



## **Plough Theatre trip**

We are excited to share our school visit (reception to year 6) to The Plough Theatre in Torrington to watch the performance of 'Stories in The Dust' on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. There will be follow up workshops for our key stage 2 children. We hope that watching the performance will spark the children's imagination and support their writing across the curriculum. Information about this visit will be sent out next week.



## **Appledore Book Festival**

We are pleased to be part of the Appledore Book Festival again this year. We have two authors who will be visiting the school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September who will be sharing extracts from the books and inspiring the children with 'what makes a good writer'. The children will also receive a free book from the author on the day of the visit.

## **Curriculum Newsletters and Home Learning**

Curriculum Newsletters for Classes 2, 3 and 4 have been shared alongside this week's newsletter. These will inform you about what your child will be learning across this term. If you have any information or artefacts that could support your child's learning, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Home learning will be set each Friday for Classes 2, 3 and 4. This will have a piece of Maths learning and a Phonics/Spelling activity for them to complete at home. Please can we encourage parents to allow their child to complete this independently to enable the children to show what they have understood and highlight any areas for development. The Maths home learning will be marked as part of their Maths' lessons each week. Reading will continue to be a focus across the school with an expectation that every child reads to an adult every day and their reading record updated. Reading records need to be brought into school every day. Thank you so much for your support with this.

## **Parking in and around the School**

Please can we ask that parents are considerate of our neighbours and community during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We have had concerns from our neighbours regarding parking in front of driveways and the supervision of children. Please do take care when walking children up the lane. Please can we ask that all parents use the car park which will enable staff to use the limited space for parking directly outside the school.



Many thanks for your continued support.

As the weather is continually changing, please can we ask that all children come to school with a coat each day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

# What's on...?

W/C 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li><li>• Class 4: PE (please come to school in PE kits)</li><li>• Football After-School Club: 3.30pm to 4.30pm</li><li>• After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li><li>• Year 3 Forest School</li><li>• <b>Netball club has been cancelled this week.</b></li><li>• After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li><li>• Class 2: PE (please come to school in PE kits)</li><li>• After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li><li>• Year 4: Swimming (afternoon)</li><li>• Reception and Nursery: Forest School in the afternoon</li><li>• Karaoke After-School Club: 3.30pm to 4.30pm</li><li>• After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li><li>• Celebration Assembly at Lovacott Gospel Hall at 9.00am</li><li>• Reception and Nursery: PE</li><li>• After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li></ul>

# Future dates for your diary....

23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Class 2 trip to Combe Martin Dinosaur Park - letter and consent/payment information will be sent to parents next week via email.
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Appledore Book Festival - Classes 3 & 4 Author visit - Dave Cousins
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Maths Challenge at Pilton Bluecoats - a group of children from Class 2 - if your child has been selected, you will have received an email from Mrs Cook.
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Appledore Book Festival - Classes 1 & 2 Author visit - Simon James Green
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Stories in the Dusk Workshop Classes 3 and 4 Village Hall during the school day
10 <sup>th</sup> October	The Plough Theatre Trip Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4. Information will be sent out to parents next week, including consent/payment information
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Festival at 2.30pm in Lovacott Gospel Hall - families welcome to attend
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Extra netball session to replace the cancelled session on 16 <sup>th</sup> September
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at 10.30am in Lovacott Gospel Hall

## 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.

# Lunch menu: W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 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.



15/09, 29/09, 13/10

## Menu - Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Baguette	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog/Ham Roll/Tuna Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese/ Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese Wrap/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/ Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Potato Wedges/ Coleslaw/Sweet corn	Roast Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Gravy	Garlic Potatoes/ Vegetables
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Banana Muffin/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Apricot Slice/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ice Cream & Peaches/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Ginger Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

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

*September 10<sup>th</sup> 1943*

*Nurse Edwards came at 11.30am and examined the heads of 4 girls who needed treatment to rid themselves of nits. Nurse has kindly offered to call weekly until the trouble is ended.*

*September 12<sup>th</sup> 1945*

*School re-opened after 6 weeks' holiday. During the holiday, the loud speaker of the school wireless set was repaired at a cost of £1.75. The Exterior painting of buildings has much improved the school and house. The interior has been well scrubbed and polished by Mrs Latham.*



# What have we been learning in class this week?

## Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have been busy matching and sorting by colour, pattern and size.



## Class 2

In class 2 this week the children have been exploring how to make 10 and 20 using a range of maths manipulatives. We read and shared our new text 'Where the Wild Things Are' in our writing lessons and the children have begun creating their own wild things. In our topic learning we used our water colours to create fantastic dinosaur pictures for our classroom display.



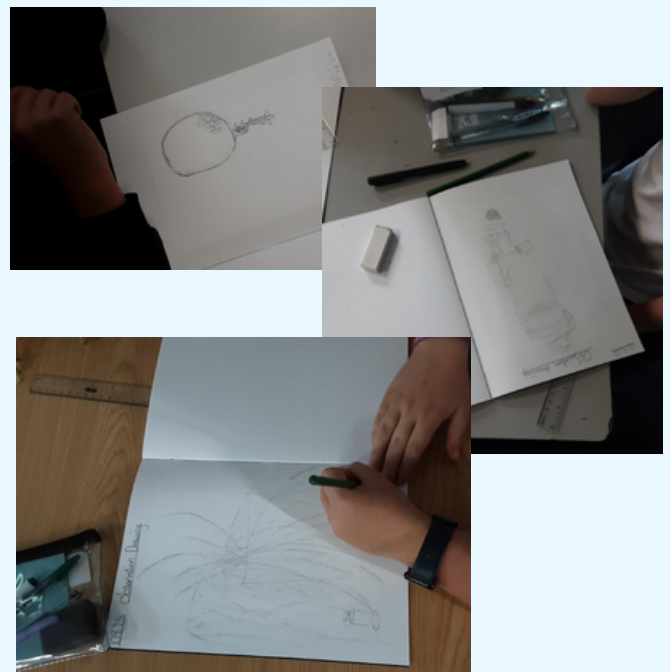
## Class 3

Class 3 have had an excellent start to the term we are very proud of them all. This week we have begun our science topic on skeletons, exploring bones in the body and their functions. In History we have been immersing ourselves in everything Roman. We compared the Roman and the Celtic soldiers and the weapons they would have used. We are very lucky to have been loaned a Roman Soldiers helmet and artefacts to explore.



## Class 4

A great start in art for class 4. Some fabulous observation drawings with great focus on the details and texture.





# Pupil Learning Awards This Week



## STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

<b>Class 1</b>	Alexander for learning his letter sounds and hearing where the sound is in words
<b>Class 2</b>	Kara for fantastic independent learning this week!
<b>Class 3</b>	Ziggy for an excellent start to the school year
<b>Class 4</b>	Eben for settling into Class 4 so quickly and working hard



## LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



<b>Class 1</b>	Darcey for respect for our classroom tidying equipment with care
<b>Class 2</b>	Curtis for always being kind and caring to others
<b>Class 3</b>	Daniel for being an excellent role model - always showing his wonderful smile
<b>Class 4</b>	William for showing kindness to class mates at lunch

## Pupil Achievements



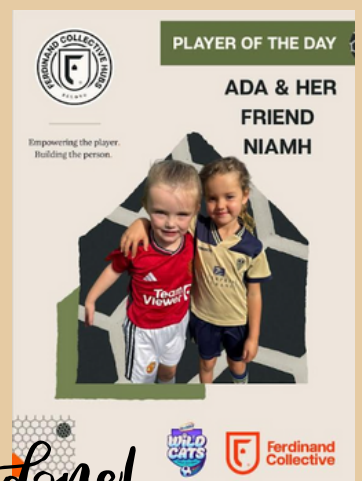
After a brilliant hardball season, William scooped the 'most improved player' award and 'player's player of the season' at Newton Tracey Cricket Club.

*Well done!*

Ayda started football training at the weekend and she was awarded player of the day!!

Amazing work Ayda!

*Well done!*



# TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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

Assistant SENDCO at Team Multi-Academy Trust



# Notices...

## OUR ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM FOR BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE CLUB

IS AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR ACCOUNTS  
PLEASE PRE BOOK YOUR REQUIRED SESSIONS



## 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

## HNTPS MEALS AT



PARENTS AND CARERS  
PLEASE ENSURE YOUR  
ARBOR ACCOUNT  
HAS ADEQUATE FUNDS  
TO PAY FOR CHILDREN  
HAVING MEALS

FRIENDS OF HNTPS

## AGM & WELCOME MEETING

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
7.15PM

At The Hunters Inn Newton Tracey

**\*\* ALL WELCOME \*\***

Join us for a friendly meeting to share ideas and  
plan activities for year ahead to help raise funds to  
support the school

[friendsofhntps@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhntps@gmail.com)

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### Advanced Notice

Our meal charges are increasing:

From January 2026 - KS2 meals  
will increase to £2.61



# 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

### Join the Adventure with Beaver Scouts!

For Boys & Girls Ages 6-8  
Make new friends, learn new skills, and go on amazing adventures!

- Outdoor Fun
- Crafts & Games
- Camps & Nature Trails
- Teamwork & Confidence Building

**1st Tawstock Scout Group**  
Mon 18:00 - 19:15

**Contact:**  
Email - Helen Roseveare at [beaver.tawstock@gmail.com](mailto:beaver.tawstock@gmail.com)

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## EXTRA FUNDING FOR WORKING PARENTS WITH EARLY YEARS' AGED CHILDREN

YOUR 3 OR 4 YEAR OLD MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR 30 HOURS OF FUNDED EARLY YEARS CHILDCARE

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY AND APPLY BY USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/early-years-and-childcare/help-with-paying-for-childcare/30-hours-free-childcare/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/early-years-and-childcare/help-with-paying-for-childcare/30-hours-free-childcare/)



## FREE ONLINE TRAINING ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

NHS Oral Health Improvement Service  
Devon

### SUPPORTING CHILDREN

(1.5 hour session)  
Wednesday 8th October 2025  
at 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Book here:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/SNCW7Szzqi>



A FREE online webinar for parents, teachers, and carers



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