

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

This week's
whole school
attendance
rate is 95%

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term! I hope you all had a lovely restful break with time to relax and enjoy some precious family time together. It has been so lovely to see all our children back at school this week, engaging in their learning and play with each other.

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Tonkin to our staffing team for this half term. Mrs Tonkin will be teaching in Class 3 Monday to Wednesday and alongside myself in Class 2 on Thursday and Friday.



Trips and Visits

We have lots of exciting trips and visits happening this term. These visits enhance the children's learning providing an opportunity to bring the curriculum to life. Please do look out for emails with relevant information about these visits and information regarding payments through parent pay.

Curriculum Newsletters

Next week, staff will be sharing our class curriculum newsletters with parents. This will give detailed information of the topics the children will be exploring across the curriculum during the spring term. We hope to start our new open mornings and afternoons this half term which will give our parents and carers an opportunity to share and look at the learning in their child/ren's books. We will share more information about our 'Book and Biscuit' sessions in next week's newsletter.



After school clubs this half term

We still have spaces available for our after-school clubs that will be starting from next week and running across this half term. If you would like to sign your child up to participate in any of our after-school clubs (information provided in the newsletter), consent and payments can be made through ParentPay or come and speak to Mrs Humphries in the school office.

Forest School Sessions

This half term, children in Year 2 will have their forest school sessions each Tuesday afternoon. Please can we ask that the children come with their waterproofs and wellies as well as hats, scarfs and gloves to ensure they are warm enough to enable them to enjoy the range of fantastic outdoor learning opportunities provided by Mrs Blunt and staff in their sessions. All forest school clothes should come to school in a named bag.

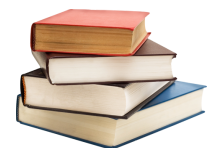


As the temperature continues to drop, please can we ask that all children come to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves for outside play.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

Our Reading Baskets this week.....



have been awarded to:

Class 1 & 2: Martha

Class 3 & 4: Elise

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, snuggly 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.



Reminder for parents of nursery-aged children

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.



A number of applications have already been received by Devon County Council, but some parents still need to apply online for their child's primary school place in September 2025.

DON'T FORGET

**Closing Date for applications:
15th January 2025**

Year 5 London Residential 2025



Reminder: payment instalment links for the Year 5 residential to London are available in your Parentpay account. Full payment is required by 17th January 2025

BREAKFAST CLUB!

Fun!

Arts and Crafts!

Exciting!

Lots to do!

OUR RULES

- We take turns to speak
- We use kind and positive words
- We listen to each other
- We wait for everyone to finish eating before activities begin
- We are respectful to staff and each other

Breakfast Club spaces are still available, please contact the office for more details

What's on...?

W/C 13th January 2025



Monday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- ROMAR Sports After-School Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Creative Activity Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Tuesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Year 2: Forest School in the afternoon
- Year 1: Invasion games
- Netball After-School Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Years 3 & 4: 15/01, 22/01, 29/01, 05/02, 12/02 Falcons Gymnastics sessions
- Years 5 & 6: PE (tennis and football) please come to school wearing your PE kit.

Thursday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Nursery: Forest School in the morning
- Class 1: Forest School in the afternoon
- Creative Activity Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Celebration Assembly at 9:00am in Lovacott Gospel Hall - parents and carers welcome to join us
- Class 1: PE in the afternoon

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.



Dates for your diary....

School Term Dates 2024/2025 - Spring Term

First day of school: Tuesday 7th January 2025

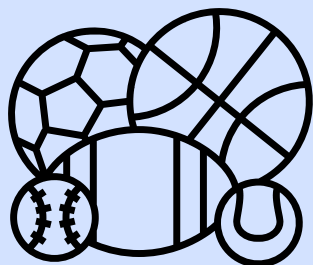
Half-term holiday: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Last day of school: Friday 4th April 2025

Easter holiday: 7th April to 21st April 2025

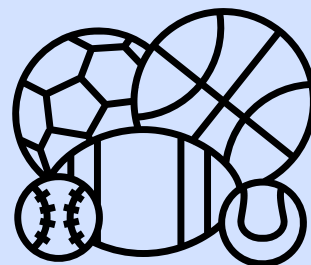
First day of school: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Spring Term Clubs



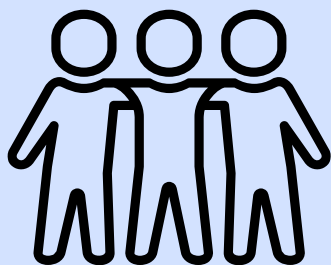
Romar Sports Club: Key Stage 1 Games

When: Mondays, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Where: Playground
Who: Open to Class 2 and Year 3
Places Available: 16 only
Start Date: Monday, 13th January
Cost: £30.00 per child for 10 sessions (£3.00 per session)



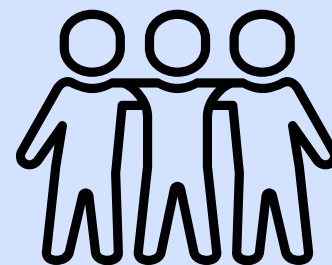
Netball Club

When: Tuesdays, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Where: Playground
Who: Open to Year 4, Year 5 and 6 children
Places Available: 16 only
Start Date: Tuesday, 14th January
Cost: £30.00 per child for 10 sessions (£3.00 per session)



Creative Activity Club

When: Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Where: In school
Who: Open to children of all ages
Places Available: 20 only
Start Date: Monday, 13th January
Cost: £10.00 per child for 10 sessions (£1.00 per session)



Class 3 PE note:

Starting on Wednesday 15th January, class 3 children will be going to Falcons Gymnastics for their PE sessions. This will continue for 5 weeks. We feel very lucky to be able to offer this high quality PE opportunity again this year.

We will be leaving and returning during school hours and there is no cost to parents.

Children can come to school in their PE kits. Children will also need:

- a water bottle
- Joggers or shorts which have no zips or buttons
- A white t - shirt that can be tucked in
- All jewellery must be removed (earrings can be taped)
- Long hair must be tied back (including boys)

Please also ensure that all medication is up to date and in school.



What have we been learning in class this week?

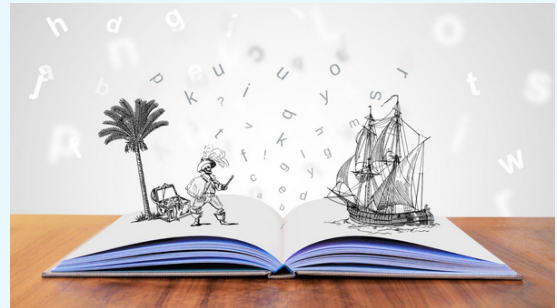
Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have been discovering winter weather both inside and outside. We have enjoyed the story of Jack Frost and have learnt about animals who can live in ice and snow



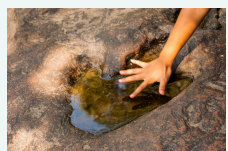
Class 2

This week in class 2 we made predictions about our new class text, using small extracts from the story and several props of the characters we will meet along the way. In our maths learning we began exploring number facts and looking at how knowing one number fact helps us to make connections with other number facts.



Class 3

Class 3 have settled back into school very well. In PSHE, we have been thinking about how people can be successful even if they face difficult challenges and in science, we have started to think about fossils, looking at plant outlines found in rocks, dinosaur footprints and the skeleton of a Smilodon (a sabre-toothed cat) from 10,000 years ago.



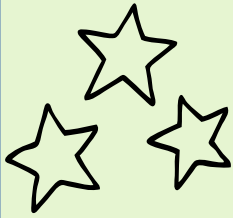
Class 4

Class 4 started their history topic of Princes, Peasants and Pestilence. We have started by examining what happened in 1066 around the time of the battle of Hastings. We've also carried on our learning about division and in particular the different strategies we can use to solve division problems.

Our new text is Hansel and Gretel and we have enjoyed examining the illustrations from the book.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1

Kara for a great first week back after the holidays.

Class 2

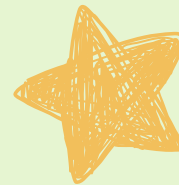
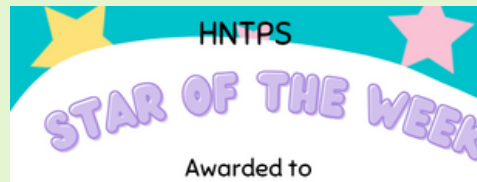
Teddy for fantastic engagement in his learning this week!

Class 3

Oliver for engaging positively in his learning.
Emily for being proactive in her attitude to school.

Class 4

Kenzie for supporting netball at lunchtime break.



Nursery

Olivia for being keen and eager to participate in all our activities at school.



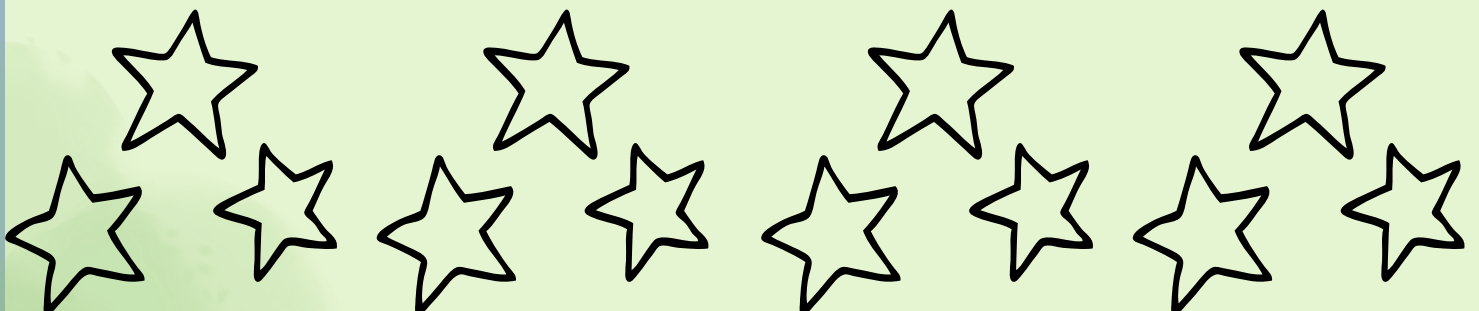
Silver award

Aria and Elise



Bronze award

Abel, Osha, Willow and Theo L





Lunch menu: W/C Monday 13th January 2025



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.

13/01, 27/01, 10/02

Menu - Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	BBQ Chicken Fajitas	Cheesy Tuna Pasta Bake	Roast Gammon	Ham Panini
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Fajitas/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese /Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Peas	Potato Wedges/Mixed Veg	Garlic Bread/Green Salad	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Fruit /Veg
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Banana Muffins/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Apple Crumble & Custard/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Custard Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

20/01, 03/02

Menu - Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Beef Bolognaise	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Bolognaise/ Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese /Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken Fillet/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Spaghetti/Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges/ Colestlaw/Peas	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Fruit /Veg
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Cherry Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Swiss Crumble & Custard/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ginger Biscuits/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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For more information and how to apply directly with My New Term please visit our website

<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>

We currently have 4 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

**Administrative Assistant at
Pilton Bluecoat Church of
England Academy**

**0.44 FTE KS1/Reception
Classroom Teacher at Pilton
Infants' Academy**

**1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant
at Brayford Academy**

**Meal Time Assistant at
Pilton Bluecoat Church of
England Academy**



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Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



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!



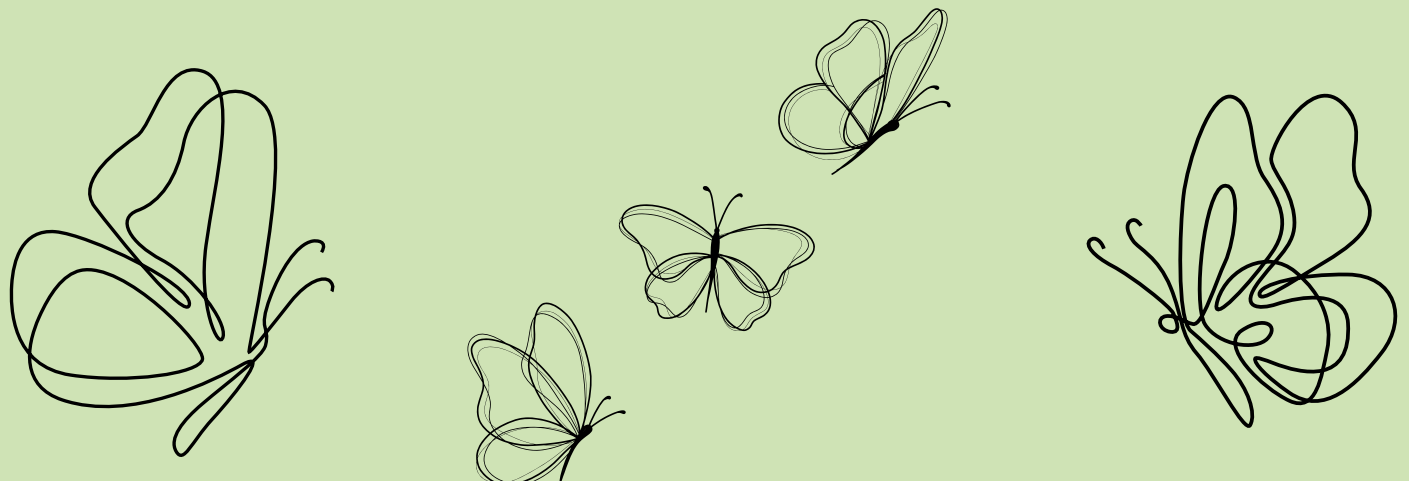
THE WOODCOTT PLAYERS proudly announce their 2025 Panto...

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**



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Devon Family Hubs Monthly Newsletter - January 2025



Parent / Carer Newsletter - January 2025

Each month we will share with you information, advice and top tips on a number of themes, as well as fun things that you and your family can do in and around Devon, and much more!

To view the contents of the Newsletter [CLICK HERE](#)

FOUNDATION HUBS

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

WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
6 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
7 PM - 8:30 PM

NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chadalford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1RB

Sign Up
For more information contact
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WICKETZ

Free Cricket Sessions

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OPEN TO EVERYONE
AGES 8-16 OF ALL ABILITIES

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

LORD'S TAVERNES
Plymouth Cricket Club

Teachers Rock® are launching a brand new transition youth choir hosted at Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy on Thursday 16th January. These choir sessions offer young people aged 8-18yrs a wholly inclusive Teachers Rock® Youth Choir opportunity catering for all abilities and a pathway for young people to develop their singing style and vocal technique.

Here are the dates and details for Spring 2025:

#TRYNorthDevon

Rehearsal details

Venue: **Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple, EX31 1JU (School Hall)**

Day: **Thursday**

Time: **4:45-5:45pm**

Dates: **January 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, March 6th, 13th, 27th, April 3rd**

Teachers Rock® Youth Choir leader: **Emelia McNeill**

Performance opportunity: **Thursday 10th April (Easter Holidays) - The Plough Arts Centre, Great Torrington**

Membership Fees

Spring Term 2025 - **£30.00**

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/GJth5ja9YJwTXDRq8>

For further information please email: enquiries@teachersrock.co.uk