

This week's
whole school
attendance
rate is 94%

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 24th January 2025

Dear parents/carers,



In our whole school assembly on Monday this week, the children continued to explore and discuss ideas around how we can equip ourselves with the tools and skills to be able to develop our emotional resilience. As a group we identified that sometimes things are out of our control and we need to control how we react to these situations. It was lovely to hear the children and staff sharing things that they do to support themselves when they are feeling overwhelmed and finding things difficult to manage. We will be

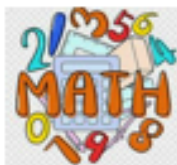
displaying a range of strategies in the library and in the Nest for the children to use across the school. Ideas that the children shared were – deep breaths, counting back from 10, finding a quiet space, speaking to an adult, doing some mindfulness colouring or engaging in a physical activity. Emotional resilience was certainly displayed by class 3 this week when their school trip was cancelled this week due to the weather. Although many were disappointed that the trip was postponed, they talked through their disappointment, recognised their feelings and were able to continue with their day, engaging in some exciting learning around the Saxons. Well done class 3!

Family Groups

Our school council led our family group sessions this week across the school. They plan to create a small sensory garden in the bottom playground that children can go and use during their break and lunchtimes to sit quietly and have some time for thinking and reflection. The school council asked the children to share their ideas of what they would like to see in the garden and explain how they see the space being used. We met towards the end of the week to discuss the drawing and ideas recorded from the children across the school and how we can make these ideas come to life! We hope to share developing our ideas over the coming weeks.



Book and Biscuit Session



The children and staff are looking forward to welcoming our parents and carers into school next **Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 – 3:30pm** to share the fantastic maths learning the children have been engaging in across the school. There will be an opportunity for adults to leave their children some feedback and to see the range of strategies our children are using and developing within their maths lessons. Looking forward to seeing you all.

After School Clubs

We have a range of after school clubs available to our children to support their engagement in a range of sports, arts and crafts after school. If you would like more information about these clubs, please do speak to your child's class teacher or pop into the office.





Smart Start Mornings

Just to remind our parents that the gates open at **8:50am and close at 9am**, any children arriving after 9am will need to enter the school through the main door. Staff have prepared a range of activities for the children to engage in when they arrive in the morning, this may be activities to support their learning for the day or revisit and recap previous learning. It is important that all our children have access to these activities and can be supported by the adults in the classroom. Please can we ask that parents support us with this to enable a positive start to every day.

Family Support

Please see the link below for the Family Hub newsletter for parents and carers. Within the website is a range of information and webinars to support parents and carers. Within this month's support are useful tips and guidance for managing challenging behaviour as well as strategies for supporting children with specific learning difficulties. Parents and carers can access the website using this link:



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/N3QxP0Irvn3PMAU0?ref=Link>

Contacting the school

Just to remind all our parents and carers that Mrs Humphries does not work in the school office in the afternoon. If you need to speak to the office or your child's class teacher, please email the school directly on admin@hntps.org and/or email your child's class teacher. If you have sent an urgent message via email and you haven't received a response, please phone the school directly on 01271 858373. Staff will respond to you as soon as possible. If for any reason parents are running late for pick up at the end of the day, the children across the school will be brought to the front lobby for collection.

Class 2 History Learning

As part of our history topic on the Victorians, the children in class 2 have begun to explore through photographs and artefacts, the changes in our school. We are keen to find out what school was like years ago and how things have changed. It would be lovely to have some of our parents and grandparents who attended Horwood and Newton Tracey as a child themselves to come in and share their experiences of school with the children. The children have completely emerged themselves in the topic and are keen to find out more. If you could help to bring their learning to life with 'real life' experiences, then please contact the school office.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

What's on...?

W/C 27th 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
- Book and Biscuit Event - 2.45pm to 3.30pm - all welcome to come!
- 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
- Proms auditions - Key Stage 2
- Umberleigh Outdoor Learning Event - group of children from Class 4
- 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

Last day of school: Friday 14th February 2025

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

First day of school: Monday 24th 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

Future dates for your diary....

Year 5 London Residential	Tuesday 11th February to Friday 14th February
Class 3 Trip to Escot Park	Date to be rearranged
PROM Event - Key Stage 2, Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple	Thursday 20th March
Class 3 Vikings Visit	Wednesday 26th March
Reception and Year 6 NHS Height and Measurement Checks	Thursday 3rd April - please ensure you have completed the online form if you wish to opt out

Reminders:

Year 6 Bude Residential

Payment instalment links are now available in your Parentpay account

Year 5 London Residential

2nd letter, schedule and forms have gone home to parents today. Please ensure forms are completed and returned by Wednesday next week.

Book and Biscuit Event

Don't forget to come along to share your child's work on Tuesday next week: 2.45pm to 3.30pm



HNTPS History Corner - quotes taken from our old headteacher log books



January 24th 1879

Headteacher: Theresa Hurlstone Payne

"The Rev. J Were visited the school on Thursday morning - forwarded to each child's home by Mrs Hearson's request, a copy of Bye Laws approved by the Council. Somewhat larger attendance in in consequence."

"Size of school room: Length 35 feet, Breadth 16 feet, Height 11 feet"

Cleaning:

"School to be scrubbed at the least once a month, by order of the Board, J Hearson - Clerk"

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This in the foundation class we have been learning to tell the story of goldilocks. We have eaten porridge with delicious toppings and we have used the role play area to act the story out.



Class 2

In our history topic of the Victorians, the children explored a range of photographs of the school taken several years ago. We talked about what was similar and what was different between the school now and then and the children all agreed that school was definitely better now!



Class 3

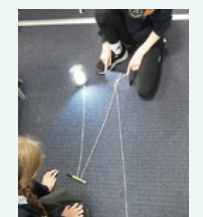
Class 3 were amazing on Wednesday when their day out at Escot was postponed. We had an Anglo-Saxon day instead. Children made shields and wrote messages using Runes (Anglo-Saxon alphabet).



Class 4

This week, class 4 have been learning about how light travels in straight lines. We demonstrated this by using string to represent the rays of light.

We have then talked about how useful it is to be able to look around corners or behind you; for instance when you use mirror to reverse a car. We showed how this is possible by using light to reflect what is behind us.



Our Learning Behaviours...

Learning Behaviour	Symbol	Date Period
Developing Resilience	Ant	13th Jan - 17th Jan, 20th Jan - 24th Jan
Ready to Learn	Elephant	27th Jan - 31st Jan, 3rd Feb - 7th Feb
Working Together	Bee	10th Feb - 14th Feb, 24th Feb - 28th Feb
Being Creative	Unicorn	3rd Mar - 7th Mar, 10th Mar - 14th Mar
Taking Risks	Meerkat	17th Mar - 21st Mar, 24th Mar - 28th Mar
Making Links	Spider	31st Mar - 4th Apr

Our Reading Baskets this week.....



have been awarded to:

Nursery: Harper-Leigh

Class 1 & 2: Theo

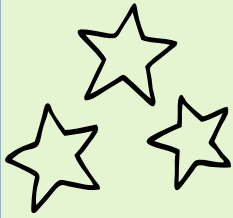
Class 3 & 4: Luca



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.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1

Ayda for perseverance in her number work

Class 2

Ronnie for fantastic contributions and great reading this week!

Class 3

Wilfred for putting huge effort into his learning even when subjects are difficult

Class 4

Isaac for clearly explaining his thinking in maths



DEVELOPING RESILIENCE

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

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DEVELOPING RESILIENCE

Class 1

Morwenna for dealing with situations when they don't go as expected

Class 2

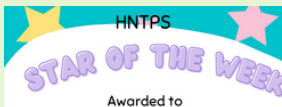
Jorgie for striving to ensure her handwriting is the best it can be!

Class 3

Willow for not being upset when our trip was postponed at short notice

Class 4

Flo for carefully thinking about the right choices in class



Nursery

Adam for great listening and following instructions during PE

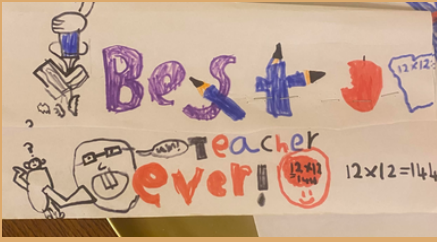


100 Dojo points

Silver award
Betty, Ayda, Amelia, Phoebe,
Angelic, Penelope, Emily



Random Acts of Kindness



Mum came downstairs one morning this week to find Osha busily designing gifts for his teachers. Attached is what he made for Mrs Carter

One day this week, Reuben showed kindness to Freya. Without being prompted, he offered his hand and walked her into Nursery.



Ayda won the reading basket on Friday and she knew her brother Abel really wanted to win it. Over the weekend she shared all the books with him from the basket and gave him the hot chocolate to enjoy.



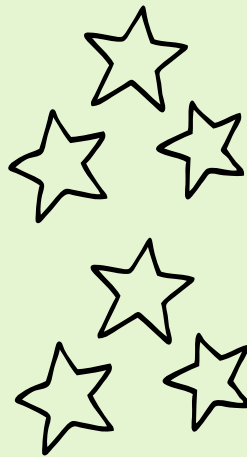
Alasdair wanted to do something that would make his poorly auntie feel better so when mum was sending her a card he asked if he could include his Jigglypuff Pokémon card in the envelope. Ali's Pokémon cards are very important to him so to give one up was a very selfless gesture from him.



Children's Sporting Achievements



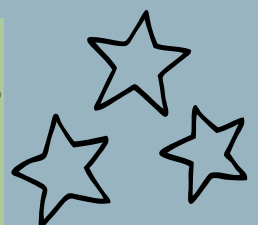
Another great day of tennis for Archie another win! Well done!



Ayden competed in Eastleigh last weekend in the BSGA Schools Zonal Trampolining competition. Ayden came 3rd and has qualified to the National Finals in Derby in March. Congratulations!



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

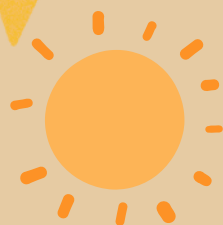




Class 2
Teddy bears' Picnic
Tuesday 21st January 2025

I had so much fun eating the custard cream biscuits and the crisps were yummy.

Chyla



I liked the it because we had snacks and ate them! We could also have our teddies!

Penelope



I like the teddy bears' picnic because the food was lovely and I brought my big, big bunny. I shared my big, big bunny with Joe and Theo.

Harper

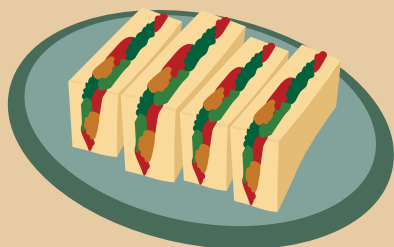


I loved the crisps because the crisps were yummy and a little bit salty.

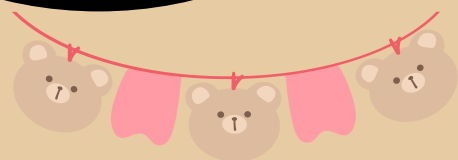
Angelic



This week in class 2 the children have brought in their teddy bears from home to help to support them with their descriptive writing. The children have used a range of conjunctions to extend their writing and have produced some lovely descriptions of their teddy bears. We had a little teddy bear picnic on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate our writing successes.



PICNIC





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Lunch menu: W/C Monday 27th January 2025



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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, Cheese or Tuna Panini
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Fajitas/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese /Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Ham 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

Chess with Mr Polak



What an exciting chess match between Mr Polak and Ed! Well done!!

Uniform offer: My Clothing



Free Delivery On School Uniform - This Weekend Only!

Hello there,

We're excited to offer free delivery on all school uniform orders this weekend! Just enter code **FREESHIP** at checkout. Please share this offer with your school community so parents can take advantage.

Code: FREESHIP
Dates: 24/01/25 - 26/01/25

Thanks for your help in spreading the word, and enjoy your weekend!

Best regards,
MyClothing Team

0800 059 0594
support@myclothing.com

Escot Park Visit, Class 3

We hope to be able to let you know the new date for our school trip very soon.

We'll keep you posted!



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 Tracy Primary School

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

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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APPLY NOW DIRECT WITH 

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:

0.22 FTE Classroom Teacher at
Brayford Academy

Meal Time Assistant at Brayford
Academy

Meal Time Assistant at
Umberleigh Primary Academy

Meal Time 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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PLASTIC FREE
NORTH DEVON

DAY OF ACTION
2025

Mass Community
Clean Up

25.01.25



Get involved this weekend!!

Beach Cleans taking across North Devon

Please send in your photos to be included in next week's newsletter!



[Crow Point - 10am - 12 noon - Meet in the main car park](#)

[Croyde Beach - 10am - 12 noon - Meet at the Ruda end of the beach](#)

[Lee Bay - 10am - 12 noon Meet on the slipway to the beach.](#)

Free hot drink voucher from The Grampus for any beach cleaner! Please note there is no parking at Lee Bay beach. Parking available at the village hall (payment required)

[Woolacombe - 1030am - 1230pm - meet at Mill Rock](#)

[Sticklepath Hill, Barnstaple - 11am](#) - Meet on Sticklepath Hill (click link for exact location)

[Ilfracombe - Wildersmouth Beach - 11am - 1pm](#)

Free drink with a reusable cup at hand:plant for any cleaners with voucher

[Instow - 11am - 1pm Meet at the Glorious Oyster Cafe](#)

[Sandymere - 11am - 1pm - Meet on Sandymere Beach](#)

[Rock Park - 12noon - 2pm - Meet near the end of Ladies Mile](#)

Extra Location >>

[WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY - 1pm - 3pm - Westward ho! beach clean with North Devon Coast National Landscapes](#)



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Devon Family Hubs Monthly Newsletter - January 2025



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

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!

FOUNDATION HUBS

TASTER SESSION
5 DECEMBER 2024
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
EX32 9AX
5.30 - 7 PM

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

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

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

Sign Up
For more information contact
martin.bridges@devoncricket.co.uk
01392 262509 / 07939 015643
or visit www.devoncricket.co.uk/fund

NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB
Venue: Pilton Community College
Chaddiford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1RB

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

WICKETZ

Free Cricket Sessions

CONTACTS
Damian Price
(Barnstaple, Bideford & Exeter)
damian.price@devoncricket.co.uk

Vicky Reeve
(Plymouth & Torquay)
vicky.reeve@devoncricket.co.uk

OPEN TO EVERYONE AGES 8-16 OF ALL ABILITIES

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

LORDS TAVERNERS
Plymouth Cricket Club

www.devoncricket.co.uk/wicketz

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