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HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear parents and carers,

Friday 11th July 2025



I want to begin this newsletter this week by saying how immensely proud we are of our children at HNT. Throughout the year we have seen children grow in confidence in their achievements both in and out of the classroom, watch new friendships emerge and blossom and see children truly flourish. We have had remarkable achievements in academic assessments this year with our children achieving well above national average in reading, writing and maths in year 6, our

year 4 children making fantastic progress in their multiplication check assessments, our year 1 children securing amazing progress in their phonic screen checks and our reception children demonstrating a deep understanding of their early years curriculum in achieving a 'Good level of development' in the key areas. None of this would have been possible without our fantastic staffing team who are truly dedicated to making a difference for every child who attends HNT. Well done to everyone!

Class 3 Residential to Wildside

Class 3 came back to school on Tuesday afternoon excited to share everything that they had been up to on their residential to Wildside. For many of our children it was their first night away from home and staff were very proud of how the children engaged with the range of activities available for them to participate in. A

massive thank you to Mrs Dorrell, Mrs Carter and Mrs Woollacott who made the memorable experience happen for our children. The children are already excited about returning next year!



Rev Gary Assembly



Our school value that we are exploring over the next few weeks is 'taking risks'. On Tuesday this week, Rev Gary led an assembly sharing the story of Samson and Goliath that clearly demonstrates the power in taking a risk. The children loved the interactive session and reflected and shared occasions when they have taken a risk and how that felt during and after the event.

Year 6 Bikeability Sessions

Well done to our year 6 children who participated in their two-day bikeability sessions this week. The children spent time out on the roads around our local community learning and revisiting key skills to ensure they are safe and have confidence when riding their bikes on main roads. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and were awarded certificates for their achievements.



On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, our year 4 children will be taking part in their bikeability sessions. Please can we remind parents to complete the consent forms for their children. Bikes will need to be brought to school on Tuesday morning and will be stored at school overnight. If you require a loan of a bike, please speak to Carla in the office.



Book and Biscuit Session - Art Focus

Thank you so much to all the parents who came along to share the amazing art work of the children across the school in our last Book and Biscuit session of this academic year. The children were keen to share the key skills they have been developing as well as their

final pieces of superb masterpieces they have created. We are very much looking forward to hosting many more Book and Biscuit sessions in the new school year and will keep parents updated with the dates for their diaries when we return to school in September.

After School Playworkers

After carrying out interviews for two playworkers last week, we have only been able to secure one new member of staff who will be joining the team in September. Adverts have gone out again last Friday and will close this coming Monday 14th July. In order to successfully run the after-school provision in September we need to recruit another playworker. Please spread the word and encourage anyone you know who would be interested in taking up a fantastic opportunity to work alongside a great team at HNT. We will share updates in next week's newsletter.





School Performance Next Week

Just to remind our parents that our school performance is next Thursday! Our afternoon performance will begin at 2pm and we will have an evening performance at 6pm. Please can we ask parents to inform your child's class teacher if your child will not be attending the evening performance so we can amend our registers in readiness for Thursday. Thank you to those parents who have already sent in their child/ren's costumes. Please can we ask that all costumes are brought to school for Monday, ready for our dress rehearsals next week.

Picnic in the field - Tuesday 22nd July

To celebrate a brilliant year at HNT, we will be having a picnic lunch on our last day of term in the field. Mrs Robinson and our kitchen team will be preparing hot dogs and tasty treats for the children to enjoy. Please let us know if you will be providing your child with a packed lunch for the day, otherwise we will assume they would like a picnic lunch from the kitchen.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Parents of children are invited to celebrate our year 6 children in our Leavers assembly on Tuesday 22nd July at 2:30pm in Lovacott Village Hall.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook



What's on...?

W/C 14th July 2025

Monday

- Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place
- Play rehearsal

Tuesday

- Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place
- Year 4: Bikeability - please ensure you've signed up online using the link provided and bring a bike and helmet to school
- Year 3 PE - please come to school wearing your PE kit
- Class 4 trip to Exeter. Please drop off at 8.50am for a 9.00pm departure. We will be back at school for collection at 3.50pm

Wednesday

- Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place
- Class 2 - PE please come to school wearing your PE kit
- Dress Rehearsal
- A number of class 4 children will be going to High Bickington school for a sporting event during the school day - parents of children attending have been informed.

Thursday

- Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place
- Nursery: AM Forest School
- Class 1: PM Forest School
- End of Year Performances at 2pm and 6pm - please can you only attend one performance to allow as many families as possible to see the performances. Thank you for your understanding.
- Wave Project - selected pupils only, parents have been made aware

Friday

- Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place
- Celebration Assembly at 9.00am in Lovacott Gospel Hall - parents and carers are welcome to join us!
- Nursery & Class 1 PE
- School Tuck Shop - bring in up to 50p per child - to raise funds for our new sensory garden

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.

HNTPS Pupil Achievements



Kara completed a 2k colour run with obstacles in Rock Park.



Amelia has gained her 25m swimming certificate and badge! A whole length of the pool without a float.....



Darcey collecting rubbish off the beach and did a very good job for the environment...



Bella achieved great things last weekend! She had a swimming development gala at Torrington pool and came :

1st in 50m backstroke

1st in 50m breaststroke

1st 50m individual medley

1st in 50m front crawl

2nd in 50m butterfly



Lunch menu: W/C Monday 14th July 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	Sticky Honey Chicken	Cheesy Wheels	Roast Gammon	Ham Panini/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Sticky Honey Chicken/Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Rice/Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges/ Coleslaw	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Fruit and Salad Platter
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Cherry Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Scotch Pancake & Strawberry Coulis/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Custard Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Australian Crunch/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

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

19th September 1930

The wind is very high and on my return from town at 4 o'clock I found two panes of glass were broken in the west window. Apparently, the fastening had given way and the window was hanging. It had been fastened at 10.00am.

10th July 1933

Two panes of glass in the east window are cracked as a result of wind blowing - there is no stay with which to prop them open.



What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

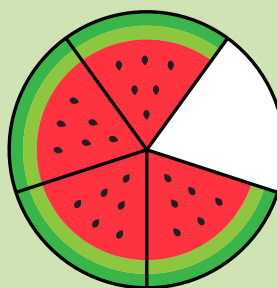
Oooh arghhh !!!!

Pirate school in the foundation stage class was great fun. We sailed the seven seas, made pirate hats and beautiful treasure maps to find the hidden gold.



Class 2

This week in our maths' learning, the children have been exploring halves, quarters and thirds. They investigated finding fractions of shapes and then moved onto finding fractions of numbers. In our English writing, the children have planned their journey of a river from the four beautiful scenes they drew. We can't wait to create our stories next week.



Class 3

Class 3 have been adventuring at Wildside! An amazing experience where the children really gave 100% effort to try new things and be curious about nature and the world around them.

From zip wiring to washing up, the children demonstrated school values in abundance and Mrs Carter, Mrs Dorrell and Mrs Woollacott were very proud of all of them!



Class 4

Class 4 have had another busy week. Some Y6 children completed their level 2 bikeability training showing exemplary behaviour while out and about around Lovacott. In class, we have continued our learning around the history of space travel. This week, we have looked at the Apollo missions and which astronauts have walked on the moon.

Mrs Hopkins would like to say a huge well done to the Y6s who have achieved some fantastic SATs results!





Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Athena for lovely art work this week
Class 2	Angelic for always completing her learning to the best of her ability. Well done!
Class 3	Austin for giving everything 100% effort on the residential
Class 4	Alina for doing so well with bikeability



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Kara for participating in the 'colour' fun run
Class 2	Elle for making fantastic progress in her maths learning this week. Well done!
Class 3	Ronnie for taking on the zip wire with courage and determination
Class 4	Darcie for taking on a new role in the play at the last minute

Star of the Week - Nursery	Ginnie for being so happy and independent coming into preschool in her first term
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Reading Baskets	Key Stage 1: Lottie
	Key Stage 2: Reemy

School Council - The Perfect Presentation Award

Key Stage 1: Finley and Laith

Key Stage 2: Bella and Martha



Charlie



Bikeability - Year 6 level 2



Tuesday 8th July 2025

Eddie - We've been learning about major and minor roads. I've enjoyed learning how to use my gears and hand signals.

A big thank you to the Bikeability Team for visiting our school and working with our Year 6 pupils over the past two days. The children learned essential road safety skills and gained valuable experience riding on the roads around Lovacott. The sessions boosted their confidence and awareness, helping them become safer, more responsible cyclists. We're proud of how well they engaged with the training—and grateful to the instructors for making it such a positive and practical learning experience!



Martha - I enjoyed cycling in a snake in the village hall.



Kenzie - I enjoyed riding on the road and how to turn corners well.



Alex - I've learnt some technical terms about riding a bike on the road and I have enjoyed being outside on my bike.





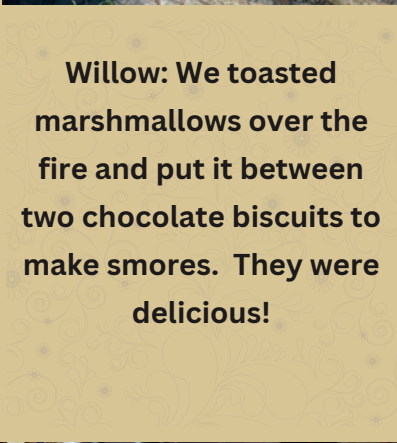
Class 3 - Wildside Experience Residential 7th and 8th July 2025



Amon: I really enjoyed the zip-wire. At first, I was really scared as I thought I'd bump into the tree. I had three goes on the zip wire!



Wilfred: The river walk was amazing because we got to splash around and we could go under the water in the cold plunge. I also enjoyed seeing the pigs, chickens and sheep!



Willow: We toasted marshmallows over the fire and put it between two chocolate biscuits to make smores. They were delicious!



Aria: Richard, our host, set up a glow stick trail for us to follow through the woodland in total darkness. Our group of girls got lost and had to retrace our route until we found our way back.



Henry: I enjoyed setting up our tents with my friends. Richard showed us owl and buzzard wings and we looked at a Pupastrillel bat!



Isabelle: I loved seeing the ponies and we were lucky to feed the pigs, sheep and chickens. We saw a chicken lay an egg right in front of us. We were allowed to touch it and it was still warm!





Whole School Book and Biscuit Event, Focus - Art

Wednesday 9th July 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 Art. It was lovely to see children happily sharing their learning with their adult.

It is a nice way of seeing what they are doing. Gives them pride in their work because they know their parents will be looking at it. Sarahj

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.

It's a great way to see how the children are doing in class, with hand writing and artwork. Curtis's family member

I love book and biscuit sessions. They are a great way to find out what the children are doing. Elliott's family member

I think it's brilliant! It's lovely to see their work! Archie's family member

It gives you an idea of what they are doing and how they are getting on. Molly's family member



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Notices...

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



for our newsletter so we can help them celebrate

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END OF TERM PERFORMANCE

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JULY 17 THURSDAY

AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE AT 2:00PM
EVENING PERFORMANCE AT 6:00PM

The poster features a stage with red curtains, a marquee sign, and silhouettes of an audience. It also includes illustrations of movie tickets and a bucket of popcorn.

END OF TERM PERFORMANCE



We kindly ask families to coordinate attendance across the performances, as we are limited in capacity due to fire safety regulations. If we reach maximum occupancy, unfortunately, we will not be able to allow further entry.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Community News...

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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

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Girls Rugby Taster Session

Free session open to all girls in current years 5, 6, 7 and 8



No experience necessary

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Friday 2nd May
6pm – 7.15

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Girlslead.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com

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Mon 18:00 - 19:15

Contact:

Email - Helen Roseveare at beaver.tawstock@gmail.com

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SILENT DISCO
Beach Clean

Sunday 29th June
10.30am – Midday
All equipment will be provided
Meeting at Mill Rock

PLASTIC FREE WOOLACOMBE
National Trust

EARTH ACTION NORTH DEVON

Oral Health Improvement Training (Supporting Children)

When:

Wednesday 9th July 2025
10:00am – 11:30am

The Oral Health Improvement Team will be hosting a virtual training session on Microsoft Teams aimed at anyone that works with and/or cares for children. Aimed at youth workers, teachers, healthcare professionals, foster carers, hospital and care home staff and parents.

Book a place on the course below:



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ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER
Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS
Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE
Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG
2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING
From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIKITO
Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S
Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER
Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE
Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS
Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE
2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO
Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY
Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS
2 Kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI
Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI
Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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Girls Rugby

Rugby is a game for all shapes, sizes, and abilities
South Molton RFC is a welcoming and friendly club
We are enthusiastically looking for girls to join our teams for next season

Come and have a go at our fun filled non contact taster sessions
27th July 10am to 11am
17th August 10 to 11am
31st August 10am to 11am
Main Pitch outside clubhouse
U10 (Year 5) U12 (Year 6&7) U14 (Year 8&9) U16 (Year 10&11)



There will be lots of girls at these sessions trying rugby for the first time as well as those who already love the game

2025 is a Womens Rugby World Cup year!




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