

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 25th April 2025



Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to our summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and have enjoyed some time with the family in the sun. The children have returned to school this week and have enjoyed catching up with their friends and being introduced to their new topics in the wider curriculum as well as their new focused books in our English lessons. We would also like to warmly welcome our new nursery children who have settled so well and have been enjoying exploring the range of activities within our nursery environment.

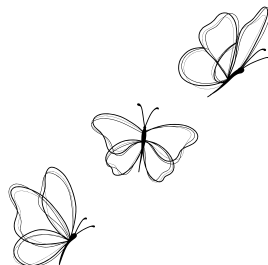


School Value –Ready to Learn

This week in our assembly, the children reflected on the positive choices we make and the impact they have on others. We discussed the numerous choices we have to make every day, how everyone is different and we react to different situations in different ways. The children then thought about the behaviour choices they make when in school and on the playground. We have been extremely proud of how the children have conducted themselves in the classroom and on the playground this week showing that they are ready to learn and contributing to their class discussions with their new learning topics they will be exploring this term. Well done everyone!

Sports leaders Update

A huge well done to our sports leaders who led an assembly this week. They discussed the range of activities that are on offer at lunchtimes for the children to participate in following the timetable they have put together alongside Mrs Hopkins. They also discussed how children should be using the equipment and how to store it correctly at the end of every lunchtime. Over their meetings before the Easter break, the sports leaders have been planning a 'Fun Fit' activity day for the whole school to enjoy. They plan to run the event at the field on Wednesday 4th June where they have planned their own obstacle course that challenge the children with a range of skills. We are all looking forward to participating in their event.





Year 6 SATs week

Our year 6 children are on the final weeks leading to their SATs (Standard assessment tests) week which begins on Monday 12th May. We plan to invite our year 6 children into school to enjoy a breakfast together everyday from 8:15am that week. The children have been working incredibly hard on various areas of the curriculum and their attendance of SATs after school club has shown their great determination and resilience to complete their learning to the best of their ability. Please see the timetable below for an overview of the assessments or the week:

Monday 12 th May	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Tuesday 13 th May	English Reading
Wednesday 14 th May	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 15 th May	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)



Lunchtime on the field

Starting from next week, the children will spend their lunchtime using the field to enjoy the sunshine. Classes will take it in turns to visit the field allowing them to use the equipment and play a range of team sports whilst there. Thank you to our teachers who will be supporting our MTAs at lunchtime to supervise the children during their lunchtime visit.

Curriculum Newsletters

We will be emailing our curriculum newsletters out to all parents at the beginning of next week. The curriculum newsletters will give an overview of what we will be covering in English and maths as well as the wider curriculum subject areas. As always, if you have any artefacts and/or information that could support your child/ren's learning, please do contact your child's class teacher. Many thanks for your support.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook





What's on...?

W/C 28th April 2025



Monday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Gardening after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- SATs after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Meet the Lifeguards presentation KS2
- Class 2 Afternoon tea - invite sent to children on Friday
- 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 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Easter workshops with Rev. Ally in Lovacott Gospel Hall (afternoon)
- Class 2: PE please come to school wearing your PE kit.

Thursday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Nursery: AM Forest School
- Class 1: PM Forest School
- Computing after-school club: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Year 6 Bude Residential meeting - parents and children at 3.30pm

Friday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am 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).
- Class 4 cricket sessions - (please come to school wearing your PE kit)

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....

80th Anniversary of VE Day - tea party lunch

Thursday 8th May at lunchtime

SATs Week (Year 6s)

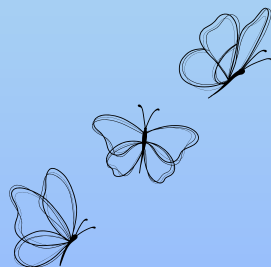
Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May

'Fun Fit' Activity Day

Wednesday 4th June

Sports' Day

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



Lunch menu: W/C Monday 28th April 2025

Our meal price is £2.58 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.



28/04/2025, 12/05/2025,

Menu - Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers	Beef Bolognese and Spaghetti	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Baguette	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog
Vegetarian	Salmon Fishcakes/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Bolognese/ Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese & Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Peas	Sweetcorn	Wedges, Mixed Veg and Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Fruit and Salad Platter
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Banana Muffin/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Oat Crunchie/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ginger Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

Our new topic for this half term is "Watch Me Grow". We will be finding out about life cycles. This week we have planted some beans and we hope to see them grow.



Class 2

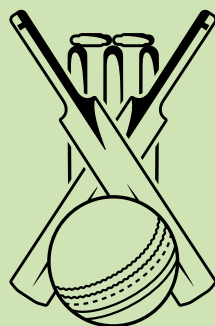
This week in class 2 we have begun exploring our new English text 'Hermelin'. The children investigated a range of objects and clues connected with the story to make careful predictions about the story plot before immersing themselves in the text. We have also looked at spelling rules for plural nouns and how we use question marks correctly to ask the characters a range of questions



Class 3

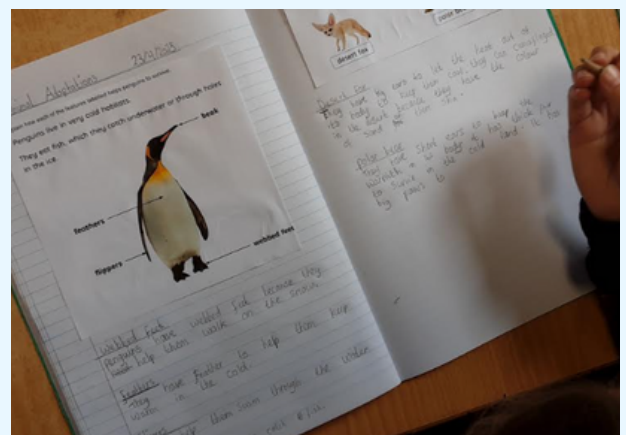
This week Class 3 have been voyaging 'Into the Forest' with author Anthony Browne. We have been delving into fairy tales from the past and discussing the artwork and illustrations.

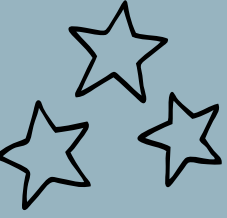
We were visited this afternoon by Mr Martin - a cricket specialist who took Years 3 & 4 out for some training sessions.



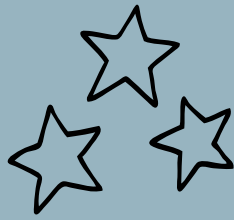
Class 4

Class 4 have started looking at animal adaptations in science and how animals have changed over time to adapt to their habitats. In particular we looked at penguins, polar bears and foxes.





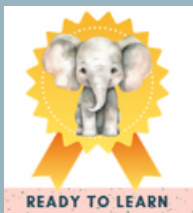
Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Rocco – great concentration for counting
Class 2	Elle – a fantastic recount of her visit to London to support our new history topic
Class 3	Louis – Producing some fantastic literacy learning based on our class text
Class 4	Thomas S – sharing his knowledge during science



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Athena – showing great concentration in maths and ready to complete her learning independently
Class 2	Joe – Always being ready to learn and contributing to whole class discussions
Class 3	Isabelle F – demonstrating excellent learning behaviours consistently
Class 4	Yana – being ready to respond to questions about her learning



Star of the Week - Nursery	Alfie L – having a great first week at school
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Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Kara
	Key Stage 2: Eben

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.



Sports Awards

During the Holidays William was lucky enough to get to race his pony at Cheltenham Racecourse against children from all over the country!



William and Rosie finished a close 2nd In His race!

Special Awards

Emily received her blue Peter reading badge over half term and wanted me to send in a photo for mention in the newsletter



Notices...

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.

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

4th June 'Fun Fit' 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!

School Term Dates 2024/2025

Summer Term

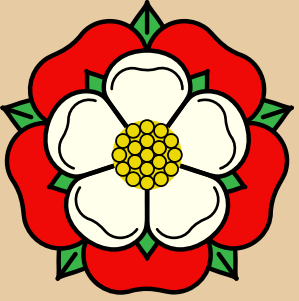
First day of term – 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday - May Day - Monday 5th May 2025

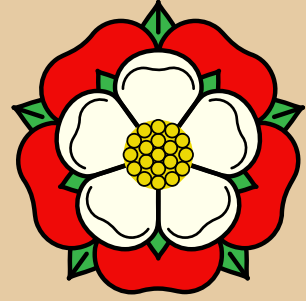
Half Term - 26th - 30th May 2025

Non Pupil Day - Monday 2nd June 2025

Last day of term – 22nd July 2025



Class 2 - Designing and Making Tudor Houses Wednesday 23rd April 2025



Well done to Class 2 children for designing and building their very own Tudor houses. A lot of thought and time has gone into creating these fantastic structures!



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

NHS
Providing NHS services

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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01237 479708

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

