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HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 23rd May 2025

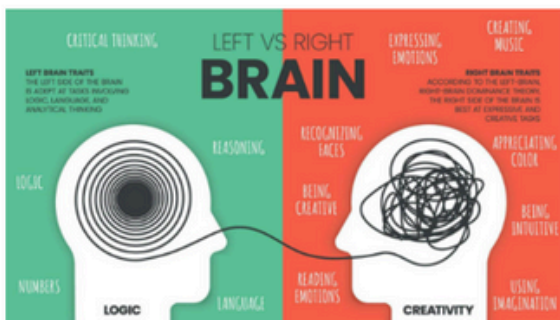


Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the first half of the summer term, the staff and I have been reflecting on the journey we have been on since September. We have been extremely proud of the children across the school and how they have lived out our school values within our classrooms, on trips and visits and within the wider community. Their concentration and focus have enabled staff to challenge children to 'dive deeper' with their learning, enabling them to make connections, using and apply key skills across the curriculum.

Year 6 Residential to Bude

We have loved the daily updates from Mrs Carter who has been at Bude with the year 6 children this week. They have been very busy with a wide range of activities that have been planned for them and other year 6 children across TEAM schools. We are looking forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return to school after the half term holidays. A huge thank you to Mrs Carter who has given her time to be with the children throughout the residential visit this week.



School Value – Making Links

This week in our assembly, the children explored how their brain works. We looked at how things we learn move from our short-term memory to our long-term memory. We talked about how people learn in different ways and how a good learner is someone who can make connections within

and across their learning. At the end of the assembly the children were able to reflect on previous learning they had been taught and how this has supported them with a new topic, within their maths learning, or key skills that they need to use and apply within their writing.



Book and Biscuit Event – History Focus

A huge thank you to all our parents and family members who came along for our Book and Biscuit session yesterday afternoon. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to share what they have been learning in history for Key stage 1 and 2 and for knowledge and understanding of the world in our reception class. Our children do get excited about sharing their learning and are proud to showcase what key skills they have been developing in class within the focused subject.



Trips and Visits next half term

The second half of the summer term is an extremely busy one! We have lots of exciting trips and visits, sports days and residentials and our end of year production to look forward to. Please can I ask that parents check emails and our Facebook page regularly for updates. A list of **all** the dates will be shared in our first newsletter back after the half term holidays.



After School Club Provision – September 2025

Following on from our questionnaire, we have sent home a form to gather information about the number of children who need after school care from September. We hope to use this information to help structure the next phase in our plans moving forward. Please can we ask that any parents who require after school provision for their child/ren return their forms before **FRIDAY 6th JUNE** (end of the first week back after the half term).

Pre- School (Nursery) Provision for September 2025

We will be holding a meeting with parents who require a pre-school place for September on the first week back after the holidays. This will take place on Thursday 5th June at 12pm in the Gospel Hall. Looking forward to seeing all of our nursery parents there.



As the weather continues to be warm and sunny, please can we ask that all children come to school with a water bottle and sun hat to school. We encourage the children to have regular drinks throughout the day and refill their bottles if necessary.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break. We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Tuesday 3rd June.

Mrs Cook





What's on...?

W/C 2nd June 2025



Monday



Tuesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Year 6: Forest School (PM)
- Year 3: PE (PM) please come to school wearing your PE kit.

Wednesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Fun Fit Activity Day, including the Sponsored Skipathon - email total amounts to admin@hhttps.org and we will set up a payment link for paying donations into school
- 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

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

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....

Summer 2 - List of events	
Week 1	
Monday 2 nd June	Non-pupil day
Tuesday 3 rd June	Year 6 Forest School
Wednesday 4 th June	Fun Fit Day and <u>Skipathon</u> (bring skipping ropes to school)
Week 2	
Monday 9 th June	
Tuesday 10 th June	Netball tournament @ <u>Beaford</u> RH out/Year 6 Forest School Rev Gary - Assembly @ 3pm
Wednesday 11 th June	Assembly with Stuart Fuller @3pm
Friday 13 th June	
Week 3	
Tuesday 17 th June	SPORTS DAY @ 1pm start - early lunch @11:30am
Wednesday 18 th June	Space Dome @ Village Hall - RH to co-ordinate timetable for the day Park and GTS transition day
Thursday 19 th June	
Friday 20 th June	Tempest Class Photos @ Village Hall 1:15pm - 2:45pm
Week 4	
Monday 23 rd June	GTS transition week (MON - THUR)
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 6 Forest School
Wednesday 25 th June	MOVE UP DAY - TRANSITION
Thursday 26 th June	
Friday 27 th June	Whole School Art Day
Week 5	
WORK EXPERINCE - Jude Cook and Georgia Mahoney	
Monday 30 th June	Reserved SPORTS DAY DATE
Tuesday 1 st July	Class 1 and 2 Braunton Burrows Trip Forest School
Wednesday 2 nd July	Class 4 Braunton Burrows Trip
Thursday 3 rd July	Class 3 Braunton Burrows Trip
Friday 4 th July	

Week 6	
Monday 7 th July	Class 3 Residential
Tuesday 8 th July	Class 3 residential - MD/SC/FV Year 6 Forest School Rev Gary @ 3pm assembly Bikeability - year 6
Wednesday 9 th July	Bikeability - year 6
Thursday 10 th July	Park School Induction Day
Friday 11 th July	Part School Induction Day
Week 7	
Monday 14 th July	Dress Rehearsal @ Village Hall am
Tuesday 15 th July	Bikeability - year 4 Space Odyssey @ Exeter - Class 4
Wednesday 16 th July	Bikeability - year 4 Village Hall booked for rehearsal
Thursday 17 th July	Village Hall booked for rehearsal WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE @ 2pm and 6pm
Week 8	
Monday 21 st July	
Tuesday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers - whole school picnic

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 2nd June 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.



Tues 03/06, 16/06, 30/06, 14/07

Menu - Week 1

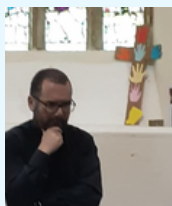
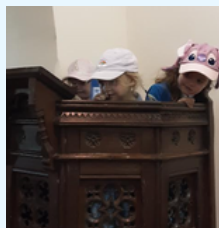
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish		Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Cheesy Wheels	Roast Gammon	Ham Panini/Ham Roll
Vegetarian		Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side		Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/ Sweetcorn	Potato Wedges/ Coleslaw	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Fruit and Salad Platter
Dessert		Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Scotch Pancake & Strawberry Coulis/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Custard Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Australian Crunch/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we had a ride in the TEAM minibus to visit St Thomas A Becket Church in Newton Tracey. Rev Gary met us and we found lots of things that are special inside the church.

After we looked inside we drew pictures of the church and then we had a picnic in a lovely field.



Class 2

The children in class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed designing and creating their own 3D London landmark model as part of our history topic on 'London's Calling' this half term. After exploring a range of London landmarks, the children had to design, create and evaluate their own models producing their own design boards. The finished products looked fantastic!



Class 3

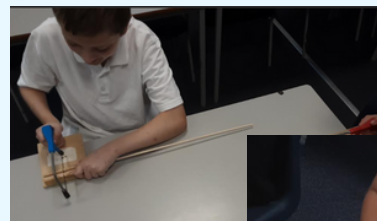
In class 3 this week we have been exploring artifacts from the Stone Age and looking at what they can tell us about the way people lived. We also made our own stone age tools using flint and sticks - it was much trickier than we thought it would be!



Class 4

This week class 4 have been working on their DT projects and have practised cutting wood with a saw.

We are aiming to build a bus shelter for a small toy after half term.





Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Betty for learning lots of words about churches
Class 2	Harper for creating a fantastic model of the Tower of London Joe for creating a fantastic 3D model of the Tower of London!
Class 3	Theo L for his fantastic History work about Stone Age life
Class 4	Molly for continuing to work hard



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Noah for developing his drawing skills - drawing churches
Class 2	Elliott for making fantastic links within his maths 'money' topic this half term
Class 3	Edie for linking her knowledge in maths between fractions and decimals
Class 4	Aiden for linking his knowledge of shapes to building structures

Star of the Week - Nursery	Charlie for being a great friend
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Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Archie
	Key Stage 2: Reemy

Sports' Leaders Playground Champion Award

Ronnie T for playing well with other children



Chyla, Archie, Harper,
Penelope, Ronnie, Laith, Isla



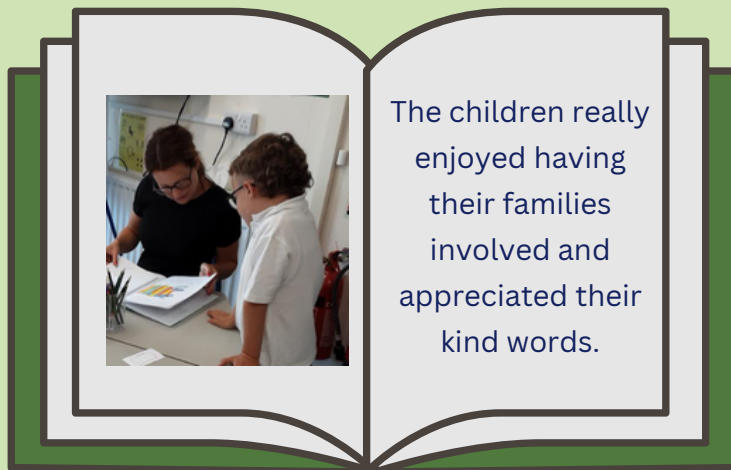
Whole School Book and Biscuit Event, Focus - History

Thursday 22nd May 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 **History**. 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:

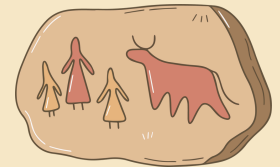
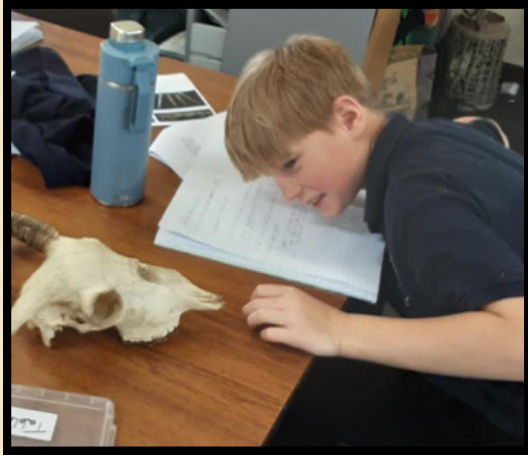
- ✓ Insight into Learning – Parents can see first-hand what their child is learning, how they are progressing, and where they might need support.
- ✓ Encourages Positive Conversations – Parents can discuss their child's learning in a supportive way, helping to build confidence and enthusiasm.
- ✓ Creates a Welcoming School Experience – Being involved in events like this helps parents feel more connected to the school community.



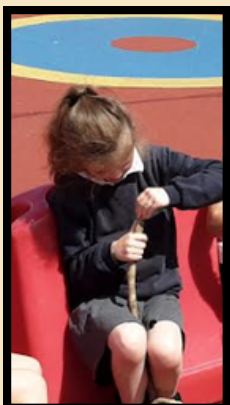


Class 3: Exploring Artefacts from the Stone Age

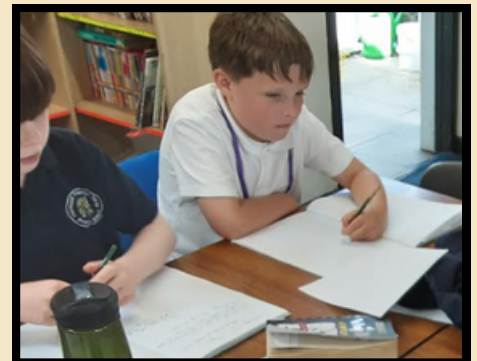
Monday 21st May 2025



I can't believe they used to attach the flint with vine, it must have taken them ages! Louis



I would have liked to have lived in the Mesolithic Age because by then they had domesticated dogs and I could have them as pets. Bella W

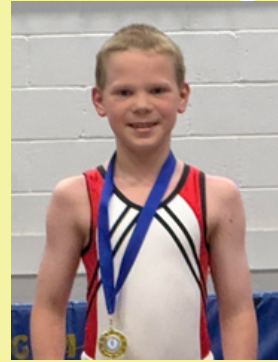


I am definitely going to be an archaeologist when I'm older. I love finding things out about the past. Nancy

Sports Awards



Ayden and Phoebe competed at the Freefallers competition in Wales. Ayden came 1st in the Level 4 category and Phoebe came 3rd in the 5 bounce category.

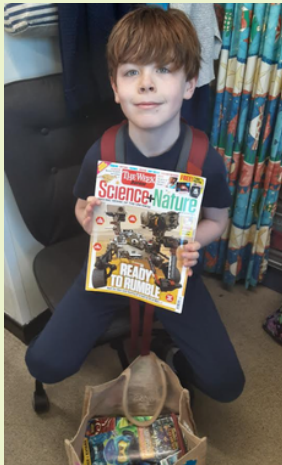


THANK YOU!

Random Acts of Kindness

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Henry for donating lots of magazines to our Breakfast Club for all of the children to enjoy. Thank you for thinking of others!



Thank you to TESCO EXTRA BARNSTAPLE for providing skipping ropes for every child in our school in preparation for our Skipathon!! Thanks also to Claire Nickels for organising this!

Well done to Charlie for encouraging and supporting Emily during netball club!

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

24th November 1950

A Jumble Sale held at the school realised £12.1.6 for school funds.

12th January 1956

*1, Marion Hill, commenced duties as Head Teacher.
31 children present, 32 children on roll*



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



Notices...

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Code
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Expires 31/05/2025

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

PARENTS AND CARERS OF HNTPS

Our online booking system for
Breakfast Club is now live.

Please book your required
sessions in advance up to the
end of the summer term.

Remember to keep your
Arbor Breakfast Club
account topped up or
contact the school office
to confirm that you will be
paying via the Child Tax
Free Childcare
accounts/schemes.



HNTPS SPONSORED SKIPATHON



FOR CHILDREN
ACROSS THE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE
SPONSORSHIP FORMS IN
PREPARATION FOR THE DAY

PARENT VOICE

The Trust are looking to
develop the next 5 year
strategy.

As part of the process,
we would like to get the
views and ideas from
all stakeholders.

HELP US TO DEVELOP
THE RIGHT STRATEGY FOR
TEAM - WE WELCOME
YOUR VIEWS

PARENTS AND CARERS OF HNTPS:

Please do not add any further
funds to your ParentPay account
after 31st May.

In early June, we will transfer any
remaining balance from your
meals account to your new
Arbor account.



[Click HERE to access survey.](#)





CLASS 3: MESSAGE FROM MRS DORRELL



Children in class 3 are taking part in a Young leaders Award at school.

To find out more please visit:

<https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/> or ask your child.

They have each received a special notebook and pencil and will continue to work to attain their 'young leaders' badge by the end of the summer term.

Please could the children try to complete some of the challenges on Archies Grid during half term.



ENVIRONMENT
CHARITY



Archie's Challenge Grid



COMMUNITY
HOME



Litter pick in a local park 	Put a neighbour's recycling away 	Collect food tins for a local homeless shelter or charity 	Set up a book collection and donate them to a local hospital 	Make bird feeders or boxes - sell them for charity or place them in community gardens
Take part in a sponsored activity for a local charity 	Cook a meal for your family 	Offer to walk a neighbour's dog or look after a pet 	Organise a street party with your family 	Offer to wash a neighbour's car
Collect clothes you don't wear and donate them to a local charity shop 	Collect old newspapers to donate to the local RSPCA centre 	Write a letter to an elderly resident or someone you know in an elderly home 	Make birthday cards to sell for a local charity 	Offer to do the dishes for a neighbour
Organise a random act of kindness for someone in school, your family or a local resident 	INVENT YOUR OWN 	Invite your neighbours round for afternoon tea 	Bake cakes to sell for a local charity 	Rake leaves, clean the driveway or wash windows for an elderly resident
Offer to read with your younger brother, sister or an elderly relative 	Write to your local MP about something in your area which needs addressing - potholes, litter, graffiti etc 	Offer to do some gardening for your neighbours 	Give some of your toys to a local children's ward or hospice 	Write a thank you card to someone who helps the community



TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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

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

Teaching Assistant (Maternity Cover) 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



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

Skills, activities, tea and cake all day

biosphere north devon
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

PhillipsSmith & Dunn
WOOLACOMBE BAY
B R E N D
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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

