

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 14th March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It has been so lovely to see the sun making an appearance over the last week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors and playing with the range of equipment available to them at breaktimes and lunchtimes. We have a range of sporting equipment for the children to enjoy on the top playground which is organised and co-ordinated by our sports leaders. On the bottom playground we have a variety of small world play, Lego and colouring for the children to participate in as well as The Snug (our outdoor reading den) where the children are welcome to snuggle up with a cosy blanket and read a range of books available to them.

Parent Consultations

A huge thank you to those parents and carers who came along to our parent consultation evenings this week. These meetings were an opportunity to celebrate your child/ren's successes and also discuss the targets your child/ren are developing over the coming months. It was lovely to receive feedback from parents on how much their children enjoy school and the conversations they are having with their families about the curriculum areas they are exploring in school. Working in partnership with our partners is hugely important to the staff of HNT, we believe working together will enable your child/ren *'To Be the Best We Can Be'*. If you were unable to arrange an appointment this week, please speak to your class teacher directly to arrange a convenient time for an appointment.

Proms Preparations

The children and staff across key stage 2 have been working together on the final preparations for our 'Proms' performance next week at the Queens Theatre in Barnstaple. The children have really risen to the challenge to perfect and produce their best performances for next week. Mrs Hopkins and the key stage 2 team have been communicating with parents on final arrangements for drop off and pick up timings for the day.

A final letter will go home (and be emailed) to parents at the beginning of next week. If there is any further information that you require regarding drop off and pick up, please do contact the school office. Looking forward to seeing you all there, next Thursday, for a fantastic evening celebrating the of talents of the fabulous children at HNTPS and across our team trust schools.





Bringing our learning to life

We strive to ensure we engage our children with a wide variety of activities, visits and artefacts to support the curriculum and enable our children at HNTPS to 'Be the best We Can Be'. This term we have visitors to our foundation stage class, trips and visitors to the school to help bring our learning to life. We would like to thank those parents and our FRIENDS group that have supported us with their time or donated money to enable these experiences to happen. Our children make fantastic connections with their learning through lived experiences and we are grateful that we co-ordinate these opportunities to enhance our curriculum. Please do let us know if you have any artefacts, or are able to come and share your expertise with the children at HNTPS.



Parents Questionnaire

At HNTPS we continue to strive to 'Be the Best We Can Be', including our working relationships with our parents and carers. As I come to the end of my second term at HNTPS, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our parent questionnaire to provide us with some feedback about the range of things that have been implemented from the beginning of the year. A link will be shared with parents at the beginning of next week, and we ask that parents complete the questionnaire by Friday 28th March, allowing some time for me to share the feedback with staff before we break for the Easter holidays. We really do value your thoughts.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

HNTPS History Corner

... quotes taken from our headteacher log books

28th June 1878

Admitted one little girl, aged 5 years (Caroline Evelyn Brittons). Very irregular attendance this week, owing to the haymaking.

19th October 1883

Songs for the 'Infant Class'

'The Child's Question'

'This is the Way'

7th July 1920

The children have collected £4 for the 'Blind Babies' - in connection with the special effort to build four new homes by the National Institute for the 'Blind'





What's on...?

W/C 17th March 2025



Monday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Class 4 trip to Buckfast Abbey - drop off at school 8.00am, collect at 4.10pm
- 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 **CANCELLED**

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.

Thursday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Class 3 and 4 - PROM event - drop at Queens' Theatre at 9.45am
- Nursery: Forest School
- Class 1: Forest School
- 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
- Red Nose Day! See poster in newsletter for more info

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 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 for Year 6 parents about Bude Residential

Thursday 1st May at 3.30pm

Reminders...

Netball Club

We will provide an extra Netball Club session on Tuesday 1st April.

Dinner Money

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

BUDE

Yr 6

Please ensure any outstanding instalments have been paid.

Viking Workshop

Class 3

Please ensure payment is made via your ParentPay account

Exmoor Zoo

Class 2

Please ensure consent and payment are made via your ParentPay account

Buckland Abbey

Class 4

Please ensure consent and payment are made via your ParentPay account

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have been solving a pretend crime by collecting evidence, speaking to people and interviewing possible suspects. We did not need to arrest anyone, but we offered advice to avoid another similar incident occurring. Well done to all of our mini police officers!



Class 2

This week the children have been exploring the life of Queen Victoria and producing their own fact files and information about her life. We have also begun to plot the life of Queen Victoria alongside other British Monarchs within our class timeline of history. The children remembered lots of interesting facts and information!



Class 3

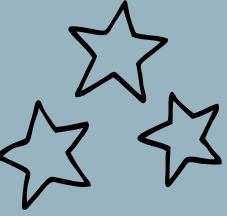
We have really enjoyed using the new chromebooks for our computing lessons. This week we have had fun emailing each other jokes and questions to find out a bit more about each other. Class 3 were amazing at adding attachments and pictures to their emails and we had great fun learning new facts about each other.



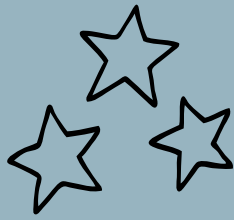
Class 4

This week in science, class 4 have made bottles of blood. We have included red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma and platelets and we have learned about each of their functions.





Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Betty for super writing about the Police
Class 2	Hugo for fabulous focus and concentration across the curriculum! Keep it up Hugo!
Class 3	Eben for using flair and being creative in his writing
Class 4	Thomas B for taking on new challenges with confidence



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Theo for super creative thinking when solving a 'crime'
Class 2	Ronnie for a beautifully created Queen Victoria Information poster! Well done Ronnie!
Class 3	Nancy for exploring texture and colour during art
Class 4	Eve for creativity in her writing



Star of the Week - Nursery	Reuben for being so keen and enthusiastic in his learning
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Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Clara
	Key Stage 2: Nancy

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.



Hugo





Acts of Kindness



After school on Wednesday 12th March, Elliott litter picked on his walk from Lovacott to Newton Tracey to catch the bus. The bag was 2/3 full which is a lot less since the bin was added at the end of the road.



You are doing
GREAT!

Bella G kindly donated some books for the library. Thank you so much Bella.

THANK YOU

well done!

Thank you to Darcie S for donating some of her treasured books to our library for other children to read and enjoy!



Sports Awards



Ayden competed in the regionals for trampolining at the weekend. He came second! This weekend, he competes in the School's Finals and we wish him the best of luck.



Notices...

Asda Funding

A big thank you to all those families who have helped us raise £161.74 through the Asda schools scheme. We will be looking to purchase exciting resources to benefit the children's learning!

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.

HNTPS
Advanced Notice
 Our meal charges are increasing:
 From 22nd April 2025 - KS2 meals will increase to £2.58

f JOIN US ON OUR NEW HNTPS FACEBOOK PAGE f

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.

f FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

f HNTPS

Lego Figures

Please ensure that your child does not bring LEGO figures to school.

Foundation Unit Class enjoying our outdoor learning resources



Wednesday 12th March 2025

What do you like to play with most at lunchtimes?

'My Friends.' Astrid

'We like to play with the building blocks'. Rocco and Lottie



LEARNING EVERYDAY

Is there something you wish we had in the playground that we don't have now?

'I'd like a 'real' cat!' Amelia

'A play unicorn that you can ride on!'. Astrid

'A castle to play in'. Lottie



How do you feel when you play outside at lunchtime?

'I felt warm when I ran in the sunshine'. Theo

'I feel cold'. Kara

'I feel happy when I play outside'. Ayda



Are there any toys or equipment that you don't like as much?

'I'm not so keen on the building blocks'. Morwenna

'I like playing games more than dressing up'. Rocco



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!



What games do you and your friends like to play at lunchtime?

'My favourite game is the Police game'. Finley

'I like playing hockey with bigger children'. Noah





Class 3 and 4 practicing for their PROM performances next Thursday



Wednesday 12th March 2025



'I think we'll probably be ready in time - I think it'll be quite fun!' Isabel



'I think the practice sessions are going amazingly because people are practicing their singing and I can hear them getting better and better'. Sofia

'I think it will be buzzing and exciting and everyone will have butterflies in their tummy.' Sofia



'Everything is going good. I think PROM will be fun because I've done things in the theatre before.' Thomas B



SHOW TIME

'I think the PROM practices are going good because we are singing hard songs but it's good to learn them. I think the PROM will be fun and exciting!'. William

We are all really excited about taking part in the TEAM PROM event on Thursday 20th March. Class 3 and 4 children have been practicing very hard so that everyone is ready for the day! Good luck to everyone who is taking part!



The 'SNUG'

Wednesday 12th March 2025



"It's so cosy and inviting - I like to read and have a quiet space where I can chill out." Imogen

Cosy

"There are lots of soft pillows in there and really good books!" Abel

Warm

The Librarians have been working very hard to finish the reading den, or as it's now known as the 'SNUG'.
The FRIENDS have been busy buying all of our equipment for the 'Snug'. Its best features are cosy beanbags, snuggly blankets, twinkly fairy lights and comfy chairs. Lots of kids at HNTPS love going there for some peace and quiet instead of running around on the playground.
by Ella, Bella and Seraphine



Snuggle

Quiet

Safe

"I always bring my own book - it's really nicely decorated and there are bean bags and chairs. I would quite like some more blankets as I'm always the last one in and sometimes there are none left". Abel

People think that it is a quiet place and the books are great in there. The little children love all the Princess and Marvel and they love to snuggle with the teddies and toys, blankets and beanbags that are soft and fluffy.
Everybody around the school loves reading so it is really important stuff to us like the games and Wild Book Day.

Snug

Peaceful



"I like it because whenever you want to read you can just go there. I would like some more books based on movies in there like 'The Star Wars visual dictionary'." Theo

"It's nice to go and read a book if you're feeling upset because it's such a peaceful place - with lots of different books for boys and girls". Silver and Flo

"The reading den is so quiet and cosy. I like the sparkling lights that help to make it feel special. I enjoy going to read my book there and I also helped to create it! My favourite authors are Louis Sacher and J.K Rowling." Elise

RED NOSE DAY 2025

What's happening next Friday at HNTPS?



RED NOSE DAY
FRIDAY 21 MARCH

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

- wear own clothes
- crazy hair
- unhealthy breaktime snack, or
- special treat in your lunch box

All rules broken will cost £1 to break - payment via Parentpay!

Donations can be made using the following link:

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

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>

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

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

Meal Time Assistant at Umberleigh Primary Academy





If you're passionate about making a difference and keen to help support our school's strategic direction, please think about becoming a school governor at HNTPS. For more information, don't hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a visit to further discuss the role.



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



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WE WANT YOU

Cleaner – Horwood & Newton Tracey Primary

A fantastic opportunity to join our quality driven cleaning team, giving you the chance to work for a national service provider with excellent opportunities and benefits.

16 Hours per week, Monday to Friday 3.30pm - 6.42pm
£12.44 Per Hour

Call Area Manager Lisa Heard on 07876385459 or Area Supervisor Chloe Walker on 07824383680 for more information.

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Lunch menu: W/C Monday 17th 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.



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

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 6 DECEMBER 2024
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
EX32 9AX
9.30 - 7PM

WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
6 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
1PM - 3.30 PM

Opens to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chaosford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1DE

Sign Up
For more information contact:
martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk
01392 262509 / 07939 015663

NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

*Open to the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway as well as girls

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Free Cricket Sessions

OPEN TO EVERYONE
AGES 8-16 OF ALL ABILITIES

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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!

FREE 'COME AND TRY SESSIONS'

BLUECOAT C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREAT TORRINGTON
TUESDAY, 8 APRIL

SCHOOL YEARS 1, 2 & 3 09:30 - 11:00
SCHOOL YEARS 4, 5 & 6 11:00 - 12:30

For more information, please contact Martin Brice
martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk | 07939 015663

REGISTER HERE

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

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!

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.

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

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

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 & BOUNS FLYER ROUND

friendsofhntps@gmail.com

UK Health Security Agency

Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

DO

- Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C
- Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants

DON'T

- Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals
- Prepare food for others

Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated - especially children and the elderly.

UNDER 9'S RUGBY

TRAIN FRIDAY EVENINGS AT SOUTH MOLTON RFC GAMES ON SUNDAY'S

ACTIVE FRIENDSHIP FUN TEAMWORK

NO MATTER YOUR ABILITY
NO MATTER YOUR FITNESS LEVEL
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The Woodcote Players

George the Giant
A gentleman detective comes to Lovaduck

A pantomime for all ages
Lovacott Village Hall
SATURDAY 23rd March at 2pm and 7.30pm
SUNDAY 24th March at 2pm

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Adults £2.50 • Children £1

To book:
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Lindsey - 07917 867620

BIG Breakfast
Sunday 23rd March

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

Alverdiscott Community Hall

