

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 28th February 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. We hope you all had an enjoyable break over the half term holidays and spent some quality family time together. The children have returned refreshed and ready to learn. There has been high engagement in lessons and children have been demonstrating our school values throughout the week. We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Dorrell who has joined our staffing team, the children have made her feel warmly welcomed to our school and Mrs Dorrell has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children across the school.



In our assembly on Monday, we discussed the benefits and the difficulties the children have when collaborating with others in small groups. Our family group session on Wednesday provided an opportunity for the children to think about how they can overcome difficulties when working together. Through our smaller group discussions, the children shared a clear understanding of when we work closely with others we not only help them, but develop key communication and interaction skills within ourselves,

learning to overcome problems and difficulties. We hope to create posters to display in the classrooms of the children's wonderful ideas.

Assessments

There will be many assessments taking place across the school in the up coming months. Both staff and children are working closely together to ensure that your child/ren are best prepared for their assessments and feel confident to do their best and 'Be the Best that We Can Be'. Below is some useful information for parents and carers to read through that informs you of the assessments your child may be part of:



EYFS – Good Level of Development GLD

Moving towards the end of their year in reception all children are assessed on whether they have made a good level of development GLD. Staff use observations and recorded learning to assess the children across the year. Children are defined as having reached a Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of the EYFS if they have achieved the expected level for the early learning goals (ELGs) in the prime areas of learning (which are: communication and language; personal, social and emotional development; and physical development) and the specific areas of mathematics and literacy. To find out how you can support your child at home, please click on the link below:

[Parental Involvement In EYFS: How Parents Can Support Their Child's Learning - Early Years Careers](#)

Year 1 Phonic Screen Check

In year 1 the children are assessed in June on their progress in reading and phonics. The assessment will provide an opportunity for children to use and apply their phonics knowledge to read real and nonsense words, checking their understanding of the sounds that they have been taught. It is important that children read every night and practice the sounds sent home with them over the half term holidays. For more information, please click on the link below:

[Phonics screening check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Year 4 Multiplication Check

In the Autumn term, Mrs Hopkins led a session for parents on the multiplication check that our year 4 children will be assessed on in June. As part of our daily teaching and learning, children in class 3 use the time table Rockstar and Purple Mash platforms to practice their quick recall of table facts. It is important that children have a quick recall of all times tables to 12 as they progress into year 5 and 6 as this will help to support their maths learning. Please encourage your child to practice their tables at home, particularly their 7,8,9 and 12. For more information about the assessment, please click on the link below:

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Year 6 – SATs

In May, our year 6 children will be taking their statutory assessments tests, which focus on what they have learnt and understood in reading, mathematics, spelling and grammar. The children have been developing their skills and applying these to past paper questions to support them for the assessments in May. Mrs Hopkins and myself are running SATs Club on Monday's after school to provide the children with the opportunity to practice the skills they feel less confident in. It was great to see so many of our year 6 children attend SATs club this week. For more information on how you can best prepare your child for the assessments, please click on the link below:

[2025 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)



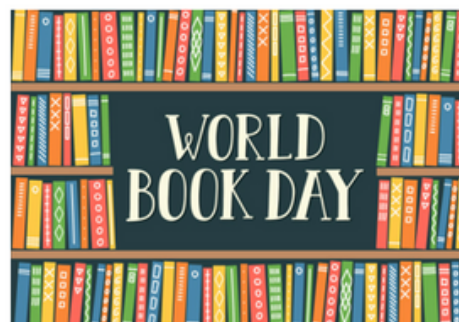
School Council Tuck Shop

This week, our school council began running their own Treat Tuck Shop on Friday afternoon. They will be responsible for ordering and stock taking the goods they have for sale and learning about profit making. Any money they make from the sales will go towards the sensory garden we would like to create in the playground for the children. Please can we

ask that small change is sent into school on Friday if you would like your child/ren to make a purchase. Sweets will be on sale for 30p-50p.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

Next Thursday is World Book Day. To celebrate the enjoyment of reading, we are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be a small prize for class winners of the poster competition held on the day. Children will participate in a variety of reading activities throughout the day, continuing to raise our fantastic reading for pleasure culture we have at HNT.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, |

Mrs Cook

Notices:

HNTPS

A reminder that tickets for our upcoming Proms Music Concert go on sale this Saturday (1st March).

School children taking part will not need to purchase a ticket; there will be no cost to children for taking part in the concert.

Parents wanting to come and watch the concert will need to purchase a ticket directly from the Barnstaple Queens Theatre:

□ Online: www.queenstheatre-barnstaple.com/

□ Phone: 01271 316523

□ In person from the box office: Queens Theatre, 100 Boutport Street, Barnstaple, EX31 1SY

Tickets cost £10. Money made through ticket sales will pay for the hire of the theatre. It would be great to perform to a sell-out theatre so please invite family and friends!

 JOIN US ON OUR
NEW HNTPS
FACEBOOK PAGE

*Search 'HNTPS' on facebook
and click Follow*

Our school Facebook page will serve as a hub for important updates, events, and announcements, keeping parents, carers and the whole school community informed. It will also be a great place to view pupil achievements, share highlights from school activities, and provide helpful resources.


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Advanced Notice

Our meal charges are increasing:

**From 22nd April 2025 - KS2 meals
will increase to £2.58**



Reading Baskets

We kindly ask that the reading baskets are 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.

Netball Club

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

Dinner Money

KS2 parents/carers,
Thank you for making sure
your child has enough
funds in Parentpay to pay
for school dinners.

Year 6 Bude Trip

Please ensure any
outstanding
instalments have
been paid.



Lunch menu: W/C Monday 3rd March 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.

03/03, 17/03, 31/03					
Menu - Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Chilli Beef Fajita	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chilli/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/Peas	Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges/Green Salad	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/Fruit /Veg
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Scotch Pancakes & Strawberry Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ginger cake & Custard/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Cracknell/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

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

October 9th 1914

Received 15 curl of coal from John Way & Son, Bideford for the fires of the school. Mr Washer, Clerk of Works visited the school this morning, to consult with Mr Cutland re "well" in the playground.

February 11th 1915

Miss Davis, Inspectress of Needlework under the County Council visited the school this morning.

April 5th 1949

The severe gale has blown down the school coalhouse door. The hinges were very rusty and it needs new ones.



What's on...?

W/C 3rd March 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
- SATs Club for Year 6s 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Year 1: Forest School in the afternoon
- Year 2: PE
- Netball After-School Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Book and Biscuit Event for families 2.45pm to 3.30pm

Wednesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Years 5 & 6: 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03, 02/04 Falcons Gymnastics sessions
- Years 3 & 4: PE (tennis and football) please come to school wearing your PE kit.

Thursday

- World Book Day - dress up as a book character
- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Nursery: No Forest School this week
- Class 1: No Forest School this week
- 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 4th April 2025

Easter holiday: 7th April to 21st April 2025

Summer Term

First day of term – 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday - May Day - Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term - 26th - 30th May 2025

Non Pupil Day - Monday 2nd June 2025

Last day of term – 22nd July 2025

Future dates for your diary....

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 12th March

Parent Consultations

Thursday 13th 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

Red Nose Day

Friday 21st 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

What have we been learning in class this week?

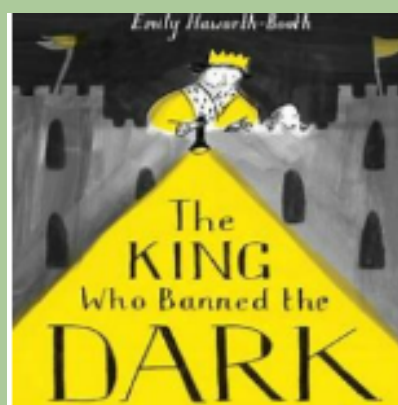
Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week the foundation class have started a new topic about people who help us. We had a visit from Mrs Beck who helps to look after people's dogs when they are working or on holiday. We asked lots of questions using good question words like who, what, when, where and why.



Class 2

In class 2 this week we began exploring our new class text 'The King Who Banned the Dark' by Emily Haworth - Booth. The children used conscience alley to whisper to the King whether they thought banning the dark was a good idea! We will use these ideas to write a letter to the King next week.



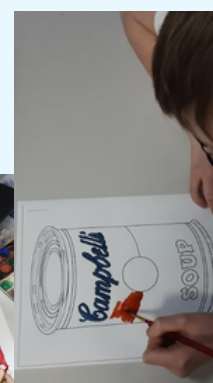
Class 3

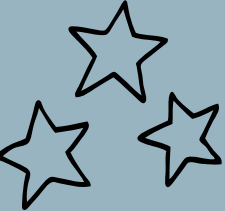
On Tuesday Class 3 visited the Wild Wood near Tiverton as part of their History project. Throughout the day we learned about life in Anglo Saxon times. We tasted different wild herbs, tried to clean our teeth using yarrow and explored the surrounding huts that the Saxons would have inhabited. We saw lots of animals including wolves and red pandas. The children ground wheat to make flour which they then used to make bread. During the afternoon they forged metal, did some wood carving and dressed up in Anglo Saxon Clothing. It was a fantastic day and Mrs Carter and Mrs Dorrell were extremely proud of the way Class 3 represented our school.



Class 4

This week class 4 have been exploring complementary colours as part of their study on pop art. We used one of Andy Warhol's famous prints and added our own colours. We had to mix the colours we needed from the opposite side of the colour wheel. This helped to make our colours seem brighter.





Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Amelia for looking after people when they are sad
Class 2	Reemy for being an excellent role model during our trip to Wild Wood
Class 3	Joe for using and applying his methods for exchanging to solve worded problems
Class 4	Martha for taking responsibility for her own learning



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Niamh for always listening and looking in a group
Class 2	Elliott for sharing his great methods and strategies when adding 2 digit numbers together
Class 3	Isabelle for showing amazing teamwork during our school trip
Class 4	Charlie for helping a friend when they were struggling



Star of the Week - Nursery	Alexander for coming back to school so happy and using his listening ears well
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Reading Baskets	Nursery: Olivia
	Key Stage 1: Athena
	Key Stage 2: Emily

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.



Wilfred, Teddy, Isla, Archie, Clara, Elliott



Acts of Kindness



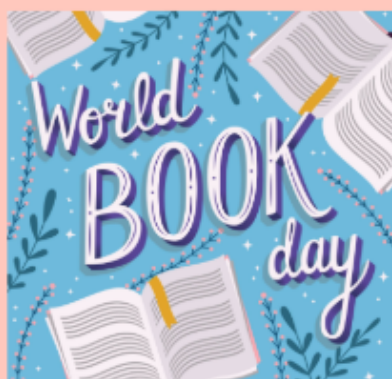
Well done to Finley and Ronnie for holding the door open for Niamh on Monday morning - it was very kind of you both



Thank you to Lottie and Sofia for donating bean bags and books for our library and nest spaces



A very special well done goes to Bella and Blake for creating such a beautiful and creative memorial garden to remember their Nan. This is such a lovely thing to have done and must have really helped everyone at such a difficult time for the family..



THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

- A digital WBD token will be emailed to all parents
- Dress up as a book character on the day!
- Bring your favourite book into school to share
- Teachers will share their own favourite books to their classes

Poster Competition!

Children will be designing a poster during the day. Every child will then have the opportunity to win a book voucher!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

FUN



CREATIVE



PLAY



WORLD BOOK DAY 2025



Class 3 trip to Escot Park Tuesday 25th February 2025



"My favourite part was sitting on the throne even though there was a dead fox skin on it". Reemy

"I couldn't believe how realistic everything was". Imogen

"Making the bread was really good. I put grain in and turned two stones to make flour. Afterwards we had to sieve it and if there was any grain in the sieve, we had to put it back and grind it more. Next we used the flour to make our own dough. Finally, we baked the dough and made bread". Emily



"All of the activities like wood carving looked really easy but it was actually quite tricky". Bella
"I was surprised about the toilets. We had to use sawdust and throw it on afterwards".



"We did some foraging. We tasted some yarrow and used it to clean our teeth. I liked the sorrel best of all". Emily
"I liked dressing up and playing with the swords. I was in a battle with Austin".



"I really liked doing the woodwork and metal work because we had to use the bellows to keep the fire going and then heat and hammer the metal". Elise

"I really enjoyed seeing the animals. The Arctic foxes were very cute and the wolf was called Elvis. I learned that an eagle owl can crush a brick with its talons". Wilfred



"My favourite bit was when we got to explore all the houses. I'd live in the biggest one. The outside was made of wood and straw - it had a table and benches". Osher





Year 5 London Residential 11th - 14th February 2025



'My favourite part was the London Eye because I was able to see the Elizabeth Tower and amazing views!' Amelie



'I enjoyed Matilda as the actors were incredible with their singing and dancing'. Darcie



'The zoo was exciting because there were loads of different animals you don't see every day'. Molly



'Harry Potter World was really magical because there were lots of difference scenes and models. I'd love to go back and visit'. Bella



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We currently have 1 vacancy available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

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





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

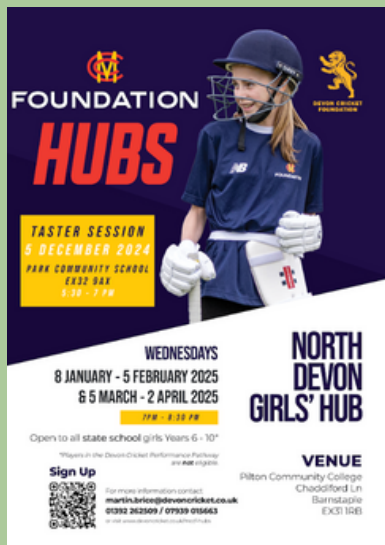


Horwood & Newton Tracey Primary School

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

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.



FOUNDATION HUBS

TASTER SESSION 5 DECEMBER 2024
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
EX32 8AT
5.30 - 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
6 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
7 PM - 9.30 PM

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

Sign Up

For more information contact
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01392 262569 / 07939 015663

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*Partners in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are A&BC, H&BC, and R&BC



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



Three Villages Walk - 5th May

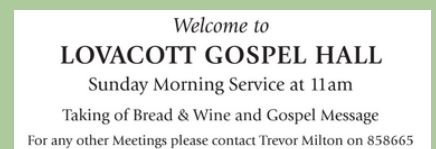
On the morning of Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May, there will be a 'Three Villages Walk', starting at Horwood Church, then on to Lovacott, before finishing at Newton Tracey church. On the way there will be short talks by local historians on some of the local features and landmarks. Families and dogs will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



NEWTON TRACEY CHURCH

QUIZ

8th of March - 7.30 at Alverdiscott Community Hall.
Teams of 6 • £10 per person
Wine on the table, lots of food and fun.
Please ring Kate on 01271 858268 to book your team in.



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



FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ALVERDISCOTT

MUSICAL LUNCH

Friday 28th March in the Methodist Chapel
Friday 25th April - we will be back in All Saints Church

Light lunch available from 12.30pm, music from 1pm



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



BINGO Night

Join us for a fun filled evening of BINGO at
Lovacott Village Hall
Doors Open 7pm
Eyes Down 7.30pm
Pre book or just turn up on the night
Refreshments available

****CASH ONLY****

£10 FOR 10 GAMES

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

RAFFLE & BOUNTY FLYER BOUND

friends@hntps@gmail.com



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!



YOUTH CLUB

Thursday 13th March.

The Youth Club is for ages 8 and upwards, and is held once a month in Newton Tracey Church from 6-7.30pm. There is a small charge of £2 per child.

For more information about the Youth Club please ring Kate on 01271 858268

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BIG Breakfast

Sunday 23rd March

From 9:00am to 1:00pm
Adults - £10 under 10s - £5

Alverdiscott Community Hall



Lovacott Little Library

Your Community Honesty Library

The first Monday of every month from 2pm - 3pm
in Lovacott Village Hall



Monday 3rd MARCH

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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 13th March
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.

Newton Tracey Church

COFFEE and a CHAT



Wednesday 19 March
at The Hunters Inn
10 - 11.30

Everyone is very welcome

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Forest School Stay and Play
10am-12pm weekdays. We enjoy a range of activities
linked to a theme, plus there's the mud kitchen, sand pit,
fairy garden, zip wire, treehouse and more.

Seedlings Baby Group
1.30-3pm Weekly on a Thursday or Friday. Your baby
can play with the toys on the rugs outside under the
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