

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 9th May 2025



Dear parents/carers,

As the sun continues to shine, the children have enjoyed their lunchtime visits to the field. We have begun this term by classes visiting the field alongside their class teacher and TA during lunchtimes. Having the classes spend time together helps to secure their positive relationships with each other and the adults in their class. Please can we ask that all children bring a water bottle to school each day and a hat if it is sunny. Their drinks will be taken to the field during lunchtimes.



SATs Week – Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May

We are incredibly proud of the resilience and perseverance our year 6 children have shown this year. This has been particularly evident in their approach to their lessons and their commitment in SATs club over the past few months. We will be providing a SATs breakfast for all our year 6 children on Monday to Thursday next week from 8am. All of our year 6 children will be welcomed into class 4 to enjoy a range of tasty treats prepared by Mrs Robinson. This will also give the children an opportunity to have a calm and settled start to the morning. We are aware that these assessments are a small measure of what our children have achieved in their time at HNTPS and can only ask them to do their best. We hope that they have a well-deserved rest over the weekend and we are looking forward to welcoming them at 8am on Monday morning.

School Tuck Shop Enterprise

Our budding entrepreneurs have been busy over the last few months running their Friday tuck shop. The children have been able to use and apply their maths skills to create budgets and complete stock takes each week. They are very excited this week to begin delivering an already made 'pick and mix' option which has stemmed from them surveying their customers on what other things they would like to see in the shop. A huge thank you to all our parents for supporting the tuck shop as the children have raised almost £200 to purchase items to create our sensory garden. A big thank you to Isaac and Ruben who have brought in tools from home to help prepare the area. We hope to start work on the sensory garden soon!



Sport Day – Tuesday 17th June

We are currently planning our yearly sports day including the events and races the children will be participating in this year. There will be a slight change to last year, with sports day for the whole school taking part in the afternoon of Tuesday 17th June at 1pm in the field. The children will compete in their family group teams, earning points for the various activities that they compete in. Some of these will be team events and some solo events. We hope many of our parents can come along to support their children for the afternoon.

Year 3 and 4 Residential Meeting – Thursday 15th May at 3:30pm

The year 3 and 4 team would like to invite parents of children in class 3 to an information session regarding the exciting residential we have planned for our class 3 children next Thursday 15th May at 3:30pm in class 3. Staff will be able to share photographs and talk about the activities that the children will be engaging in. There will also be an opportunity for parents to speak to staff about any questions or concerns they may have about the residential. Looking forward to seeing our parents there.



End of Year Production – Thursday 17th July

We are excited to showcase a range of acting talents in our end of year production entitled 'School of Pop' in Lovacott Village Hall on Thursday 17th July at 1:30pm and 6pm. Auditions will take place at the end of this week for year 6 children and next week for the rest of the school. We hope that every child will be involved and the school can come together to entertain our parents and wider community at the end of the year. Please speak to your child about the auditions, as we have many speaking parts that need to be filled. Children will be told their parts before we break up for the half term (year 6 parents will be emailed as they are on residential). We would like to email out the script to parents so that children can start learning their parts over the half term break.



Curriculum Newsletters

Apologies that our curriculum newsletters have not been sent out sooner. The curriculum newsletters give an overview of what will be taught in class 2,3 and 4 this half term. If you have any artefacts or information that would help to support your child's curriculum, then please do speak to your child's class teacher. Many thanks for your continued support.

Lovacott After School Provision

We were saddened to hear the news that Lovacott Nursery are unable to offer their after-school provision for the children at HNTPS from September this year. In response, we are planning to carry out a parent survey to better understand the demand for wrap-around care among our families. The information gathered will help us make informed decisions about signposting suitable provision to meet families' needs.

At present, we do not have plans to offer regular after-school provision at the school. This is due to a range of factors, including limited space and staffing constraints. We encourage you to complete the survey with your specific childcare needs, as your input will be valuable in shaping our future signposting support.

Survey Link: [Wrap-around care survey - May 2025](#)

In the meantime, you may wish to explore childcare options through the following resources:

Find Childcare in Devon

GOV.UK – Childcare providers

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook



What's on...?

W/C 12th May 2025



Monday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- SATs breakfast 8AM
- Gardening after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- SATs breakfast 8AM
- Year 4: Forest School (PM)
- Collective worship assembly with Rev. Gary
- 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
- SATs Breakfast 8AM
- Class 2: PE please come to school wearing your PE kit.
- Assembly with Stuart Fuller - about the war

Thursday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- SATs Breakfast 8AM
- Nursery: AM Forest School
- Class 1: PM Forest School
- Computing after-school club: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Class 3 meeting for Wildside Experience Residential 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).

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....

Year 6 Bude Residential

Sunday 18th May to Friday 23rd May

Book and Biscuit Event - History focus

Thursday 22nd May between 2.45pm and 3.30pm

'Fun Fit' Activity Day, including the Sponsored Skipathon

Wednesday 4th June

Tempest Photographs

Monday 16th June

Sports' Day

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

End of Year Production

Thursday 17th July

Lunch menu: W/C Tuesday 12th May 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	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Panini
Vegetarian	Salmon Fishcakes/Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Bolognese/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese & Tuna Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese Roll Panini/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	Chocolate Shortbread/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

What have we been learning in class this week?

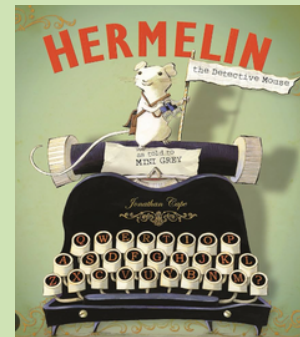
Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have been finding out about VE day 80 years ago. We have built our own air raid shelter made bunting and paper hats from newspaper and set up a street party. We looked at an old radio which was how people heard the news about VE day long ago.



Class 2

This week, the children in class 2 have been excited to begin planning and writing our own stories based on our class text 'Hermelin'. The children have thought carefully about their new character and the mysteries they would solve before writing the opening to their stories. We can't wait to finish them next week and share them with the other classes in school.



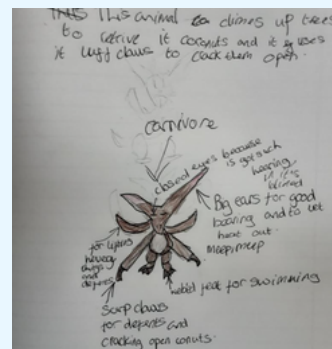
Class 3

This week in class three, we have been continuing to learn how to tell the time using the digital and analogue clock. The children have enjoyed going to the field with Mrs Carter and we have been planning our stories using ambitious vocabulary. I can't wait to share them with you all. Well done for another successful week!



Class 4

This week in science class 4 designed their own animals. They considered how each of their animals characteristics would help them to survive. We had some interesting creations!





Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Amelia for super questions and recall of information about VE Day
Class 2	Nico for making a huge improvement to complete his focused learning tasks
Class 3	Aria for making links in her Science learning with/using knowledge from her guided reading
Class 4	Seraphine for being a great role model this week



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Athena for working hard to learn how to blend well when reading
Class 2	Archie for fantastic focus with his guided reading comprehension tasks
Class 3	Ziggy for facing new challenges in his learning
Class 4	Alina for visiting her new school and being brave



Star of the Week - Nursery	Alexander for having a go at painting a Union Jack flag this week
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Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Noah
	Key Stage 2: Amon

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' Leaders Playground Champion Award

Reemy for consistently looking after the PE equipment at breaktimes



Joe J, Wilfred, Sofia, Austin



Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day Thursday 8th May 2025



'We had loads of events, my favourite part of the day was the dinner'. Sofia



'VE Day is a very special day for lots of people. The biggest plane we used in the War is the Lancaster Bomber. We celebrated in honour of those who fought and lost their lives for our freedom'. Hattie

The children of HNTPS came together as a whole school to take part in the two-minute silence at midday yesterday to pay our respects and remember all of those involved in the liberation of Europe. A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson and her team who prepared a delicious picnic lunch for all the children to enjoy together. In the afternoon Mrs Carter lead an assembly to share with the children why VE day was a monumental day in European history.



'It was really nice to have a tea-party lunch with all of my friends'. Nancy



'I learnt that the war carried on in parts of Asia and Africa. They were still rationing a few years later. We have a flypast by the Red Arrows to celebrate the end of the War in Europe'. Imogen

'I think our VE Day lunch was amazing, I wished there was more!' Ruben



'The VE Day was really good because people got to wear different clothes to represent the end of the war'. Bella

Sports Awards



On Sunday Isla completed the Go Ape tree top adventure high ropes course - totally smashing the zip wire at the end



Sofia and her Fremington under 10's girls team won the BAFCY plate 2025. Sofia scored 2 goals in the tournament and her and her team mates had a brilliant day.



Abel and his football team Shamwickshire rovers under 8s won the Bideford AFC youth Tournament on Sunday. They played 8 matches to get to the final and won the plate Trophy! It was his birthday as well the same day so he was so happy they won.



Huge congratulations to Elliot for completing and being awarded the level 5 for gymnastics proficiency in trampolining or "trampolining tricks level 5" as he calls!



HNTPS History Corner

Underground Bunker!

As the children have been learning all about VE day this week, Nico had mentioned to some friends that he has an underground bunker on the family farm, this resulted in his friends asking to see it! So Nico's mum arranged for this to happen. They were all amazed by it!



**ROAD
CLOSED**

Notices...

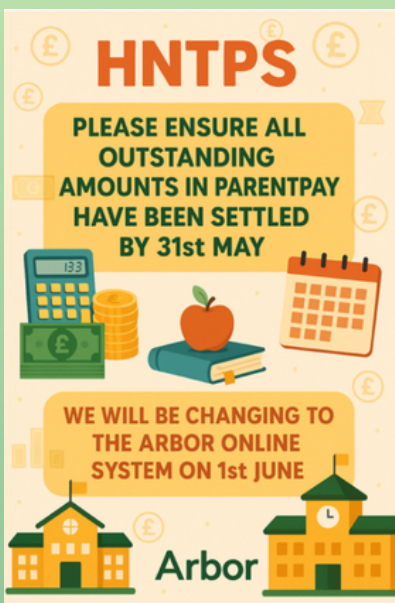
**Road closure next week - Year 6
parents please note for SATs!**

Planned Activity

Works Promoter: DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL
Website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk>
Reference: DG00207873187
Proposed Start Date: 12 May 2025 07:00
Estimated End Date: 16 May 2025 19:00
Works Description: - Kiely Group Surface dressing and associated works 2025
Street Description: ROAD FROM NEWTON CROSS TOWARDS ALVERDISCOTT
Working Hours:

**MyClothing school uniform
discount**

Code = MYCSS10%
Expires = 31/05/2025



HNTPS

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL
OUTSTANDING
AMOUNTS IN PARENTPAY
HAVE BEEN SETTLED
BY 31st MAY**

**WE WILL BE CHANGING TO
THE ARBOR ONLINE
SYSTEM ON 1st JUNE**

Arbor

The notice features a yellow background with various icons including a calculator, coins, a calendar, a book, and a house.



**HNTPS
SPONSORED
SKIPATHON**



**For children across the school on
WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE**

Please look out for an email with
more information and a
sponsorship form for your child.

The notice includes an illustration of a girl with red hair in a ponytail, wearing an orange shirt and blue shorts, skipping rope.



**DON'T FORGET TO
LET US KNOW**

**your child's sporting successes
and other awards
and random acts of kindness**



**for our newsletter
so we can help
them celebrate**

HNTPS

The notice features illustrations of a girl holding a trophy, a boy with a soccer ball, a star, a heart, and a ribbon.



**Important Update: New Head Bump
Notification System**

We would like to inform all parents and carers that we have introduced a new system for notifying you if your child experiences a head bump at school:

- You will receive an email notification via Medical Tracker.
- Your child will be given a head bump wristband to wear.

Please note: If we have any concerns following the head bump, we will contact you immediately by phone.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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For more information and how to apply directly with My New Term please visit our website

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

We currently have 1 vacancy available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

1FTE Classroom Teacher at Pilton
Bluecoat Church of England
Academy.



School Term Dates 2024/2025

Summer Term

Half Term - 26th - 30th May 2025
Non Pupil Day - Monday 2nd June 2025
Last day of term - 22nd July 2025

Community News...

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.

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

FREE 'COME AND TRY SESSIONS'
BLUECOAT C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREAT TORRINGTON
TUESDAY, 27 MAY

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

Girls Rugby Taster Session
Free session open to all girls in current years 5, 6, 7 and 8

No experience necessary
Just turn up ready to play!

Friday 2nd May
6pm - 7.15
Barnstaple Rugby Club

Girlslead.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com

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

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 full charges apply if you wish to drive a vehicle onto Northam Burrows. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
northam.burrows@torridge.gov.uk
01237 479708

SUMMER RUGBY TASTER SESSIONS
CALLING ALL GIRLS YEARS 3-6!
PLEASE JOIN US IN FREE INTRODUCTION TO RUGBY SESSIONS

CONTACT SARAH-JANE - 0797228099 FOR MORE DETAILS

LOCATION
JUNE 5TH @ 6-7PM
JUNE 10TH @ 6-7PM
JUNE 17TH @ 6-7PM
JUNE 24TH @ 6-7PM

team work fun CONFIDENCE INCLUSION

Jumble Sale
10th May from 2pm
at Bishops Tawton Village Hall
50p entry Refreshments available

Clothes Toys Shoes Books

Please drop off any jumble donations at Bishops Tawton Village Hall on Friday 9th May between 4pm and 8pm or on the morning of 10th May from 9am

We are two Park School Students fundraising for a school trip to Kira Farm Uganda

