be marked as late in the register.

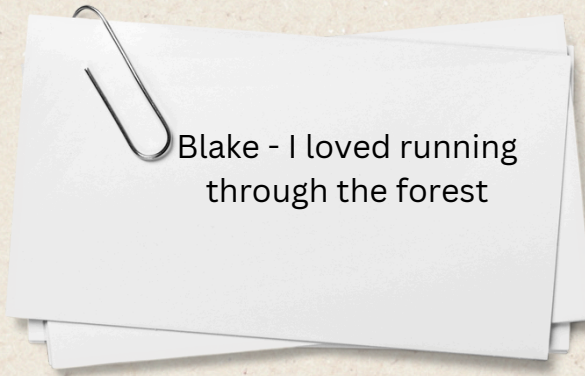
Please remember: late marks affect attendance rates!



Team Cross Country Event - Wednesday 13th November



Today was a record-breaking day for our MAT cross-country festival! An incredible 260 children from High Bickington, Witheridge, Pilton Infants, Beaford, Horwood and Newton Tracey, Swimbridge, Brayford, and Pilton Bluecoat Schools gathered at High Bickington Community Centre to take part. Under bright, sunny skies, the children embraced the challenge, filling the morning with enthusiasm, energy, and outstanding performances. The atmosphere was brilliant, and it was wonderful to see so many smiles as they experienced the joy of physical activity together. Congratulations to everyone who took part—what an amazing day!



Some children enjoyed a morning of cross country although Bickington. All children showed great perseverance and incredible sportsmanship. We even had some children win certificates; well done Isabel, Alex and Harper



Bella W - it was fun because you got to make new friends and practise our running in the sunshine





Anti-Bullying Week

11th November 2024



'Being respectful means we consider everyone's feelings'

Being respectful means that we care and look after our school building and the resources we have in it'

'Being respectful means that no one is left out'

KINDNESS



TOLERANCE

'We should be caring and accept people for who they are and help each other' - Isabel

'Everyone is equal in their own way' - Ruben

'We should treat other people how we want to be treated' - Luca

FAIRNESS

CHOOSE RESPECT

EMPATHY

Friends of HNTPS

Friends of HNTPS Christmas Hampers

What is now very much a Christmas tradition for HNTPS - The Family Group Christmas Hampers will be making a return again this year!

Family group colours will be drawn and confirmed in next weeks Newsletter

For new parents, children will be assigned a colour, as per their family group:

RED - GREEN - PURPLE - GOLD

We ask children to make a small prize donation in the colour allocated to their family group - e.g. food, drink, toiletries, Christmas items etc.

Prizes are then collated to make lovely family group colour themed hampers. Raffle tickets will be sold on the lead up to Christmas with the draw taking place before the term end.

For each donation children will receive a raffle ticket to be in with with a chance of winning their own mini hamper!



Was your child born between
1st September 2020 and
31st August 2021?

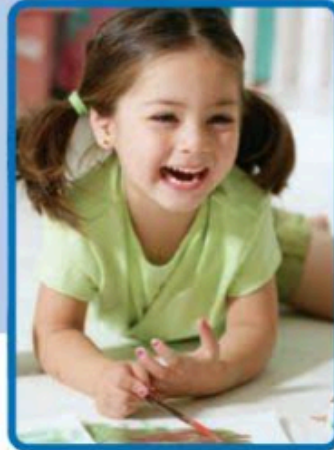
How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details
to a primary school, you must apply
for a place through the Admissions
Team. This is the only way to apply;
other forms or lists held by schools
will not count.

Devon
County Council 

Community Information

Any articles which appear in the school newsletter, that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only.

Newton Tracey Church

COFFEE and a CHAT



Wednesday 20 November

at The Hunters Inn

10 – 11.30

Everyone is very welcome

THE WOODCOTT PLAYERS

proudly announce their 2025 Panto...

Jay the Jiant

There will be three performances:

Saturday 22 March 2025 – afternoon and evening

Sunday 23 March 2025 – afternoon only

First read-through is on October 25 in The Hunters Inn, thereafter every Friday in November in the Village Hall from 7.30 to 9.00, before breaking for Christmas. We start up again on January 17, and will then meet every week through to the week of our performances.

We're always on the lookout for new people to join us, particularly children, so if you, and/or your children, would like to get involved
please contact Pat Ford on 07452 833222

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

SUNDAY LUNCH

Alverdiscott Community Hall

24th November

12.30pm for 1pm



Tickets £20
2 course meal with
a glass of wine

Book your place with Louise Saunders 01271 858522 • louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com

Lovacott Little Library

Your Community Honesty Library

**THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
from 2pm – 3pm in Lovacott Village Hall**

**MONDAY
4th
NOVEMBER**

SPONSORED BY
**LOVACOTT
MOTORS**
01271 858383

There are also some books in Horwood and Newton Tracey churches, which will be rotated regularly. Both churches are open daily.

CHATTERBOX

A community get together with a cuppa and a cake in St Michael's Church, Horwood.



Thursday 14th November

from 2.00pm until 4.00pm

Meet old friends, make new ones.

A warm and chatty welcome to all.

Please bring your own mug. Also, a small donation to help cover the costs would be appreciated.

Welcome to

LOVACOTT GOSPEL HALL

For Praise, Thanksgiving, Dedication and
Early Carol Songs

Lord God Almighty

Sunday 24th November, 3.30pm

Light Refreshments Afterwards

Trevor Milton

**FREE
SELF CARE
WORKSHOPS**

Mondays 5pm-7pm
YES Centre, The Strand, Barnstaple
Drop-in for 11-18yr olds

HOW TO SUPPORT YOURSELF DIGITAL DETOX
COMMUNICATION WHERE TO GO FOR HELP
HOBBIES COOKING TAKE A REST EXERCISE
EXPRESS YOURSELF

more info at sparkuk.co.uk
[@sparkteens](https://www.instagram.com/sparkteens)



Horwood Lovacott and Newton Tracey Parish Council invites nominations for CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Award.

Do you know someone who has gone over and above in the community, has made a difference to the community and given time and effort for the community?

Please send your nomination(s) to the Parish Clerk: Mrs Sue Squire at hlandntparishcouncil@gmail.com or post to Haxlea, 2 Threeways, Bratton Fleming, Barnstaple, EX31 4TG by the deadline date of 30 November 2024.

BABY AND TODDLER STAY & PLAY

Held every Friday during term time at Little Learners, Newton Cross. 9.30am - 11.00am

These are free sessions giving children a chance to meet new friends and for parents to catch up. Contact Lynda on 01271 858881 for more information

FOUNDATION HUBS

TASTER SESSION
5 DECEMBER 2024
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
EX32 9AX
5:30 - 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
& 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
7PM - 8:30 PM

NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chaddiford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1RB

Sign Up
For more information contact
martin.brice@devoncricnet.co.uk
01392 262509 / 07939 015663
or visit www.devoncricnet.co.uk/northdevon

*Players in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are not eligible.

WOMEN'S

DROP IN

Children welcome

"We amplify the voices that fight to be heard elsewhere"



An opportunity for women to access some support and make referrals to other services

Every other Wednesday 12-2pm starting 18th September

Yeo Valley Hub (access via Sunflower Road)

Contact Brave Spaces: 01271 371499 or bravespacesnd@encompass-sw.org.uk

Supported By:



03300415493 for more info or follow QR codes

Alverdiscott Community Hall and Friends of All Saints Church

Christmas Quiz

Saturday 7th December 7pm for 7:30pm

Teams of up to 6 people - £5 per head Includes refreshments, with licensed bar

Book your place with Liz White 01271 858441 or bulworthy@aol.com

CELTISH
Nigel Cameron & Julie Cameron-Hall

ADVENT CONCERT
Mon 25th Nov 7.30pm
The Clinton Hall, Merton
(Okehampton, Devon, EX20 3EQ)
Admission by donation. Interval refreshments

"A glorious light has dawned"

Further info: Tel. Martin Warren 01409-281424 | celtish.org

Year's 6+7 Girls Rugby Barnstaple Rugby Club Friday's @6:30pm

Rugby is a game for all shapes, sizes and abilities

We are a new, friendly and welcoming girl's team. You can play with us even if you currently play for another team or club



No experience needed, just turn up and give it a go!

info.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com for more information...

...or just turn up on Friday and play!



WICKETZ

STARTING SEPTEMBER 25

Free Cricket Sessions

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 8-16 OF ALL ABILITIES

COME ALONG TO YOUR LOCAL WICKETZ HUB FOR FUN CRICKET GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND COACHING!

Pilton Community College, Barnstaple EX31 1RB
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

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