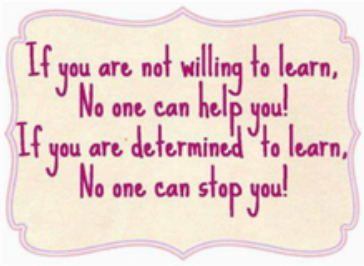
This week's whole school attendance rate is 94.6%

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th February 2025

Dear parents and carers,



This week, in our whole school assembly, the children discussed the importance of being ready to learn. Following on from our family group session last week we shared the ideas that the children had raised and the poster that was created from their ideas. These posters are now displayed in the classrooms and around the school to help support the children with the things that they can do to ensure they are ready to learn. We explored what it means to being independent and what that might look like in key stage 1 and key stage 2. The children shared ideas which involved managing their distractions, getting resources without having to ask an adult and ensuring that they have talked through anything that maybe worrying them or on their mind with an adult so they can focus on their learning. We hope these discussions enable the children to think about the barriers that prevent them from learning and how they can overcome these with the strategies we have discussed.

Class 4 Outdoor Learning Session

We were really pleased that a group of children from class 4 were able to take part in an outdoor Learning session alongside children across our Trust Schools on Thursday of last week. Despite the cold, damp weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed a wide variety of team building games, which enabled them to continue to develop their turn taking, problem solving and working together. A huge thank you to Mrs Woollacott and Mrs Gordon for attending the visit with the children. More information including photos in this week's newsletter.

Number Day Friday 7th February

Today the children celebrated Number Day and came to school wearing clothes with identified numbers on them. Throughout the morning they explored a range of maths games and activities that they can use to develop their maths skills and number facts which help to support problem solving activities within our maths lessons. It was lovely to see the children engaged in a wide variety of activities and using their maths skills to apply to real life contexts. A huge thank you to all our parents who donated money through the QR code shared earlier in the week. The money donated will go directly to the NSPCC to support a very worthy charity. For more information and some useful links and a wealth of support for parents, please click on the link below:

Support & advice for parents | NSPCC

Inspiring a Reading for Pleasure Culture

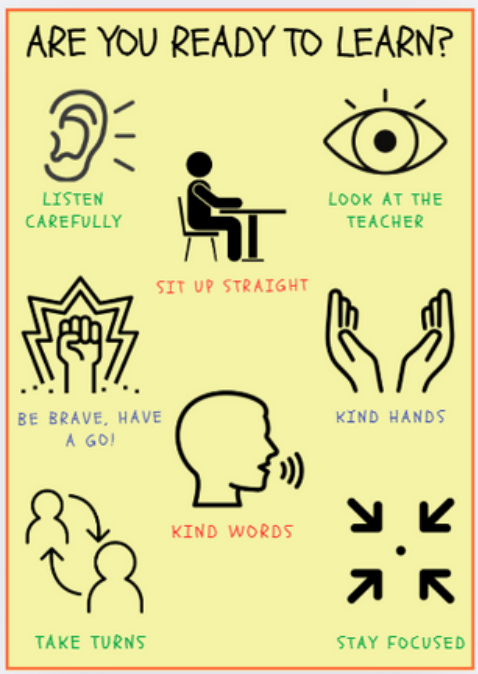
At Horwood, we encourage children to explore a range of books available in our classrooms, school library and outdoor reading area. The children enjoy hearing their teachers read to them daily and immerse themselves in the stories and adventures the characters in the books encounter. Reading is timetabled as part of our everyday curriculum and we definitely have a reading for pleasure culture across the school. Children in Class 1 are taught how to read through our Floppy Phonics scheme, which continues into Year 1. As children progress through our accelerated reader programme from Year 2 to 6, staff use the children's quizzed assessments to ensure children are stretched and challenged with their reading. Our weekly reading baskets provide an opportunity to celebrate for those children who read outside of school. Please can we ask that all children read to an adult daily and complete their reading record books which are returned to school every day.

Staff Training

This week all our staff had some additional training to enable them to support children with spelling, reading and writing strategies. The sessions gave our staffing team some extremely useful resources and strategies to use with children to support the development of independent writing. The resources that were shared in the sessions will help our children become more confident at exploring higher tiered vocabulary, providing them with an opportunity to show their deeper understanding of the curriculum.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook



What's on...?

W/C 10th February 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
- London Residential Year 5s
- 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

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
SATs Club, Year 6	Starting on Monday 24th February and every Monday until SATs: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Class 3 Trip to Escot Park	Tuesday 25th February
Book and Biscuit Event Focus: Writing	Tuesday 4th March: 2.45pm - 3.30pm
World Book Day 2025	Thursday 6th March
Class 4 Trip to Buckland Abbey	Monday 17th March: 8.15am to 3.30pm
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

Notices:

Reading Baskets

We kindly ask that the reading basket is returned to school on Tuesday each week 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 on Friday mornings at 9:00am.

Dinner Money

Please ensure all outstanding dinner money is paid before half term! Thank you!

Pick up and drop off

For the safety of our children and families, please park in the Village Hall carpark and walk to school. Thank you!

Breakfast Club
Feb 17th to April 4th

Sign your child/children up to the new Breakfast Club sessions by next Monday, thank you!

Netball Club

We will provide an extra Netball Club session to replace the cancelled session! Date to be confirmed.

Year 6 Bude Residential

Payment instalment links are now available in your Parentpay account.

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!

Collecting your child

Please come up to the school gate to collect your child/ren at the end of the school day.

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

February 26th 1947

Have decided not to apply for a half-term holiday as the term's work has been so upset by the weather and low attendance. Some other schools in the Barnstaple rural district have also decided 'no closure'.

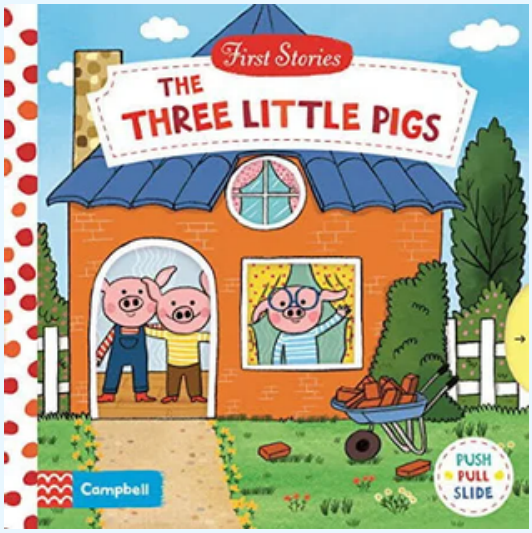
February 7th 1947

Weather wintry - still snowing. Only 13 present. Coal and coke almost gone - expecting supply from Bideford.

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

Class 1 wrote about The Three Little Pigs and role-played the characters in the story.

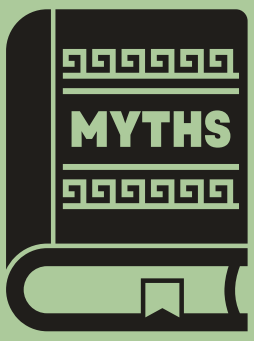


Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been comparing life in Victorian schools to our experiences of school life today. The children found out about a typical day in a Victorian School, including some children being made to wear a 'dunce hat' when they got things wrong! We are so glad that we use the motto of learning from our mistakes at HNTPS!

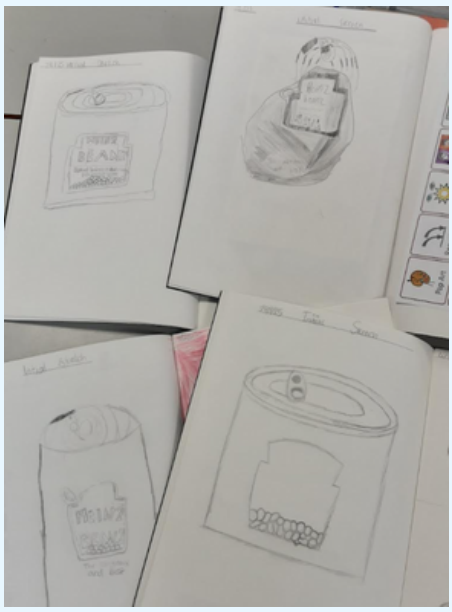
Class 3

Class 3 have been writing myths this term. We are very excited about our fantastic stories and can't wait to share them with Class 2.



Class 4

This week class 4 have started their art learning based on Andy Warhol. We carried out some initial sketches of beanbags and analysed some of Warhol's most famous pieces.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week

STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Theo M for super writing about The Three Little Pigs
Class 2	Elliott for fantastic independent learning in maths this week!
Class 3	Eben - amazing story writing this week - being engaged in his work and producing a great piece of work.
Class 4	Amelie for supporting others by talking through her thinking

READY TO LEARN

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

READY TO LEARN

Class 1	Rocco for always being ready to learn at the right time!
Class 2	Theo N for focusing so well to complete his writing on our new 'Old Bear' story. Well done!
Class 3	Bella W for showing how a good learner looks - always on task, listening, supporting her peers and challenging herself.
Class 4	Silver for organising resources she needs for her learning
Star of the Week - Nursery	Darcey for always being ready to learn
Reading Baskets	Classes 1 & 2: Astrid
	Classes 3 & 4: Isabel

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.

100 Dojo points

Theo N, Laith, Harriet, Noah, Alexander, Olivia

50 Dojo points

Ziggy

Random Acts of Kindness

Thank you to Mrs Elizabeth Biggs for donating some reading books for Class 2 children to enjoy!

Imogen was incredibly kind on Monday when she gave a Sonic the Hedgehog toy to Ziggy. She had received the toy in a meal, and knew that Ziggy loves Sonic, and she decided to give this toy as a random act of kindness. Well done Imogen, such a super thing to do.

Well done Isaac for letting other people through the door before yourself!

Children's Sporting Achievements

Curtis, well done for knocking a whole 10 seconds off your quickest run at park run last weekend. Curtis's new personal best now stands at 12.16mins for Bideford Park Run!

Isabel took part in her first swimming competition in Plymouth's 50m pool (The Devon's). She raced 200m Breaststroke in the U11's (she is 10!) and came first which meant she qualified for the final. Isabel competed an hour later and came 8th! This means she is the 8th best 200m Breaststroke in Devon. What a huge achievement! Well done Isabel!!

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!

Lost Property

If any of these items belong to your family, please contact the school office at admin@hntps.org.

Please ensure your child's name is labelled on their school uniform. We would greatly appreciate it.

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 10th February 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, 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

Outdoor Learning: Group of Class 4 children Umberleigh Academy

'I enjoyed making a campfire because it kept me warm. We had to work together to create a fire using beauty pads! We used a big metal thing to make a big spark!' 'Ayden'

When we walked up a really steep hill, it was so hard to get up because it was so muddy! I also enjoyed when we were blindfolded and we had to walk holding onto a rope. I also liked making new friends.' Molly

'I enjoyed making a den out of big sticks and because I ate lunch in the den with Ruben'. Tom

'I really enjoyed the scavenger hunt' Aiden

'I enjoyed making a fire' Ruben

On Thursday 30th January a group of children from Class 4 visited Umberleigh Academy to use their amazing outdoor areas. We were organised into 3 mixed groups from different schools giving children a chance to make new friends. Then we had a fantastic day learning how to light fires using a flint and steel, this proved more difficult than we expected! Another group navigated a route whilst wearing blindfolds and we were surprised what a long way it seemed until the blindfolds were removed! The final activity was a scavenger hunt around the woodland which gave us a good chance to explore. We then ate our lunch in the woodland before our muddy walk back to the mini bus. It was a great day and we would like to thank the adults that organised the event for us and thank Mrs Gordon who kindly drove the minibus.

Mrs Woollacott

Foundation Stage Class
Chinese New Year

2025

‘I liked playing the instruments’, Noah

We have been perfecting our dragon dance and musical accompaniments for Chinese New year.

‘I liked the music for the dragon dance’, Astrid

‘Red is a lucky colour’, Finley

‘It was a Chinese dance’, Morwenna

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We currently have 3 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Casual Cleaner at Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

Casual Cook at Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

Meal Time Assistant at Umberleigh Primary Academy

Community Information

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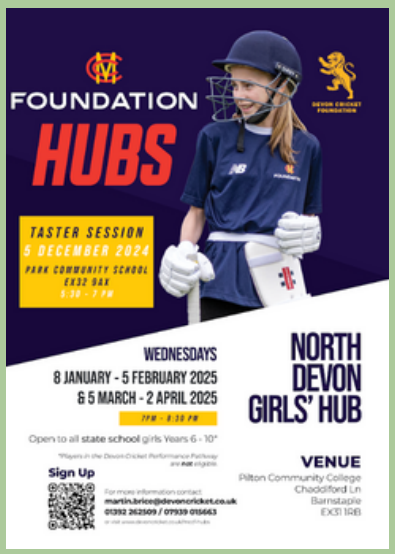

Three Villages Walk – 5th May

On the morning of Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May, there will be a 'Three Villages Walk', starting at Horwood Church, then on to Lovacott, before finishing at Newton Tracey church. On the way there will be short talks by local historians on some of the local features and landmarks. Families and dogs will be welcome.

Newton Tracey Church

COFFEE *and a* CHAT

Wednesday 19 February
at The Hunters Inn
10 – 11.30
Everyone is very welcome

Welcome to
LOVACOTT GOSPEL HALL
Sunday Morning Service at 11am
Taking of Bread & Wine and Gospel Message
For any other Meetings please contact Trevor Milton on 858665

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

CHATTERBOX

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

Thursday 13th February
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.

Parent / Carer Newsletter - February 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!

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ALVERDISCOTT

MUSICAL LUNCH

** Please note change of venue **
We will be holding our lunches in January, February and March in the METHODIST CHAPEL
Please join us on Fridays 31st January, 28th February & 28th March

Light lunch available from 12.30pm, music from 1pm

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