This week's whole school attendance rate is 95%

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to see our children returning from the holidays with such a fantastic attitude to their learning. They've come back fully engaged and eager to develop their skills, including those all-important learning behaviours. It's wonderful to see the children developing emotional resilience and using strategies we have discussed in assembly this week to help support them with their learning.

Book and Biscuit Event – Maths Focus!

We are excited to invite parents and carers to our Book and Biscuit Event on Tuesday, 28th January, from 2:45pm to 3:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers of children in Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4 to visit classrooms, explore the range of subjects their children are learning about, and celebrate their progress.

During this event, parents and carers will also have the chance to provide encouraging feedback to their children using our special HNTPS parent feedback stickers. Sharing in your child's learning journey is a wonderful way to strengthen the partnership between school and home. We hope to see many of you there!

Spring Term Curriculum Newsletters

Attached to this week's email, you'll find our Spring Term Curriculum Newsletters. These provide a comprehensive overview of what your child/ren is learning across all areas of the curriculum this term. We encourage you to take a look and find out more about how you can support and enrich their learning at home.

Can You Help?

If you have any artifacts or resources that could enhance your child's curriculum, we'd really appreciate it if you would be willing to share these with us. These items can help bring lessons to life and make learning even more engaging for the children. Thank you in advance for your support!

This Week's Focus: Developing Resilience

Our learning behaviour focus this week has been on developing resilience, particularly in managing emotions when faced with challenges. The children have been exploring strategies to persevere and stay motivated even when things get tough. It's been inspiring to see them embrace this important skill, which will serve them well both in school and beyond.

Parking Reminder

A gentle reminder to all families to park at the village hall and walk to school wherever possible. This helps to keep the roads immediately outside the school safe for pedestrians, particularly where pavements are narrow or non-existent. Your cooperation ensures the safety of everyone—children, parents, carers, and staff alike. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

We look forward to another exciting and productive term ahead!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Cook

Our Reading Baskets this week.....

have been awarded to:

Class 1 & 2: Ayda

Class 3 & 4: Darcie

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.

HNTPS HISTORY PAGE

Share Your Memories with Our Children!

We warmly invite parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents to visit our school and share memories of the local area from the past. If you have any photographs, artifacts, or stories that could enrich our children's learning, please let us know!

If you'd like to participate, please contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Thank you for helping bring local history to life for our children!

Our school history ...
a fascinating look at our school approximately 100 years ago.

What's on...?

W/C 20th 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
- Class 3 Trip to Escot Park
- 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
- SEND Drop-in session: 2.45pm to 3.30pm

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 2 request

Request to bring teddy bear into school on Monday

Please can Class 2 children bring in ONE special teddy on Monday. We will be writing descriptions of our teddies which will link in with our curriculum learning focus on the book Old Bear in our literacy lesson.

We are also hoping to have a teddy bear's picnic!

Safe Parking

We kindly remind parents to park safely around the school area. Parking directly opposite the school entrance may block other road users and emergency vehicles. To help keep the area safe and accessible, we recommend parents and families use the Village Hall car park and walk to school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Year 5 London Residential

We have now sent out the menu choices for Year 5 children attending the London Residential between 11th and 14th February.

Please can you ensure your meal order form is returned by Monday at the latest.

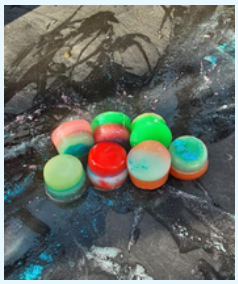
Additionally, please ensure all instalments have now been fully paid.

Thank you for your understanding.

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week in Class 1 we have been learning the story of the gingerbread man. We have made gingerbread characters. We have also thought about how ice is made and we have looked at the ice buildings in China. We made our own ice sculptures.

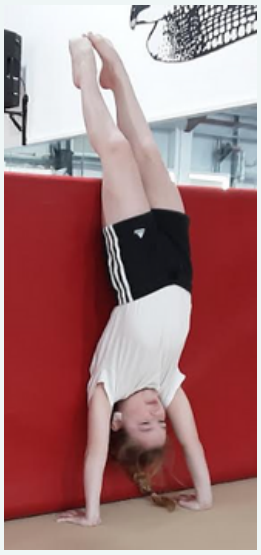


Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have explored number bonds to 10 - this will help us to calculate other number sentences. In our history lessons, we are now investigating the Victorian period. We are focusing on what life was like for a Victorian child and comparing this to what life is like for us today.

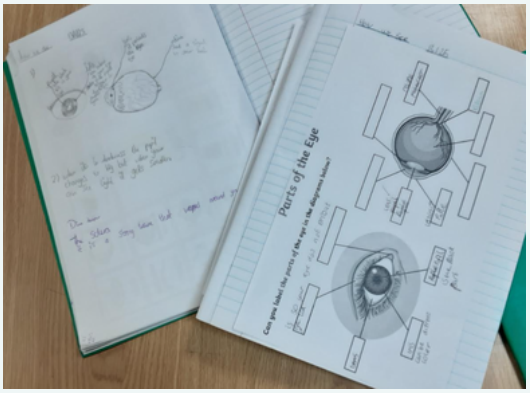
Class 3

Class 3 enjoyed their first trip to Falcons Gymnastics this week and worked really hard on each activity that they took part in. Lots of children overcame nerves or persevered at things they found difficult.



Class 4

This week we have started learning about the human eye and we can now label parts of the eye and explain what they do. We have continued our learning around the text Hansel and Gretal and we have started writing a letter to persuade their mother to keep the children and not send them to the woods.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week

STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

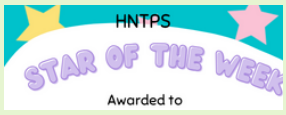
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Athena for super writing
Class 2	Georgie for fantastic maths learning and developing her independence this week
Class 3	Hattie for hard work and always remaining focused
Class 4	Isabel for always taking on challenges set for her

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Niamh for working so hard to learn number patterns on a die
Class 2	Blake for demonstrating a huge amount of emotional resilience this week
Class 3	Aria for working hard and not being distracted by others
Class 4	Ted for always thinking about how his actions can affect others' feelings



Nursery

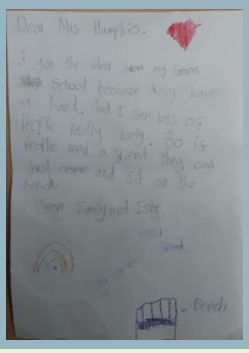
Harper-Leigh for being so independent. Harper-Leigh can even do her own zip up on her coat!

Silver award
Charlie C

Bronze award
Theo L

Random Acts of Kindness

Well done to Emily for developing her idea to have a Friendship bench in school where children can meet new friends and socialise. This is now up and running and children are really benefitting from this.



Louis has very kindly donated his own pool table to our Breakfast Club so that all of our children can benefit from using it.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity Louis!

Nancy has very kindly made her mum a cup of tea every morning this week to help her! Well done Nancy for being so kind and considerate!

Fabulous work Elliot!

Elliot carried out a litter pick before school started on Thursday with his mum and together they collected a whole bag of rubbish!

If you have any random acts of kindness to share with us , please ensure these are emailed to the school office by each Wednesday! Thank you!

HNTPS SEND DROP IN

Are you a parent or carer for a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

WHERE?

Our SEND drop-in session will be held in school. Please come to the main entrance at the specified time.

WHEN?

Friday 24th January 2025

between

2.45pm to 3.30pm

WHAT?

This is our January SEND drop-in session:

- come along to meet our Inclusion Lead, Beth Carter
- also meet our new SENCO, Allie Barnett
- the session will also allow you to discuss any concerns that you have already raised with your child's class teacher in confidence.

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 20th 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.

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/ Coleslaw/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

Sport Leaders' Notebook: 16th January 2025

Sofia: everyone is playing fairly and having fun.

Sports leaders have worked really hard to make our play times more active. We now have a variety of sports available at lunchtimes which include: basketball, hockey, badminton, football and netball.

It has been really nice to see the older children helping the younger children with the different sports.

We are now looking to develop a bank of playground games that people can play with no equipment.

Isabel: I'm enjoying helping people with badminton and showing them how to play.

WE NEED YOU.

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Local Governing Bodies (LGB) as a school Governor and/or a Trustee.

Governor

The role of a School Governor is key in ensuring the school offers high standards of education for all children.

Each school within TEAM Multi -Academy Trust has its own Local Governing Body. The LGB meet once or twice a term and are encouraged to join in with our school visits and learning walks throughout the school year. This is a voluntary position and training is available for this role.

Trustee

Our Trustees oversee the strategic direction of the Trust schools along with holding the senior school leadership to account and monitoring the trust's finances– amongst many other aspects of school performance.

They can draw on their own expertise from all aspects of business and industry and have specific interests as part of their role such as – Curriculum, Personnel, Admissions, Finance, Safeguarding, Premises or SEND. They meet approximately 6 times a year as a whole group and are active within a range of committees and individual portfolios.

VOLUNTEERING IN THIS WAY BRINGS MANY REWARDS. YOU WILL ENJOY WORKING ALONGSIDE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AND GET REAL SATISFACTION AT USING YOUR SKILLS TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

If you are interested in volunteering or to find out more about being a local governor at your school or a TEAM trustee, then we would love to hear from you. Please email vacancies@team-mat.org.uk

Horwood & Newton Tracey Primary School

For more information, please visit our Governance section on our website: ***www.teamacademytrust.com***

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APPLY NOW DIRECT WITH mynewterm

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 5 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Meal Time Assistant at Brayford Academy

Meal Time Assistant at Umberleigh Primary Academy

Casual Catering and Meal Time Assistant at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy

Meal Time Assistant at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy

Administrative Assistant at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy

FRIENDS of HNTPS

Exciting upcoming events!

Friends of HNTPS
invite you to

After School Stay & Play Takeover Party

Thursday, 13th February at 4-6pm

At Jungalaroo Barnstaple

Tickets - £5 per child

To secure your place, please make payment by BACS quoting your child's name as the reference to:-

The Friends of Horwood & Newton Tracey School

Sort Code: 30-99-50 Account No: 69173062

Cash purchases - please contact Lisa 07720277077

Please book tickets before Friday 7th February

Ticket includes entry only -
The cafe will be open to allow you to purchase refreshments on the night

RAFFLE DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP

To help support our fabulous Bingo Night on Saturday 15th March we are looking for **Raffle Prize Donations**, these could be anything such as a candle, box of chocolates or wine. Alternatively, if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts these would make great prizes.

All donations are gratefully received.

Alternatively, if you can support the event in the form of **business sponsorship** towards Bingo prizes this would be amazing and means even more of the money raised goes back into the school.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Friends of HNTPS

THANK YOU!

Community Information

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NHS
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

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, particulary children, so if you, and/or your children, would like to get involved
please contact Pat Ford on 07452 833222

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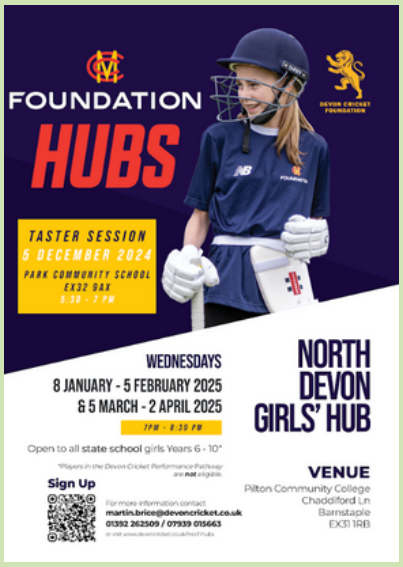
Devon Family Hubs Monthly Newsletter - January 2025

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



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