This week's whole school attendance rate is 96%

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday this week we had a visit from Dan Polak (our Director of Education) and Beth Carter (Inclusion Lead) who came to observe teaching and learning across the school and to speak to the children about their writing. We are very proud of how the children conducted themselves and their enthusiasm to share the great pieces of writing they have been developing in their English books. On Thursday this week, we also welcomed Ian Thomas (CEO) along with our trustees who came to speak to the children about their reading and hear the children read. They also shared some of the great learning the children have been exploring in their History topics this year. A huge well done to all our children and staff for their continued focus and living out our school value *'To Be the Best We Can Be'.*

Parents Consultations – Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th March

Thank you to those parents to have contacted the school to arrange their parent consultation. If you are unable to make those dates, please speak to your child's class teacher directly to arrange a 10-minute appointment. Class teachers would like to meet with all our parents to share the specific targets your child/ren are working on this term and how you can best support them at home with their learning.

Book and Biscuit Event – Tuesday 4th March

It was a fabulous to see so many parents, grandparents and family members join us to celebrate the great efforts and achievements of the children's writing across the school on Tuesday afternoon. We really do value the importance providing time for both the children to share and celebrate their learning and our families to become familiar with the expectations for writing across the school. Thank you to everyone who came along! More pictures from this event shared in this week's newsletter.

HNTPS now has a Facebook Page

A couple of weeks ago we shared details of our new school Facebooks page. Our HNTPS page will be regularly updated with important information, updates and specific learning happening throughout the week. We encourage all parents to follow us so that you don't miss you on our most up to date messages. Just search for us on Facebook – HNTPS - and click follow.

School Council Update – Tuck Shop

Last Friday, a very excited School Council group prepared to open the doors to their new tuck shop, which was a roaring success across the school and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! In our meeting this week, the children discussed which special treats had been popular and needed to be restocked. We also looked at the money they have made so far and the items that haven't sold well. All these discussions demonstrated a fantastic example of the children using and applying their maths skills in real life problems! The children have helped to create their own page for this week's newsletter. Our tuck shop will be open every Friday from 2:30-3:30pm, and fast pass tickets will be awarded for those children demonstrating and upholding exceptional school values across the week.

Trips and Visits

We strive to enhance the children's learning across the curriculum through inviting visitors into school as well as bringing the children out to develop a deeper understanding of what they are exploring in areas of the curriculum. Across this half term there have been several trips and visits organised for the children across the school. We will be sharing information with parents through emails and our Facebook page and setting up payments through ParentPay.

World Book Day

There was an array of fabulous costumes on display on Thursday this week to celebrate World Book Day. The children took part in a range of reading activities across the morning, sharing stories and extracts from their favourite books. There was also an opportunity to design a new book cover for our class text this half term and we gave the difficult job of judging the winner from each class to our trustees who were visiting us on Thursday. Well done to our winners who each received a £10 book token which was kindly donated by our FRIENDS. More photos and updates from our librarians will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Parents have been emailed their child/ren's £1 book token which can be exchanged for a free book or used towards purchasing a full priced book. We will be purchasing the 'free' £1 books to enhance our library and outdoor reading den.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Friday 21st March

After discussions with the school council group last week, it was decided that we would like to host a 'Break the Rules' day on Friday 21st March. The children can break all the rules suggested and can come to school wearing their own clothes, have crazy hair and pack some 'unhealthy snacks' for the day. In return we ask that parents generously donate through our ParentPay page – more details to follow nearer the time. All donations collected on the day will be gifted to Comic Relief. For more information about where your donations will go, please click on the link below:

Homepage | Comic Relief

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

Important Notices:

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:

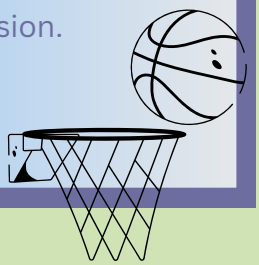
From 22nd April 2025 - KS2 meals will increase to £2.58

Class 4 Trip to Buckland Abbey

Please ensure consent and payment are made via your ParentPay account

Netball Club

We will provide an extra Netball Club session on Tuesday 1st April to replace the previously cancelled session.



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.

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 Residential - 18th May to 23d May 2025

Please ensure any outstanding instalments have been paid.

Class 2 Trip to Exmoor Zoo on Wednesday 26th March 2025

Please ensure consent and payment are made via your ParentPay account

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 10th 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.

24/02, 10/03, 24/03

Menu - Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Chicken Korma	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Gammon	Ham Panini
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Curry/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese /Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Panini/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Peas	Rice/Poppadom /Mixed Veg	Garlic Bread/ Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Fruit and Salad Selection
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Raspberry Muffins/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Oaty Apple Slice/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Fruit Jelly/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Oat Crunchie/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

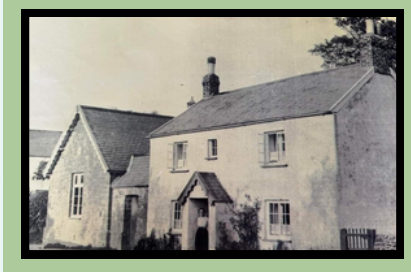
HNTPS History Corner - quotes taken from our old headteacher log books

2nd April 1918

Miss Gill absent. Suffering from face-ache

7th March 1928

Report on Religious Instruction: the improvement in response is being maintained and the attitude of the children is now quite pleasing. Although there is only one teacher in the school, separate lessons on a specially devised syllabus are being given to the infants. The attitude of the children is very reverent and they sing in a pleasing manner.



What's on...?

W/C 10th 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

Wednesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Years 5 & 6: 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.
- Parent Consultations

Thursday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Nursery: Forest School
- Class 1: Forest School
- NO Creative Activity Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm CANCELLED
- Parent Consultations

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

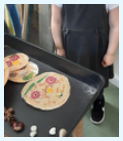
Future dates for your diary....

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
Class 2 trip to Exmoor Zoo	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
Meeting with Year 6 parents about Bude Residential	Thursday 1st May at 3.30pm

What have we been learning in class this week?

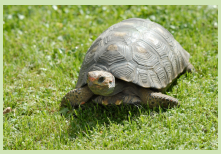
Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

It has been a very busy week in the foundation stage class. We have been making pancakes, eating pancakes and having pancake races in the Spring sunshine. We also had a visit from Mrs Jarvis who told us how she helps people to take care of their pets.



Class 2

In class 2 the children have been using their knowledge of the different animal groups we have explored to create their own interesting information books sharing facts about mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians.



Class 3

This week class 3 had a great debate where we discussed the merits of Foxes. Arguments were given for both sides and the children were excellent at putting their point of view over. A class vote was taken and the majority of children came out in favour of Foxes.

Class 4

Class 4 have been fully engaged in their session at Falcon's again this week. Taking on all the challenges that the coaches put in front of them. We also have seen some amazing skills on show. The coaches have commented on how well they are able to listen and follow instructions as well as their brilliant behaviour.

Pupil Learning Awards This Week

STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Lottie for knowing which numbers are more than or less than when comparing two numbers
Class 2	Clara for always completing her learning to the best of her ability
Class 3	Oscar for his amazing input in our class debate
Class 4	William for working so hard in all areas

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Kara for sharing lovely ideas in the writing area
Class 2	Curtis for being a fantastic phonic spotter in all areas of the curriculum
Class 3	Osha for his amazing drawings and W.B.D mask
Class 4	Harriet for using her creativity in her writing - including various punctuation
Star of the Week - Nursery	Charlotte for trying really hard with finger gym activities
Reading Baskets	Nursery: Darcey Fellowes
	Key Stage 1: Morwenna
	Key Stage 2: Austin

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

Molly, William, Alex, Jorgie, Alasdair, Elle, Curtis

200 Dojo points

Eddie, Isabel

Acts of Kindness

Theo has shown great kindness helping grandad Tucker since he had his accident.in December. At the weekend Theo helped clear the vegetable garden.

Breakfast Club

GREAT START

TOGETHER

LEARN

AWESOME

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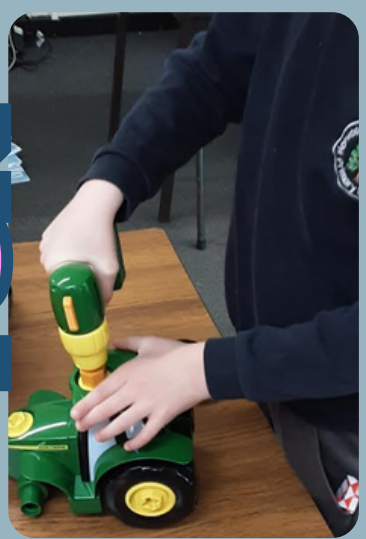
FUN



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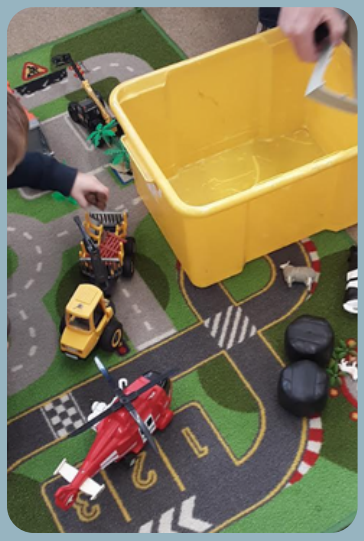


HAPPY

World Book Day
Thursday 6th March 2025

Foundation Stage Class

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

Winning Class for the poster competition

Class 3

A huge well done to all of our children across the school for taking part!

Winners of the 'Best Dressed Category'

Class 1: Astrid

Class 2: Elliot

Class 3: George

Class 4: Flo

Thank you to the FRIENDS for providing these fantastic prizes!

School Council - Tuck Shop Enterprise
Friday 28th February 2025

I was really excited about running the tuck shop....

It went really well and the best selling stuff was Mentos!

We could definitely be a lot more efficient with the selling. [Imogen]

It was so fun but stressful doing the Tuck Shop!

I can't wait until it's my go again! [Hattie]

The best selling things were Mentos and the thing that we didn't sell was Mini Cheddars. We do youngest to oldest (class order). Last week, we did Class 1 first. This week we will be doing Class 2 first

HNTPS SCHOOL COUNCIL REPS

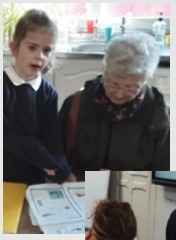
Whole School Book and Biscuit Event, Focus - Writing

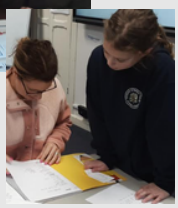
Tuesday 4th February

A Lovely Opportunity to Share Learning

We were pleased to welcome parents and carers into school for our recent Book & Biscuit event. This session gave families the chance to visit their child's class, look through their work, and see the progress they have been making.

The focus for this event was Writing. It was lovely to see children happily sharing their learning with their adult.





The children really enjoyed having their families involved and appreciated their kind words.

Parents and carers were able to leave encouraging comments in their child's books using stickers provided by the school.

The benefits of our Book and Biscuit events:

For Children:

✅ **Boosts Confidence – Sharing their learning with family members helps children feel proud of their achievements.**

✅ **Encourages Engagement – Knowing their learning work will be seen and celebrated motivates children to put in effort and take ownership of their learning.**

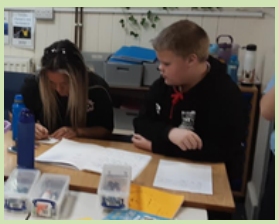
✅ **Strengthens Home-School Connections – Seeing their parents and carers involved in their education reinforces the importance of learning.**

For Parents & Carers:

✅ **Insight into Learning – Parents can see first-hand what their child is learning, how they are progressing, and where they might need support.**

✅ **Encourages Positive Conversations – Parents can discuss their child's learning in a supportive way, helping to build confidence and enthusiasm.**

✅ **Creates a Welcoming School Experience – Being involved in events like this helps parents feel more connected to the school community.**



We look forward to holding more of these events in the coming months. Our next Book & Biscuit session will take place on , with a focus on . We hope you can join us.

Vet Visit - Foundation Stage Class
Tuesday 4th March 2025

'Mrs Jarvis is a vet and she looks after animals that are poorly. She is a nice vet.' Astrid

'Mrs Jarvis checked the dog's heart to see how fast it was going.' Theo

'Mrs Jarvis is a vet. She looks after cats and dogs when they are poorly.' Betty

'The dog needed an operation because it swallowed a ball. It needed a red bandage and its hair brushed.' Athena

'Mrs Jarvis put a bandage on the dog's leg because it needed an operation. The dog ate a hard ball.' Finley

'Mrs Jarvis put the thermometer in his bottom to take his temperature. You can't put it in his mouth as he will bite it and eat it.' Lottie

'Coco the dog ate a ball and Mrs Jarvis had to get the ball out of her tummy.' Ayda

'Mrs Jarvis works in a hospital for pets. She looks after them when they are ill and makes them better.' Rocco

'Mrs Jarvis had to put a bandage around the leg and then she gave him an injection to make him go to sleep.' Noah

'I helped Mrs Jarvis keep the dog calm by smoothing it down.' Niamh

'Mrs Jarvis is a vet. I liked it when Ayda helped Mrs Jarvis look after the toy dog. I also liked it when Lottie dressed up as a vet.' Morwenna

'Mrs Jarvis makes cats and dogs feel better, sometimes they have to stay overnight at the vets.' Amelia

'Mrs Jarvis is a doctor for dogs and cats.' Phoebe

Donations can be made using the following link:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17603

School Visit - TEAM SLT - teaching and learning on Tuesday 4th March

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Community Information

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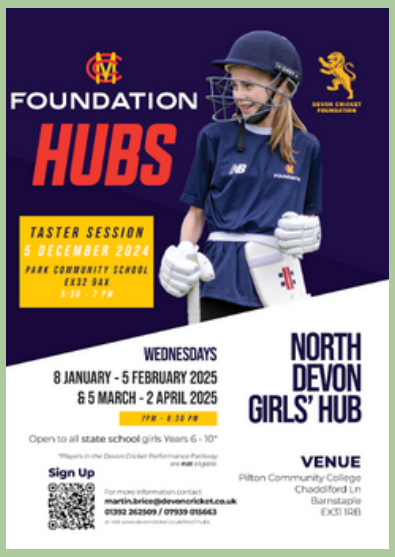

Three Villages Walk – 5th May

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

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

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

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**

UNDER 9'S RUGBY

TRAIN FRIDAY EVENINGS
AT SOUTH MOLTON RFC
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BIG Breakfast

Alverdiscott Community Hall

Sunday 23rd March

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

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

The Woodcott Players

George the Giant

A gentleman detective comes to Lovaduck

A pantomine for all ages
Lovacott Village Hall

SATURDAY 23rd March
at 2pm and 7.30pm

SUNDAY 24th March
at 2pm

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