

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 21st March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

**LIFE IS ALL ABOUT
TAKING RISKS.
IF YOU NEVER
TAKE A RISK,
YOU WILL NEVER
ACHIEVE YOUR
DREAMS.**

This week at HNTPS, the children have been exploring our school focus of 'Taking Risks'. We are aware that taking risks for some of our children can be hugely daunting and push them out of their comfort zones. We have discussed how this feels and what we can do to manage these feelings. The children have also shared the importance of learning from our mistakes, some of them were even shocked to hear that

adults still make mistakes and use these mistakes to learn, grow and develop. Over the next few weeks, the children will be thinking about how they can take risks with their learning, on the playground with their friends, outside of school and at home.



The Proms Event – Thursday 20th March

A huge well done to all our key stage 2 children who participated in the Proms performance at the Queens Theatre in Barnstaple on Thursday this week. Over the last few weeks, the children have been practicing their fabulous singing as well as their individual acts across the school in readiness for the big performance. We have overcome nerves and excitement through our rehearsals and the children were looking forward to showcasing their talents to their parents, family and friends as well as seeing children from across our trust school's community. A huge thank you to Mrs Hopkins and the rest of the keys stage 2 staffing team in preparing the children for the event, co-ordinating transport arrangements and ensuring that our children can 'Be the Best that We Can Be'.



Lunchtime play

As the weather is getting brighter and warmer, we have introduced a range of small world play for the children to enjoy on the bottom playground. It has been lovely to see the older children engaging in positive imaginative play with our younger children and supporting them to tidy up and the end of lunchtimes. If you have any small world play you no longer need we would warmly welcome any

donations for the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Trips and Visits

Over the next few weeks, we have several trips and visits occurring across the school. On Monday this week, class 4 enjoyed their visit to Buckland Abbey. The children spent the day fully emerged in the life of the Tudors, bringing their history topic to life. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in the Tudor costumes and exploring the Abbey. Again, thank you to our parent volunteers who came along to support with the visit.



Next Wednesday, class 2 will be visiting Exmoor Zoo to learn about the range of animals that live there. This will consolidate our science learning on animal classification and enable the children to have first hand experiences of how the animals interact with the each other as well as an opportunity to engage in a class workshop.

Class 3 will also be participating in a Viking workshop with Clive Pig in Lovacott Village Hall next Wednesday. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the children to use and apply their knowledge and understanding of their history lessons into a real-life context as they participate in story telling and drama sessions to consolidate their Vikings topic.

We are looking forward to sharing what the children have learnt in the newsletter next week!

Easter Egg Rolling Competition

On Monday 31st March, the children in each class will have the opportunity to participate in an egg-citing egg rolling competition. To enter, each child needs to bring a decorated hard-boiled egg to school (thinking about how they transport their egg) for the rolling competition in the afternoon. A prize will be awarded to the child in each class whose egg rolls the furthest without breaking or smashing. The children have been thinking about how they will make their egg 'smash' proof as well as sleek to enable it to roll fast and far! We are looking forward to seeing all the decorated eggs and discover which one rolls the furthest on the day!



Assessment Week

Next week, class teachers will be carrying out a range of assessments with the children across the school. The assessments will focus on what the children have been learning in their maths lessons as well as assessing their understanding and comprehension in reading, spelling and grammar. These assessments will help to inform teachers planning as we move into the summer term and enable us to focus on small group pre-teach and keep up sessions for those children who need additional support to close gaps in their knowledge and understanding.



Parent Carer Survey

This week, we sent all families our mid-year Parent/Carer Survey. We welcome your feedback and would appreciate all response in helping us to shape our provision going forwards. Please click on the link below to complete the survey:

[Parent/Carer Survey - March 2025](#)



Litter Pick – Class 2

On Monday, children in class 2 will be taking part in a litter pick in and around the school as well as the village playing fields. We have been finding out lots of interesting facts about the amount of rubbish that is dropped across the UK everyday and the impact this has on the wildlife in the area. The children hope to write persuasive letters to our local community and also create posters to display around the school about how we can look after our environment better. If you

have a litter picker we could borrow, please sent it to school on Monday. Many thanks.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

HNTPS History Corner

... quotes taken from our headteacher log books

9th October 1897

Recitation for 1897:

1st stage: The Village Blacksmith

2nd stage: The May Queen and Casabianca

Object Lessons (Infants)

*Squirrel, The SeaShore, Tiger, Gloves, Robin,
An Umbrella, An Orange, Bread, A Thimble, Rain*

Object Lessons (Standards 1.11.111)

*Fox, Coal, Needles, Horse and Donkey, Matches, Autumn,
Punctuality, A Clock, Mouse and Rat, A Quill Pen, A Hen's Egg*





What's on...?

W/C 24th March 2025



Monday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Class 2 - Litter Pick at the field
- 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 **4:15pm**

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
- Class 3 Viking Workshop - taking place in school
- Class 2 Trip to Exmoor Zoo
- Years 5 & 6: 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
- 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
- Mother's Day Cafe at the Village Hall at 9.00am. Parents and Carers of Nursery and Reception class are invited to attend. Any celebration certificates for Nursery and Reception children will also be awarded here.
- 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....

Egg rolling competition

Monday 31st March (in the afternoon)

Rev. Gary Easter Assembly

Tuesday 1st April (in the afternoon)

Extra Netball club

Tuesday 1st April: 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Book and Biscuit Event - Science Focus

Wednesday 2nd April between 2.45pm to 3.30pm

Reception and Year 6 NHS Height and
Measurement Checks

Thursday 3rd April

Meeting for Year 6 parents about Bude
Residential

Thursday 1st May at 3.30pm

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.

Exmoor Zoo

Class 2
Please ensure
consent and
payment are
made via your
ParentPay
account

HNTPS

**Monday 24th March
(next week)**

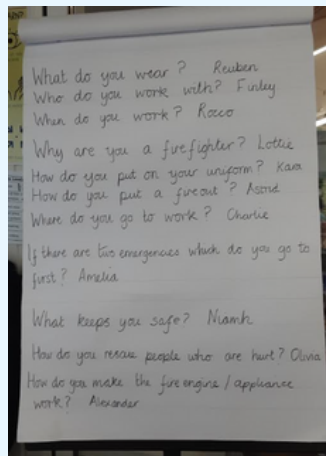
CAN YOU HELP?

Class 2 will be doing a litter-picking
session on Monday. If anyone has a
litter picker stick they can lend us for
the day, we would greatly
appreciate it.

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week in the foundation stage class we are going to interview a firefighter. We have thought of lots of questions using our question words and we have been practising how to be a fire fighter putting out a shed fire.



Class 2

This week in class 2 the children have been finding out lots of information on how we can best look after our environment. The children have been finding out lots of interesting facts about recycling and dropping litter which we hope to use in our persuasive letters and posters we will be creating.



Class 3

This week in Class 3 we've working towards our final write - an information report based on our text 'Fox'. Children have been researching their chosen animal and selecting technical vocabulary to use teamed with interesting facts. We will display these on our working wall and put them into a class non-fiction text to be kept in our book corner. The children have also been learning about the Muslim faith, traditions and how Muslims worship Allah.

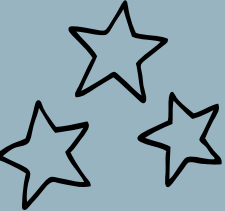


Class 4

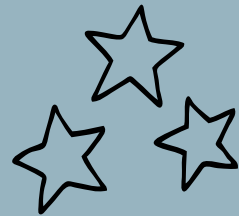
Class 4 have been learning about the importance of the Torah in Judaism. This week we have focused on the rules around Kosher food.



Judaism



Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Morwenna for beautiful handwriting leaving spaces
Class 2	Laith for fabulous history learning - amazing sketching of Crystal Palace
Class 3	Imogen for being an excellent role model to others through positive learning behaviour
Class 4	Seraphine for dedication to her learning this week



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Noah for taking risks with his spelling when writing
Class 2	Chyla for being brave to 'have a go' at our new maths challenges! Well done Chyla - keep it up!
Class 3	Amon for taking a deeper dive challenge in Maths and succeeding!
Class 4	Silver for taking a risk at gymnastics and improving her skills



Star of the Week - Nursery	Olivia for writing her own name so beautifully
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Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Elle
	Key Stage 2: Aiden H

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.



Isabelle, Willow, Oliver, Joseph, Henry, Abel,
Ronnie S, Theo L, Theodore, Nico





Acts of Kindness



Kara brought in little stars to go in the cups of kindness for all her friends and she made a cup of kindness for Mrs Radley!

You are doing
GREAT!

well
done!

**THANK
YOU**

A big thank you to Ziggy for bringing in a big bag of books to donate to the Snug for everyone to enjoy!



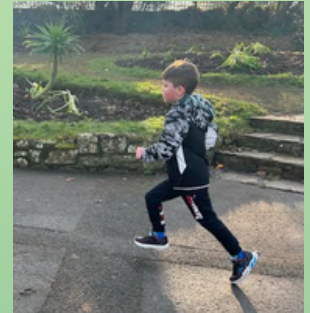
Sports Awards



A huge well done to Curtis for going from strength to strength in his Park Runs! He gained a new personal best last weekend (again!!). Congratulations Curtis!

Torridge junior parkrun	
16/03/2025	#431
Name: Curtis ROUTLEY X ? :	
31	Curtis ROUTLEY
11:40	

Run Date	Run Number	Pos	Time	Age Grade	PB?
16/03/2025	431	31	11:40	61.99%	PB
09/03/2025	430	38	12:20	58.64%	
02/03/2025	429	19	12:01	60.79%	PB
23/02/2025	428	32	15:45	45.92%	
16/02/2025	427	31	12:56	55.92%	
09/02/2025	426	30	12:46	56.65%	
02/02/2025	425	21	12:16	58.96%	PB



Notices...

HNTPS

**EASTER
EGG ROLLING
COMPETITION**

**MONDAY 31ST MARCH
2025**

To take part in our egg-tastic competition, children will need to hard boil an egg, decorate it and bring it along on the day.

Thank you to the **FRIENDS**
FOR DONATING CLASS PRIZES FOR THE **MINNIES!**



HNTPS

**Mother's Day
Cafe**

At Lovacott Village Hall

On Friday 28th March at 9.00 am

Nursery and Reception Parents and
Carers are invited to come along to help
us celebrate Mother's Day!

In addition to a special surprise for families, children
selected for our weekly celebration awards will also receive
their certificates.



Year 5 & 6 FALCONS GYMNASTICS

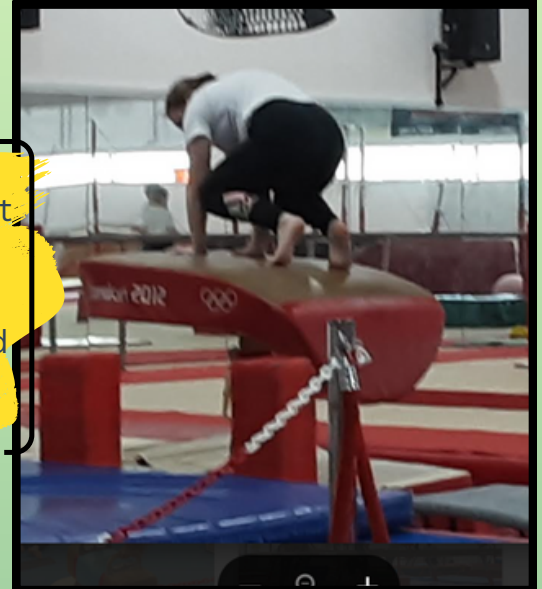
Sessions Spring Term 2025

'I think the coaches are really kind and helpful'.
Bella

'It's fun and I enjoy learning different things'.
Isabel



"I have got much better at cartwheels as I couldn't do one in the first week. The coaches have helped me believe that I can do it!"



'I've got much better at balance now. We do fun activities'. William



All of the children have had a wonderful block of gymnastics sessions this term and have really improved their skills!

'I like using the horse to lift my feet through'
Alina



'My handstands have got longer as my balance has improved.'
Ted



Class 4 Trip to Buckland Abbey Monday 17th March 2025



'It was good to dress up like the Tudors. We learned how to bow - it was a disgrace to show the inside of your hat because of all of the lice'. William



'When Sir F Drake was on his boat, they collected rainwater in a canopy, they used it for drinking and cleaning'. Harriet



Class 4 had a fantastic time at Buckland Abbey today. They have learned a lot about Tudor clothing, Sir Francis Drake and how the Tudors lived.

A particular highlight was dressing up in Tudor clothing which the children really enjoyed.



'I learned how they used to poo on a ship. They wiped their bottom with a toe-rag which was a cloth on a rope that was washed in the sea between users'. Charlie



'I enjoyed learning about Sir F Drake and how one of his shipmates chose to be beheaded'. Isabel



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:

Breakfast Club - Playworker at
Beafield Community Primary &
Nursery School

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant at
Pilton Bluecoat Church of England
Academy

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant at
Beafield Community Primary &
Nursery School



HNTPS Vacancies



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 24th 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

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
EX22 9AX
6.30 - 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
6 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
7 PM - 8.30 PM

Opens to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chadford Ln
Barnstaple
EX21 1GB

Sign Up
For more information contact
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01392 262509 / 07939 015663
or visit www.devoncricket.co.uk

NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

WICKETZ

Free Cricket Sessions

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

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

OPEN TO EVERYONE AGES 8-16 OF ALL ABILITIES

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VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chadford Ln
Barnstaple
EX21 1GB

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

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 ROUND

friendsofhntps@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!

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.

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.

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

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 COME AND JOIN US

PLEASE CONTACT BARNABY, COACH U9'S: MOBILE 07792 670643

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

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Adults £2.50 • Children £1

To book:
Hannah - 07903 591061
Lindsey - 07917 867620

BIG Breakfast
Sunday 23rd March

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

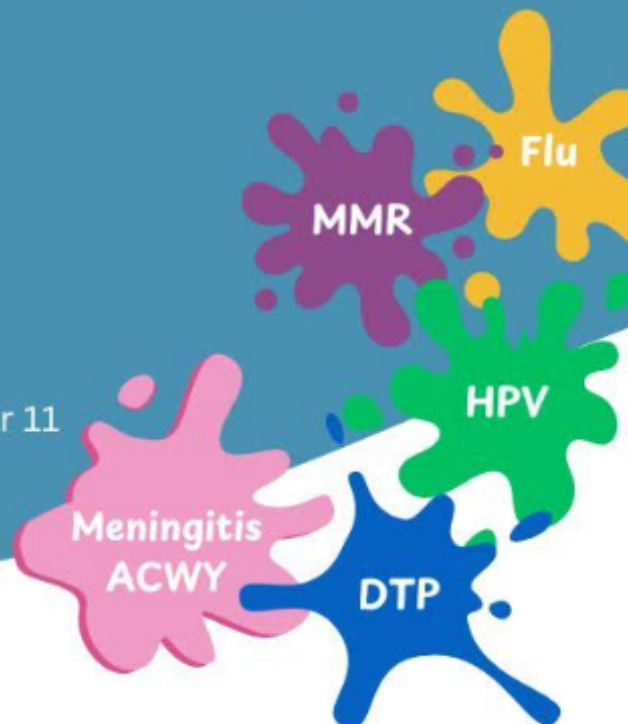
Alverdiscott Community Hall



School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **Flu** - reception - year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - catch up
- ✓ **HPV** - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - year 9 - year 11



Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



 Call us on **01392 342678**



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