

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 16th May 2025



Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to begin this week's newsletter by sharing how incredibly proud we are of our year six children. This week they shone, demonstrating our school values of resilience, perseverance, taking risks and being ready to learn. They approached their SATs with sheer determination and a willingness to share all the fantastic learning they have been developing across their years at HNTPS.



Throughout the week they supported one another and enjoyed their socialising with each other during their breakfast time each morning. A huge thank you to all the children across the school who were extra quiet across the

week to allow the year 6 children to focus and do their best, to our staffing team for their flexibility to support our year 5 children and to Mrs Robinson for preparing some delicious breakfasts for our children to enjoy. Next week, the year 6 children will embrace new challenges and experiences as they venture off to Bude for their school residential. We are sure that they will come back full of stories to share with the other children about their amazing adventures, we can't wait to hear all about it!



Risk Taker

We have the courage to explore and are willing to make mistakes. We approach unfamiliar situations with a positive attitude.



Our School Value

This week our school focus explored what it means to 'Take Risks'. In our assembly, we talked about the importance of keeping ourselves safe whilst taking risks. The children discussed what it felt like to take risks and the feeling of a sense of accomplishment when the risk was successful. We also shared what it feels like when risks don't turn out the way we would like them reflecting on

what we learn from these experiences.



Visitor to the School

On Wednesday this week, the children welcomed Stuart Fuller who came to talk about his experiences of WWII. We extend a huge thank you to Stuart for sharing his knowledge and memories to our children in the special assembly. We are looking forward to welcoming Stuart back into school to talk about his childhood memories of being a pupil at HNTPS!



Morning drop off and afternoon Pick up

We have had a few residents from our community who have contacted us over the last week to share with us their concerns of the number of pedestrians walking in the middle of the road towards the school during morning drop up and afternoon pick up. They also raised concerns about children running ahead and the need for children to be supervised as they fear that with morning rush hour traffic, our children are not safe. Please can we ask that parents supervise their children when walking to and from the village car park. Many thanks

Class 3 Residential

A huge thank you to those parents of children in class 3 who came along to our residential meeting on Thursday afternoon. Mrs Dorrell and Mrs Carter took the opportunity to share important information to our parents and answer any questions about the residential in July. If you were unable to make the meeting, we plan to email the presentation shared with parents next week and the staff will be available to answer any questions on the school gate at home time.



After School Clubs

As we approach the second half of the summer term we are finalising our after-school provision available for the children in years 1 – 6. These clubs will run straight after school from 3:30-4:30pm. We hope to share these in next week's newsletter. Clubs will run for 5 weeks next half term, starting the week beginning Monday 9th June. More information on how to book your child into a club to be shared next week.

As the sun continues to shine, please can we ask that all children come to school with a water bottle and sunhat each day. We ask that sun cream is applied before the children come to school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook





Question of the Week School Council

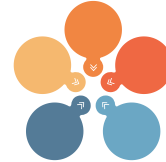


Last week our school council leaders met to discuss how they could continue to improve areas of the curriculum in all our classes. They decided that a survey would be the best means of gathering the information. As a result, children across our school will be asked a specific question every fortnight so that our school council leaders can analyse the results and find ways to support each other with their learning.

Do you think your learning is challenging across the curriculum?



YES	NO
86%	14%



YES

- I don't understand some of my learning and my teacher helps me
- you learn new things and it helps you to understand other things
- I feel most challenged in the wider curriculum subjects

NO

- sometimes I manage to finish my learning and deeper dive questions in the lesson
- it depends on the subject, some subjects I find easier than others
- I can complete my learning independently and don't need adults' help

Exciting adventure: Mrs McFarlane's zip wire experience

Last weekend, Mrs McFarlane faced her fears and experienced the Velocity 2 zipwire in Wales. "I was nervous about doing it, the test wire was bad enough, but nothing compared to the big one! - but it's really good to push yourself out of your comfort zone, take on a new challenge and take risks!"

We think Mrs McFarlane is a super star! Well done!!





What's on...?

W/C 19th May 2025



Monday

- Bude Residential all week return on Friday - year 6 children (depart on Sunday)
- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Gardening after-school club: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Nursery & Reception visit to Newton Tracey Church with picnic lunch - please collect nursery children from the church at 12.30pm unless we are taking them to Lovacott Nursery
- 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
- Class 2: PE please come to school wearing your PE kit.
- Iced treats after school (FRIENDS)

Thursday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Nursery: AM Forest School
- Class 1: PM Forest School
- Book & Biscuit Event - focus History 2.45pm - 3.30pm
- Computing after-school club: 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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).
- School Tuck Shop - bring in up to 50p per child
- Last Day of Half Term

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....

'Fun Fit' Activity Day, including the Sponsored Skipathon

Wednesday 4th June

Sports' Day

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

Space Dome in the Village Hall

Wednesday 18th June

Tempest Photographs

Friday 20th June in the afternoon - class photos

Art - whole school art day

Friday 27th June

End of Year Production

Thursday 17th July

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 19th 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.



22/04/2025, 06/05/2025, 19/05/2025

Menu - Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	BBQ Chicken Fajitas	Cheesy Wheels	Roast Gammon	Hot dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Fajitas/Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/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?

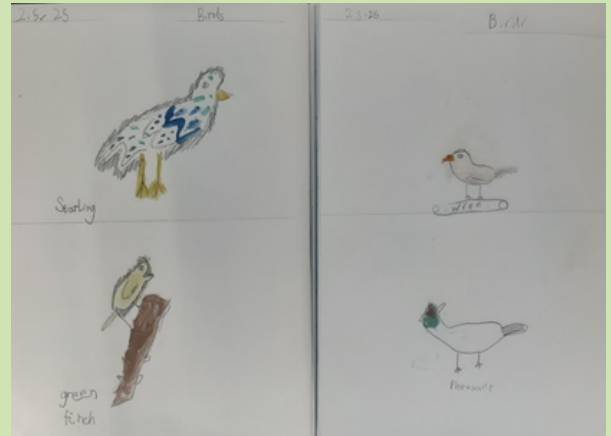
Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have sequenced the life cycle of the butterfly. We have named each stage in the metamorphosis.



Class 2

Class 2 have been exploring money focusing on counting in pounds and pence. In art we have been painting different birds using watercolours.



Class 3

Class 3 have been learning about what everyday life was like during the Stone Age. They have been finding out how tools and weapons developed during each period and next week we are looking forward to making our own tools!



Class 4

This week Y6 have enjoyed some time in the mornings to relax and play together before their SAT's. They have shown great resilience and supported each other throughout.

In the afternoons, we have been working on our DT project around structures. We have started by building our own bridges.





Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Niamh for excellent number formations
Class 2	Laith for his dedication to his learning
Class 3	Oscar for his creative writing piece. Amazing!
Class 4	Ruben for sharing your expertise with younger children



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Kara for dressing up in her butterfly costume and showing her special dance
Class 2	Martha for taking risks in her story writing
Class 3	Joseph for managing to try new things that challenge him
Class 4	Ayden R for auditioning so well for our school play

Star of the Week - Nursery	Harper-Leigh for great segmenting and blending of words
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Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Georgia
	Key Stage 2: Bella W

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

Rocco for playing nicely with other children



Thomas S, Silver, Flo,
Isaac, Aiden H, Charlotte,



Clara, Eve, Isabelle F, Kara, Lottie,
Morwenna, Phoebe, Rocco

Sports Awards



Bella achieved her medal for her Falcons Gymnastics competition at the weekend - she had to do a cart wheel on the beam, jump over the vault and beautiful floor routine. Well done Bella!



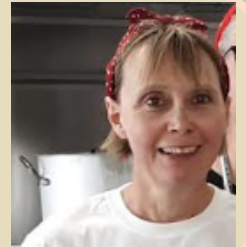
Random Acts of Kindness



A huge thank you to Penelope for donating two of her own books for Class 2's Book Corner! What a lovely, kind gesture!



A massive thank you to Mrs Robinson for providing our Year 6s with their SATs' breakfasts this week! Amazing work!!



THANK YOU Ruben for helping Class 2 with their project. Ruben has been helping children to make super 3D models of London Landmarks! Fantastic!!



HNTPS History Corner - taken from our Headteacher log books over the years

31st March 1943

Olive Cutland removed to Isolation Hospital. Her mother informed me she has Diphtheria. I have notified the Medical Officer of Health.

11th January 1968

Letters have been sent to parents requesting them to ensure the safety of the children while walking to and from school. This followed a phone call from Miss Boyd expressing concern at the dangerous increase in traffic in the village since the partial collapse of Bideford Bridge.





Gardening Club Newsletter

Monday 12th May 2025

"It is really good - I can't wait to plant new flowers!" Astrid



"At the end of gardening Club, we got to take some rhubarb home. I made a rhubarb crumble with my mum!" Chyla



Children at gardening club had a great time this week. They began to weed our area and did an amazing job. We are looking forward to planting some exciting vegetables next week!



"I like digging and pulling up the weeds to make it look nice!" Curtis

"I got to put on the gloves to do the weeding". Lottie

"Gardening Club is fun and we get to take out the weeds!" Jude



Notices...

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



PARENTS OF CLASS 2 JUNK MODELLING

PLEASE BRING IN ITEMS
FROM MONDAY



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



New Breakfast Club Booking System

For Parents and Carers
of HNTPS

To book a session, log into
your Arbor account.

Select the dates and
session times you need.
Confirm your booking

Session Times:

7:45 to 9:00

(food served up to 8:10am)

8:25 to 9:00

Provides more flexibility
for families

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FOR CHILDREN ACROSS THE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE
SPONSORSHIP FORMS IN
PREPARATION FOR THE DAY

Friends of HNTPS
Wednesday Iced Treat



After school

£1

21st May 2025



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office if this little duck
belongs to you

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

Meal Time Assistant at Pilton
Infants' Academy
Closing date: 16/05



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



Festival of Nature
Family friendly, All Welcome
Saturday 17 May
10am - 4pm
St. Mary's Hall, Appledore

Skills, activities, tea and cake all day

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COMMUNITY FUND

Activities:

10am - 1pm: Nature crafts in the courtyard with Jen Howard

10am: Seafront bird walk with Martin Unwin

11am: Wilding Devon's Churchyards, talk with David Curry

12 noon: Bioblitz of churchyard with Mary Breeds and Darren Searle

1pm: Freshwater Citizen Science talk with Westcountry Rivers Trust

2pm: Rockpool ramble with Northam Burrows team

3pm: Fast fashion and visible mending workshop with Earth Action North Devon



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



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

REGISTER HERE

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



SUNSET RUNFEST

MULTI-TERRAIN & BEAUTIFUL VIEWS
FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 2025
NORTH DEVON CRICKET CLUB - INSTOW
PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY
@ WWW.FREMINGTONTRAILBLAZERS.CO.UK

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SUMMER RUGBY TASTER SESSIONS

CALLING ALL GIRLS YEARS 3-6!

PLEASE JOIN US IN FREE INTRODUCTION TO RUGBY SESSIONS

team work fun
exercise CONFIDENCE INCLUSION

LOCATION
JUNE 3RD @ 6-7PM
JUNE 10TH @ 6-7PM
JUNE 17TH @ 6-7PM
JUNE 24TH @ 6-7PM

CONTACT SARAH-JANE - 07972728000 FOR MORE DETAILS

