

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 4th April 2025



Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of our spring term at HNTPS, the staff and I have been reflecting on how far the children have come on their learning journey this year. Not only are we incredibly proud of the fantastic progress the children have made across the curriculum, but we have also seen friendships continue to blossom, enterprises developing and the children collaborating positively across the year groups. We are excited for the summer term which will enable us to continue to build upon key skills, knowledge and understanding and deepen our understanding of our school values to enable our children at HNTPS to 'Be the Best We Can Be'.

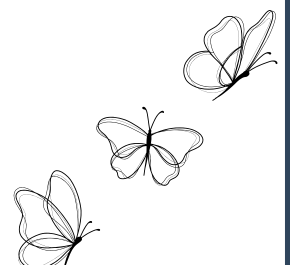


School Tuck Shop Update

The School Council have definitely risen to the challenge when they decided to run the school tuck shop to raise funds for their sensory/spiritual garden. They have developed key skills in business management enabling them to carry out stock takes, placing orders and managing budgets. The children are running the shop independently each Friday afternoon and have a clear understanding of their important role as part of the enterprise. Their valuable discussions in our weekly meetings are steering what they would like to see the money being spend on to develop our sensory/spiritual area in the bottom playground. The tuck shop will continue to run after the Easter break, each Friday afternoon. Well done to everyone involved, we are very proud of you all!

Young leaders Award

After the Easter break, the children in class 3 will be taking part in the Young Leaders Award. The project, which will run across the summer term, will focus on five different areas that support the children to develop their understanding of leadership and implement their leadership skills in a community project. Below is an outline of the key skills and concepts the children will develop throughout the programme. They will each receive a notebook and pen to keep notes as they work



through the programme as well as a certificate and badge when the complete their final community project. The children are excited to get started and Mrs Dorrell is interested to hear the children's ideas for how they can apply what they have learnt into a community project.



Leadership Skills
How we use them to change the world



The National Community
Researching national charities bringing about change



Inspirational Leaders
People who have changed the world for the better



The Global Community
Exploring issues of justice across the world



The Local Community
Identifying important areas & places of need



Community Action
Your project

Book and Biscuit Afternoon

Thank you to all our parents and wider family members who came along to our third book and biscuit this term. The children thoroughly enjoy our open afternoons and are keen to share what they have been learning in different areas of the curriculum. This book and biscuit focused on science across the school and the children have been eager to share their investigational skills, key knowledge, vocabulary and concepts and making links. As they finish their end of half term topic, the children have been sharing with their class teachers what they have learnt and remembered across the half term using their key words and phrases shared with them at the beginning of the topic.



Summer Term after School Clubs

Our new clubs for the summer term are now open for booking. Please email the school office to book your children onto the club as most are limited to the number of children who can participate in each one.

Day	Club	Time	Year groups
Monday	Gardening Club	3:30 – 4:30pm	All
Tuesday	Netball Club	3:30-4:30pm	KS2
Thursday	Computer Club	3:30-4:30pm	All

We hope to have confirmation of a football club which will begin in the second half of the summer term and will run on a Tuesday after school. More details of this will follow next half term.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 22nd April.**

Mrs Cook





What's on...?

W/C 21st April 2025



Monday

- EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY - no school today

Tuesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Year 4: Forest School (PM)
- Year 3: PE (PM) please come to school wearing your PE kit.
- Netball after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Class 2: PE please come to school wearing your PE kit.

Thursday

- Breakfast Club 7.45 or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Nursery: AM Forest School
- Class 1: PM Forest School
- Computing after-school 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
- Nursery and Reception: PE (AM) - (PE kit to stay in school to help with learning how to dress and undress).

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.



Future dates for your diary....

SEND drop-in session with SENCO 9.15am to 10.15am

Thursday 24th April

Meet the Lifeguards presentation

Tuesday 29th April

Meeting for Year 6 parents about Bude Residential

Thursday 1st May at 3.30pm

80th Anniversary of VE Day - tea party lunch

Thursday 8th May at lunchtime

SATs Week (Year 6s)

Week commencing 12th May 2025

Sports' Day

Tuesday 17th June
(Monday 30th June if first date is rained off)

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 21st April 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.



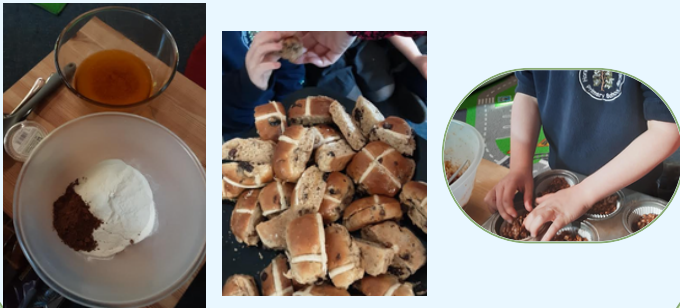
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	BBQ Chicken Fajitas	Cheesy Wheels	Roast Gammon	Ham Panini
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Fajitas/Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Panini/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Hash Brown/Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges/Coleslaw/Sweet corn	Roast Potatoes/Vegetables/Gravy	Fruit and Salad Platter
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Cherry Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Apricot Slice/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Fruit Jelly/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Lemon Drizzle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have had a fun end of term making Easter nests. We mixed the dry ingredients with the wet and they were perfect. Then the Easter bunny filled them with chelated eggs and chocolate bunnies!

We also tried some hot cross buns and remembered why they have a cross on them and our visit from Rev Gary.



Class 2

This week the children in class 2 shared their knowledge and understanding of their animal groups topic we have covered in science. Using their highlighted vocabulary from the beginning of the term the children wrote what they have learned and remembered.



Class 3

Class 3 have had a very busy week. We have been finding about how sounds travel in science, writing about our animals in English, improving our ball skills in PE and designing our own email safety quizzes in Computing.



Class 4

This week class 4 have been looking at what happened when Elizabeth I died and who took over the monarchy at the end of the Tudor dynasty. We looked at the family tree of the Tudors and the Stuarts to see which member of the family came next and why.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week

STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Phoebe for using her phonics to spell words
Class 2	Elliot for a fantastic improvement in his handwriting and presentation, keep it up!
Class 3	Oliver for his focus in class and for working hard in all areas of the curriculum
Class 4	Darcie for her continued hard work in all areas



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Amelia for clapping and cheering her friends during the egg rolling competition
Class 2	Isla for making fantastic connections in her science learning. Well done Isla!
Class 3	Austin for making links in his learning.
Class 4	Eddie for making links across his history learning
Star of the Week - Nursery	Darcey for making comments and offering her own ideas during floppy phonics
Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Sofia
	Key Stage 2: Martha

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.



Ziggy, Osha, George, Amon, Reemy,



Elise, Imogen, Freya, Emily, Hattie

Acts of Kindness

Thank you to Rose, Elise's Grandma for donating items for our Small World collections.



Thank you to Imogen and Joe for buying Easter chicks and eggs to share at Breakfast Club!



Sports Awards

Well done Archie, Archie has been selected to join the regional talent centre (RTC) Academy for football



Chair of Governors - traffic assessment

Many of the parents and children would have noticed that we had a couple of visitors to Lovacott on Tuesday morning. As Chair of the LGB alongside our Premises Manager Bryony Parsons I attended a walk around with representatives from the Devon Council Council Highways team to see what further measures could be put in place to enhance the safety of our walk up to the school. It was a positive visit and the children represented the school well with their polite behaviour and sensible walking. We hope as a result of the visit to receive some additional signage to display along the main road in Lovacott, with a speed monitoring survey to be planned.

I look forward to our continued working with Devon Highways, alongside the local Parish council on this matter.

Claire Legg

Chair of the Local Governing Body.

School Term Dates 2024/2025

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

School SENCO - an introduction...

Hello everyone,

I'd like to introduce myself as the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) at Horwood and Newton Tracey School. I'd like to thank Allie Barnett for doing such a wonderful job in her temporary post. It's a privilege to join this school community and support our students in reaching their full potential.

I have 15 years of experience in education and have been a SENCO for 10 years. I'm committed to ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive. My role is to work closely with students, parents, and staff to create a nurturing and accessible learning environment for all.

At Horwood and Newton Tracey School, we are committed to supporting every child's learning and development. If you have any concerns about your child's progress or think they may have special educational needs, we encourage you to first speak with their class teacher.

Your child's teacher works closely with them every day and can provide valuable insight into their strengths and any areas where they may need extra support. The teacher can also discuss strategies already in place and, if necessary, work with me as the SENCO to explore additional support options.

By working together, we can ensure that every child gets the help they need to thrive. If you need further guidance after speaking with the class teacher, please don't hesitate to contact me via the office who can always reach me to forward a message.

My usual day working at school is a Thursday so you may see me coming and going at the start and end of the school day. I will also be holding regular parent drop in where you can meet me informally for a chat and a coffee. The first of these will be an introductory meet and greet which will be held on Thursday 24th April, from 9.15 – 10.15.

If you have any questions, or just want to say hello, please feel free to 'drop in'. I look forward to working with you all!

Best regards,
Kate Ashley

A poster for a 'SEND Drop In' session at HNTPS. The poster has a teal header with the HNTPS logo and the text 'SEND DROP IN'. Below the header are four colored boxes with text: a pink box asking if you are a parent or carer, an orange box for 'WHERE?' (school main entrance), a teal box for 'WHEN?' (Thursday 24th April 2025, 9.15am to 10.15am), and a yellow box for 'WHAT?' (meet the SENCO, discuss concerns). There is also a small image of alphabet tiles at the bottom right.

HNTPS
SEND DROP IN

Are you a parent or carer for a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

WHAT?
This is our April SEND drop-in session:

- come along to meet our SENCO, Kate Ashley
- the session will also allow you to discuss any concerns that you have already raised with your child's class teacher in confidence.

WHERE?
Our SEND drop-in session will be held in school. Please come to the main entrance at the specified time.

WHEN?
Thursday 24th April 2025
between
9.15am to 10.15am

HNTPS

If your child turns 3 in 2025/2026 and is due to start nursery.....

Please come along to the school office and complete a note of interest form.

Notices...

Thank you!

The Friends of HNTPS did a wonderful job organising the very successful Bingo on Saturday and asked me to pass on their appreciation of all of the hard work involved.

HNTPS

Advanced Notice

Our meal charges are increasing:

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



THANK YOU SO MUCH

Thank you to everyone who supported The FRIENDS of HNTPS Bingo fundraiser - the event was a great success with lots of fun had by all raising in excess of £750 for our school

The FRIENDS of HNTPS

80th Anniversary

VE DAY

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF OUR CHILDREN TO ATTEND A SPECIAL TEA PARTY LUNCH TO CELEBRATE!

Tea Party

LUNCHTIME ON THE PLAYGROUND

THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025

Nursery charge: £2.55
Class 1 & 2: no charge (UFSM)
Class 3 & 4: £2.55

Please let the school office know if your child will be bringing a home packed lunch on the day

Something to look forward to later in June. The whole school will be doing a 'skipathon' to raise money.

So dig out those skipping ropes, hoops etc. and get practising. Look out for sponsorships later in May!

Breakfast

Don't forget to let us know if you would like to book a place in our breakfast club provision after the Easter holiday.

Email:
admin@hntps.org
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HNTPS History Corner

... quotes taken from our headteacher log books

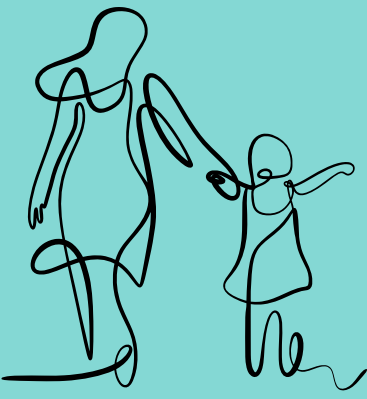
May 31st 1946

We have received 22 cards in commemoration of Victory, bearing the King's message to the children. The cards will be distributed.

May 20th 1965

A jumble sale was held this afternoon. £12 was raised for school funds. An outing to Torquay is being arranged for June.





Foundation Stage Class - Mother's Day Cafe Friday 28th March 2025

*Mother's
Day*



**"My Mummy
enjoyed it".
[Amelia]**

Our Mother's Day Café was a truly fabulous event, filled with love, laughter, and a few happy tears! We were delighted to welcome the special family members of our Nursery and Reception children, who joined us to celebrate the incredible mummies in their lives. The children worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to the event, creating beautiful handmade gifts that they were thrilled to present to their mummies.

**"My Mummy
loved the
presents!".
[Morwenna]**

**"I was so happy
to see my
Auntie and
Grandma".
[Rocco]**



**"My Mummy loved to
eat the breakfast!".
[Kara]**



**"I love my Mum. Te
quiero much mama!"
[Phoebe]**



**"My Mummy
loved the
sewing". [Theo]**



**"I really liked singing
for my mum". [Astrid]**





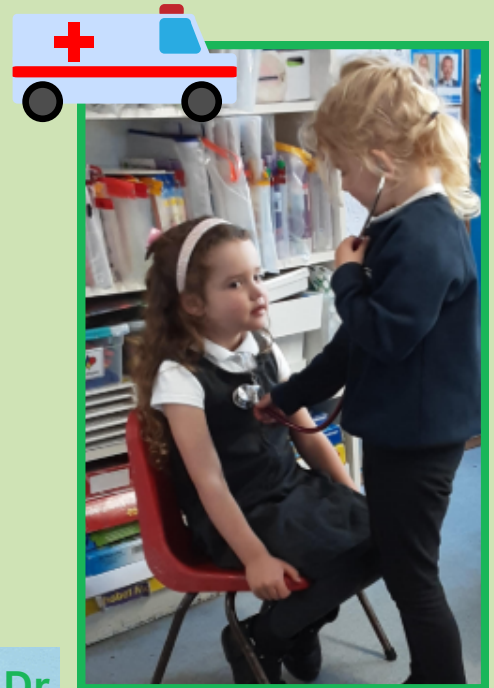
Foundation Stage Class - Doctor visit



Friday 28th March 2025



Dr Becky showed us how to use a stethoscope [Finley]



Doctors are kind and friendly [Amelia]

A huge thank you to Dr Becky for coming in to speak with us about being a doctor and for bringing all of her medical equipment into school - the children were fascinated and found it all very interesting!

I liked using the pen torch [Noah]



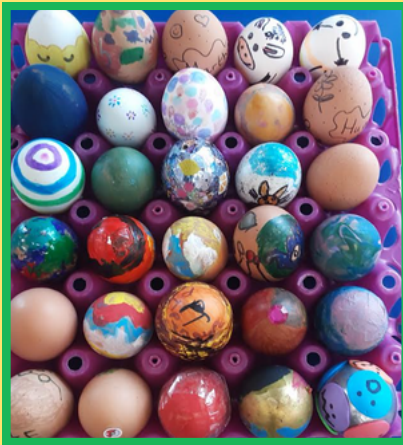
It was hard to put a sling on Lottie [Theo]



It was fun putting the bandages on [Athena]

We learnt about being safe with medicines [Astrid]





Egg Rolling Competition

Monday 31st March 2025



"I really enjoyed it .
It was great fun for
everyone even if
they didn't win!"
[Elise]

The sun was shining on Monday as HNTPS set about our first ever egg citing egg rolling competition. There was a wide range of decorations and colourful eggs on display that have been carefully prepared over the weekend for the big event. The children sat quietly in anticipation watching as their egg rolled off the ramp, watching to see how far the creative design would go. Some children chose to gently roll, whilst others gave their egg a helping hand to speed up it's journey down the playground. Some of our children took the lead in their class roll only to have their distance beaten towards the end of their class event. A huge well done to all the children who took part, for showing great sportsmanship and for an egg trodinary egg rolling event. Thank you to our FRIENDS for providing chocolate eggs for the winners of each class.



"I liked decorating
my egg ready to
roll". [Curtis]



I really enjoyed it
even though I didn't
win!. [Sofia]

"I put sparkly nail
varnish and gems
on my egg". [Betty]





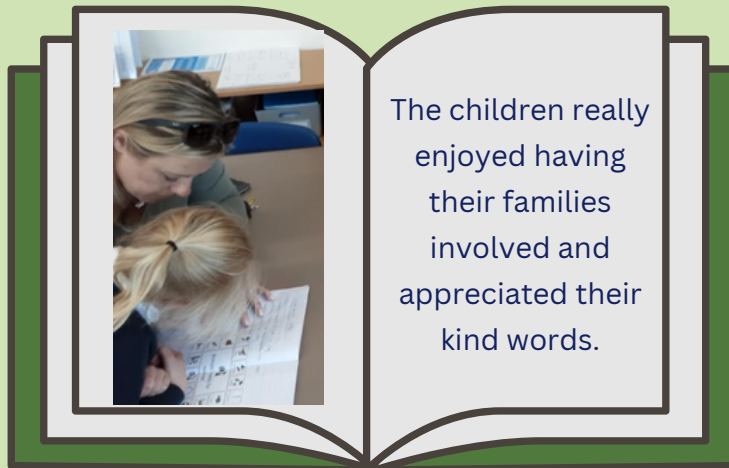
Whole School Book and Biscuit Event, Focus - Science

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

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 Science. 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.



TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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Teaching Assistant at Pilton
Bluecoat Church of England
Academy

Meal Time Assistant at Umberleigh
Primary Academy



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

BABY AND TODDLER STAY & PLAY
Held every Friday during term time at Little Learners, Newton Cross.
9.30am - 11.00am
These are free sessions giving children a chance to meet new friends and for parents to catch up.
Contact Lynda on 01271 858881 for more information

The Woodcott 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



Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

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Speak to your pharmacist if you suspect you have:

- Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- Earache (children aged 1 year to 17 years)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (adults aged 18 years and over)
- Urinary tract infection (women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Visit your Pharmacy First!



Free events on Northam Burrows

Eggstravaganza! - Tues 8th April

Drop in at the visitor centre between 2pm and 4pm for an egg themed trail and quiz. Get crafty and make your own birds' nest card to give to a loved one.

Dog show - Thurs 10th April

Bring your furry friends to the grass behind the visitor centre for this fun FREE dog show with silly competitions. Will your dog be the prettiest? The best dressed? Do they know a cool trick? Registration from 1.30pm. Classes between 2pm and 4pm

Rockpool ramble - Tues 15th April

Join the Northam Burrows Rangers to discover the creatures that live on the rocky shore. Find us on the beach near Westward Ho! slipway (EX39 1LL) between 2pm and 4pm.

Wildlife friendly gardens - Thurs 17th April

Drop in at the visitor centre between 2pm and 4pm for wildlife gardening activities. Make a 'No Mow May' sign for your garden, get some great ideas for projects and take away plants to grow this spring and summer.

Egg themed trail available daily throughout the Easter holidays - collect a free map from the visitor centre between 10am and 5pm

All events are free and no pre booking is required but toll charges apply if you wish to drive a vehicle onto Northam Burrows. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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