This week's whole school attendance rate is 96.1%

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready for a very busy half term full of a range of activities and experiences we have already organised for this half term. Please do check the dates for your calendar as we would not want anyone to miss out!

This week in our whole school assembly, we have been reflecting on our 'yes please' and 'no thank you' behaviour choices and how they impact our learning and the learning of others. The children were able to make links with following clear rules and boundaries supports us to be independent thinkers and make choices about what we believe is the right choice. They were also able to recognise that being responsible for our own behaviour helps to support us when we move onto secondary school and as an adult. Our school value for the next two weeks is being 'Ready to learn'. The children will revisit what this looks like in the classroom and how they can continue to build on their own independence.

Ofsted Report

We were pleased to share our final OFSTED report with our parents and wider community this week and it is now available to read on our website. I hope you join me in thanking our staffing team for all their continued hard work and dedication to the children at HNTPS. We are on a continuing journey and strive to enable all our children to be 'the best we can be' in all areas of the curriculum. We would also like to thank our parents and wider community for their continued support to the school.

Space Dome

To support our children with their wider curriculum learning, Mrs Hopkins has organised a space dome session for each class in the school. The space dome is an immersive experience that supports the children with the knowledge and understanding of the planets and solar system. More information about this visit has been shared with parents this week. The space dome will be visiting on Wednesday 18th June at Lovacott Village Hall.

Braunton Burrows Whole School Visits

As part of our continued work with our partnered school in India, the children will be visiting Braunton Burrows to carry out some orienteering activities and will explore the diverse range of flora, fauna and wildlife found on this part of the North Devon coast. The burrows are an outstanding area of natural beauty and the children will be using what they have discovered and learned from their visit to create artwork, information posters and PowerPoint presentations to showcase their learning. There has been information regarding this trip shared with parents this week and staff will be talking to the children about what we will be doing on our visits, making links with our wider curriculum subjects. The children will be visiting Braunton Burrows on the following days:

Tuesday 2nd July – Class 1 and 2

Wednesday 3rd July – Class 4

Thursday 4th July – Class 3

Pre-school places from September

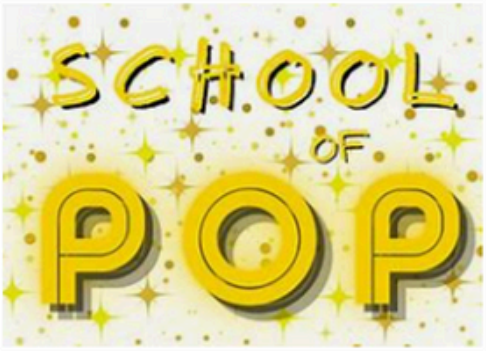
On Thursday this week, I met with parents of children who have begun our pre-school or who will be joining our pre-school in September. As you are aware, we currently work alongside Lovacott Nursery to provide morning and afternoon sessions for our pre-school children. As from September we are pleased to share that we are able to offer morning, lunchtime and afternoon sessions at HNT for our pre-school children. This will enable parents to drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the day by booking the sessions they require. We have 9 spaces available for each of the three sessions across the week. Our morning session is 9:00- 12pm, lunchtime session is 12-1:15pm and afternoon session is 1:15-3:25pm. Please do speak to Carla in the office to book in the sessions you require.

After School Provision for September

We are now moving to the second phase of our plans to run an after-school club on school site to begin in September. This after school provision will run alongside the range of after school clubs that are available for children to access across the week. Job adverts are currently in process and we hope to have two positions available to enable us to run our after-school provision in the next academic year. If you do require a place for your child/ren and have not returned your form, please speak to Carla in the office.

Book and Biscuit – 9th July – art learning

Our next Book and Biscuit event will take place on Wednesday 9th July at 2:45pm. Our focus for this session is looking at the art learning the children have been developing across the year. Our book and biscuit sessions provide an opportunity for the children to showcase the range of skills they have been practising and developing within their art lessons across the school. We hope you are able to join us for this session.



School of Pop Rehearsals

Rehearsals for our end of term performance of 'School of Pop' got underway this week with a whole school singing practice. The children were keen to begin to learn the range of songs they will be singing throughout the play. We hope to create song books that the children will have in school and can go home at weekends for them to practice.

Fun Fit Session and Skipathon Activity

A massive thank you to Mrs Hopkins and our incredible sports leaders who led a session of fun fit for all the children to enjoy on Wednesday. The obstacle course, designed and created by our sports leaders, provided an opportunity for the children to use a range of skills they have been developing within their PE sessions across the year. The sports leaders were confident in their delivery of the sessions, encouraging and supporting all the children throughout their sessions.

We would also like to thank Mrs French who organised and co-ordinated our skipathon for all the children across the school on Wednesday afternoon. Any money raised from this event will help to purchase some new climbing equipment for the children in our pre-school and reception to enjoy. Skipping has now become a popular activity at lunchtimes and a great way for the children to keep their bodies fit and healthy!

With the ever-changing weather this week, please can we ask that all children come to school with a coat next week, as we aim to get the children outside as often as we can during break and lunchtimes.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

What's on...?

W/C 9th June 2025

Monday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am

Tuesday

- Breakfast Club 7.45am or 8.25am to 9.00am
- Netball Tournament at Beaford - parents of children attending have been informed.
- Year 3: PE (PM) please come to school wearing your PE kit.

Wednesday

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

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....

Week 2	
Monday 9th June	
Tuesday 10th June	Netball tournament @Beaford RH out/Year 6 Forest School Rev Gary – Assembly @ 3pm
Wednesday 11th June	Assembly with Stuart Fuller @3pm
Thursday 12th June	
Friday 13th June	
Week 3	
Monday 16th June	
Tuesday 17th June	SPORTS DAY @ 1pm start
Wednesday 18th June	Space Dome @ Village Hall
Thursday 19th June	
Friday 20th June	Class Photos @ Village Hall 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm
Week 4	
Monday 23rd June	GTS transition week (MON – THUR)
Tuesday 24th June	Year 6 Forest School
Wednesday 25th June	MOVE UP DAY – TRANSITION
Thursday 26th June	
Friday 27th June	Whole School Art Day

Week 5 WORK EXPERIENCE – 2 pupils	
Monday 30th June	Reserved SPORTS DAY DATE
Tuesday 1st July	Class 1 and 2 Braunton Burrows Forest School
Wednesday 2nd July	Class 4 Braunton Burrows
Thursday 3rd July	Class 3 Braunton Burrows
Friday 4th July	

Week 6	
Monday 7th July	Class 3 Residential
Tuesday 8th July	Class 3 residential Year 6 Forest School Rev Gary @ 3pm assembly Bikeability - year 6
Wednesday 9th July	Bikeability - year 6 Book and Biscuit Event - focus ART 2.45pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 10th July	Park School Induction Day
Friday 11th July	Part School Induction Day
Week 7	
Monday 14th July	Dress Rehearsal @ Village Hall am
Tuesday 15th July	Bikeability - year 4 Space Odyssey @ Exeter - Class 4
Wednesday 16th July	Bikeability - year 4
Thursday 17th July	WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE @ 2pm and 6pm
Friday 18th July	
Week 8	
Monday 21st July	
Tuesday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers

Lunch menu: W/C Monday 9th 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.

09/06, 23/06, 07/07

Menu - Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Chilli Beef Fajitas	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Roast Chicken	Hot dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Fajitas/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese/Tuna Wrap Filled Jacket Potato	Quorne Chicken/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Hash Brown/ Sweetcorn	Potato Wedges/ Mixed Veg	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Fruit and Salad Platter/Garlic Potatoes
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Raspberry Muffin/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Date Slice/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

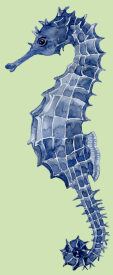
What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we were able to release our butterflies which had hatched from their cocoons. They were very beautiful and called "Painted Ladies'.
We also had a lot of fun in the field doing our FUN FIT session organised by our school sports leaders. They did a great job today and were very encouraging helping our youngest children to complete each activity.
We have also been busy revamping our outdoor area and we will be spending money from FRIENDS on some new equipment.

Class 2

This week, the children have used picture cues to make careful predictions about our new text 'The River'. In our science learning, we have begun our new topic entitled 'Growing Up' and the children shared what they already knew and wrote a range of questions that they would like to find out. We also discovered that seahorses are the only living creature where the male gives birth to live young and can give birth to up to 2000 baby seahorses in any one pregnancy.

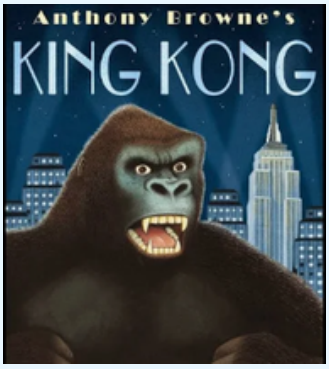


Class 3

This week Class 3 have been busy in maths learning how to convert fractions into decimals. In literacy we have been exploring the story of Hansel and Gretel in preparation for our news report writing. Please encourage your child to watch Newsround on CBBC to help understand the features of a news report. We have also been focusing on being ready to learn and to present our learning to the best of our ability. The children all did fantastically well during our sports events this week. Well done!

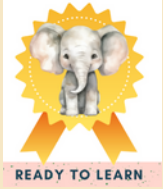
Class 4

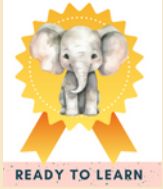
Class 4 have spent some of this week looking at our new writing unit based on the book 'King Kong'. We have focused on how to use commas to give clarity to our writing and looked at how writers create atmosphere and feelings for the reader. We have also spent some time looking at our parts in our end of term play and have started learning our lines.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week

Class 1	Astrid for great sentence writing in literacy
Class 2	Laith for making fantastic connections in our maths learning on money this week
Class 3	Abel for his fantastic contributions during guided reading
Class 4	Carter for stretching his vocabulary choices





Class 1	Phoebe for her fantastic reading because of work at home
Class 2	Jorgie for always being ready to learn on the carpet
Class 3	Ziggy for working well in his group to complete tasks
Class 4	Kenzie for being ready to take on her role in the play
Star of the Week - Nursery	Olivia for fantastic maths this week
Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Theodore
	Key Stage 2: Henry
School Council - The Perfect Presentation Award	**Key Stage 1: Aria for always putting 100% into the presentation** **Key Stage 2: Joe J for a beautifully completed final piece of writing**
Sports' Leaders Playground Champion Award	**Amelie for looking after other children and the equipment**

Amelia, Astrid, Athena, Ayda, Betty, Finley, Noah, Niamh, Theo M, Louis, Edie

Fun Fit Event and Sponsored Skipathon
Wednesday 4th June 2025

Carter said 'I liked coaching and helping more than taking part.'

Isabel said 'All the children were smiling and having fun'

This week the Sports Leaders held their 'Fun Fit' event for the whole school. They planned and organised an obstacle course style session for all the children to take part in and led the sessions for each class. The teachers commented on how well they explained the event and how supportive and helpful they were to other children within school.

Eben said 'We adapted some activities for the younger children'

Each of the Sports Leaders carried out their roles with enthusiasm, confidence and a huge sense of pride - well done!

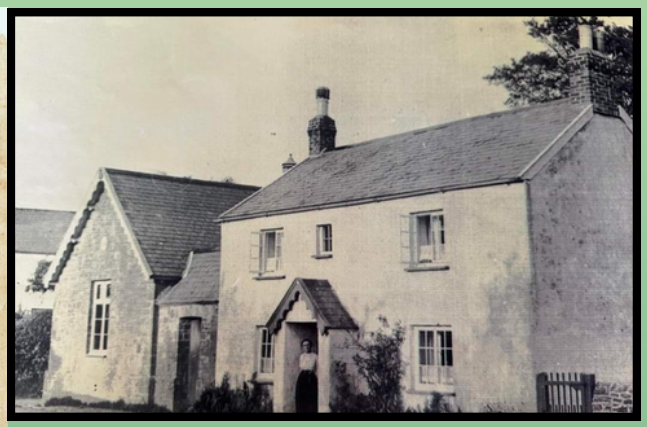
Sports Awards

Archie, took part in south west tennis tournament with some tough county layers. Great day of tennis with some nice long rallies

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

29th April 1965

The Area Building Surveyor visited the school today. The need for extra storage space in the school is desperate. The Infants' classroom in particular is overcrowded. Many unnecessary books have to be kept in the children's desks, as there is no room in the cupboards.



28th July 1897

The measles are still prevailing and towards the end of the week some fresh cases have arisen causing the Doctor to forbid children in the infected houses to attend school.

29th July 1897
Received an Order from M.G.H to close school for a fortnight owing to the prevalence of measles.

Notices...

HNTPS PARENTS & CARERS

YOU CAN NOW PAY SKIPATHON SPONSORSHIP MONEY INTO YOUR ARBOR ACCOUNT

NAVIGATE TO ACTIVITIES/ TRIPS/SKIPATHON DONATIONS TO ADD MONEY RAISED.

THANK YOU.

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.

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.

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HNTPS

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Come along with your children to a TEAM Community Day. A chance to get together with friends from your child's school and schools across the Trust. It will be a chilled social gathering for all to enjoy, and the children can make new friends or even hang out with the friends they already have. You will need to supply your own refreshments and dress for the weather on the day and most importantly remember sun cream.

Please also cross your fingers and pray for good weather.

The dates are as follows:

Friday 25th JULY

Westward Ho!

Beach fun, Rock pooling, sandcastle building, ball games, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Tuesday 29th JULY

Knighthayes (National Trust)

A wooded walk and play & picnic lunch. Meet @ 10:00

Friday 1st AUGUST

Saunton Sands Beach

Beach clean, play, ball games, sand sculptures, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Thursday 7th AUGUST

Landacre Bridge (Exmoor)

Exploring the river and a picnic lunch. Meet @ 10:00

Tuesday 12th AUGUST

Westward Ho!

Beach fun, Rock Pooling, sandcastle building, ball games, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Please let me know if you plan to attend any of these events so I can be in contact with more details closer to the time.

Csprenger@team-mat.org.uk.

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

Click HERE to access survey

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Early Years Playworker: After School Club at Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy vacancy 1

Early Years Playworker: After School Club at Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy vacancy 2

1 FTE CLASSROOM TEACHER (SUITABLE FOR EARLY CAREER TEACHERS) at Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Witheridge Church of England Primary 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

To welcome new parents to MyClothing here's an exclusive discount for your new intake parents:

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

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Friday 2nd May
6pm – 7.15
Barnstaple Rugby Club
Girlslead.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com

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