

This week's whole school attendance rate is:

**97.4%**

*Enabling children to be the best that they can be!*

# HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear parents/carers,

This week the children have continued to explore the value of respect. They have discussed how respect can be shown within our school day, at

home with our family and friends and within our wider community. We discussed the importance of turn taking, collaboration and what it means to be a good listener. These are qualities that we continue to develop within the classroom daily to encourage the children to develop independence and challenge themselves with their learning. It has been lovely to see these skills not only evident within our classrooms but also within our lunchtimes and on the playground. We would like to continue to promote our acts of kindness in our weekly newsletter. Please do let us know if your child/ren have been involved in an act of kindness across the week so we can continue to share these in our weekly newsletter.



## Our new school leadership team

A huge thank you to all the children in our key stage 2 classes who have applied for the role of school council, librarian, sports leader and Eco warrior roles this year. We have received lots of applications over the week. Our new school leadership team was announced in our celebration assembly today and the staff and I are very much looking forward to starting our meetings with the teams next week and plan lots of exciting things for the year ahead. The staff leading the groups are:

School Council - Mrs Cook

Sports Leaders - Mrs Hopkins

Librarians - Mrs Dorrell

Eco Warriors - Mrs Radley and Mrs French

If you have any ideas or suggestions of projects the school could get involved with, please do drop us an email.



### Harvest Celebration

We are very much looking forward to inviting our parents and community to join us in our celebration of Harvest on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 2:45pm in the Gospel Hall. We would like to begin collecting donations from our community which will be delivered to the Food Bank in Barnstaple at the end of this half term. A list of the items the food bank has requested has been attached alongside this week's newsletter. All donations can be sent into school from Monday and will be displayed in the front lobby. Many thanks for all your support - over the years we have been very proud of the amount of donations that we have received for such a worthy cause.

### Keeping ourselves safe on the Internet

Across the week, each class in key stage 1 and 2 use our chrome books to support their learning in a range of subjects as well as developing their IT skills within their computing lessons. We continue to raise awareness of how the children can keep themselves safe whilst using any device such a game consoles, mobile phones or computers within our lessons and as part of our daily assemblies. Attached to this week's newsletter is a useful guide for parents to help keep their children safe at home whilst using the internet.



### Breakfast and After School Club Provision

Thank you to all our parents who have booked their child/ren on to our wrap around provision we offer at HNTPS. Just to remind all our parents that we no longer offer a walking bus to the village hall at the end of the school day. If your child is not booked into our after-school clubs or after school provision, they must be collected at the end of the school day at 3.30pm. Our wrap-around care after-school club is available in three sessions - 3:30-4:30pm, 3:30pm to 5:30pm and 4:30-5:30pm (for those children who might be taking part in an extra-curricular club and need care until 5.30pm). The after-school club provide a daily snack as well as a range of games and activities to keep the children busy. Sessions can be booked through our Arbor platform.



## Next Thursday lunch - key stage one children

It is Census day next Thursday when the government collect information about our school, including how many of our key stage 1 children have free school meals as part of their universal free school meal entitlement. This information is then used to work out how much funding our school receives. Therefore, if your child usually brings in a home packed lunch on Thursdays, we would very much appreciate it if you could book a school dinner for your child on the day. We can offer a taster selection of the menu, so that your child can try our school lunches, alongside their home packed lunch.



As the weather continues to be so unpredictable, please can we ask that children bring a coat to school every day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Cook*

**DON'T FORGET TO  
CONTACT US IF  
YOUR CHILD  
HAS CARRIED OUT  
A RANDOM ACT OF  
KINDNESS**



**WE WOULD LOVE TO CELEBRATE  
THIS IN OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.**

**EMAIL: [ADMIN@HNTPS.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@HNTPS.ORG)**

**BREAKFAST AND  
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

# OUR RULES

- We take turns to speak
- We use kind and positive words
- We listen to each other
- We wait for everyone to finish eating before activities begin
- We are respectful to staff and each other





# What's on...?

W/C 22nd 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>• Class 2 trip to Combe Martin Dinosaur Park - letter and consent/payment via Arbor by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to secure your child's place</li><li>• Year 3 Forest School</li><li>• Netball 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>
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>• Appledore Book Festival - Classes 3 &amp; 4, Author visit - Dave Cousins</li><li>• 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.</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>• Appledore Book Festival - Classes 1 &amp; 2, Author visit - Simon James Green</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....

29<sup>th</sup> September

Class 2 Toothcare Talk

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. Consent and payment required  
by the end of September to secure your child's place.

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

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The Plough Arts' Centre trip  
to see the  
**Stories in the Dusk**  
performance will be taking place  
for Classes 1, 2, 3 & 4  
on Friday 10th October

Please provide consent and payment via  
your Arbor account - thank you.



**HNTPS**

## Our Harvest Festival

will be taking place on  
Wednesday 22nd October at  
2.30pm in Lovacott Gospel Hall  
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**HNTPS**

## Our Remembrance Service

will be taking place  
at 10.30am on  
Tuesday 11th November  
in Lovacott Gospel Hall

All welcome



## 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 22nd 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.



Tues 08/09, 22/09, 06/10, 20/10

## Menu - Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Chicken Korma & Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Gammon	Ham Panini/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fish Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken Korma/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese/Tuna Wrap or Filled Jacket Potato	Veggie Burger/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Peas	Mixed Vegetables	Garlic Bread/Green Salad	Roast Potatoes/Vegetables/Gravy	Fruit and Mixed Vegetables
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Cherry Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Oat Crunchie/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Lemon Drizzle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

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

*9<sup>th</sup> September 1948*

*A letter from the Education Office, Barnstaple, today states that arrangements are being made for cleaning out the well and renewal of any suction pipes necessary.*

*5<sup>th</sup> November 1965*

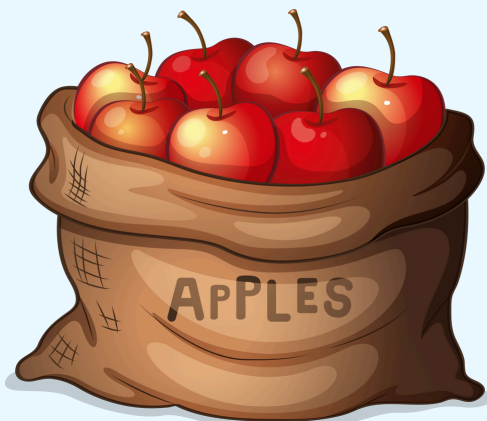
*The children were unable to eat the luncheon meat sent for their dinner. It had a peculiar smell and taste. The matter was reported to Miss Collins, the School Meals Organiser. Later Miss Collins called to say that the meat was perfectly alright, a new recipe having been tried. This had not been successful in most schools, and would not be used again.*



# What have we been learning in class this week?

## Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

The children have been observing, comparing and tasting different types of apples. They loved the Granny Smiths! They have peeled and cut apples and talked about the different parts. They also made their own apple crumble.



## Class 2

This week in Class 2 we began exploring adjectives and how they make our writing more exciting. The children created their very own wild creatures, inspired by our class book *Where the Wild Things Are*, and came up with some amazing adjectives to describe them. We were so impressed with their imaginative ideas and the wonderful vocabulary they used to bring their creatures to life!



## Class 3

This week class 3 have been exploring Roman artifacts and finding out what they can tell us about how the Romans lived. We have been delving into the world of fairytales, creating 'twisted tales'. We've had some very interesting endings such as Rapunzel turning bald and an exploding beanstalk! Year 3 have been rambling at forest school whilst Year 4 have their next swimming session. We are looking forward to our author visit next week.



## Class 4

This week, class 4 had a brilliant basketball session. They have learnt 3 different passes and have been practising their dribbling. They showed great skill in trying to steal the ball off an opponent and enjoyed playing a simple game.





# Pupil Learning Awards This Week

STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK  
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Charlotte for showing developing independence in her personal care
Class 2	Chyla for your fantastic writing and brilliant use of amazing adjectives
Class 3	Nico for completing his work and trying hard
Class 4	Hattie for beautifully presented work



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR  
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Adam for showing good learning and manners in class
Class 2	Rocco for showing kindness and respecting others
Class 3	Louis for always showing respect to others in school
Class 4	Imogen for listening carefully to other people

Reading Basket - KS1	Alfie
Reading Basket - KS2	Blake



**Bella G and Molly**



Autumn





# Class 4 Trip to SS Great Britain

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Theo: I loved the SS Great Britain as you could experience what life was like on board a ship!



Oscar: I liked exploring the ship and looking at the machines. It was amazing!

Edie: I learnt that Brunel was the first inventor to build the biggest iron ship - people did not expect it to float!

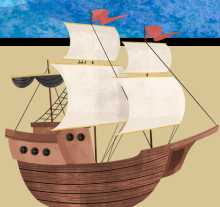


Tom S: First Class on the ship was more fancy with decorative pillars with real gold on them. Steerage was tiny and cramped with beds so close together that disease spread rapidly!

Seraphine: Biscuits that the steerage passengers ate were full of weevils. They had to knock the biscuits on their elbows to remove the bugs! This is now the sign of the British Sign Language for biscuits!



Imogen: The SS Great Britain was faster than most other ships. It took 60 days to get to Australia!



# Pupil Achievements



Theo and Adam completed the summer reading challenge at torrington library

*Well done!*



Elle passed her level 4 swimming stage!

*Well done!*



Amelie played in her first netball tournament for Titans Netball Club on Sunday and got Player of the Day for her team.

*Well done!*

## TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies

Life, Love and Learning to the Full

Working in partnership with SWIMBRIDGE and other schools.

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For more information and how to apply directly with My New Term please visit our website

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

We currently have 3 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Cleaner at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy.



Cover Supervisor at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy.

Cleaner at Pilton Infants' Academy.

# 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

### HNTPS

#### 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



**BINGO**

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER  
ALVERDISCOTT VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM  
EYES DOWN 7.30PM  
FREE REFRESHMENTS | RAFFLE  
GREAT PRIZES

RAISING MONEY FOR  
MISSION: UNBREAKABLE  
NORTH DEVON HOSPICE

NO BOOKING REQUIRED  
FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT LINDSEY  
ON 07917 867620

North Devon Hospice logo and various bingo balls with numbers like 42, 26, 15, 83, 7, 12, 30, 44.

NEWTON TRACEY AND  
HORWOOD CHURCHES EXTEND  
A WARM INVITATION TO HNTPS  
CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES  
TO JOIN THEM TO CELEBRATE  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL:**  
**NEWTON TRACEY CHURCH:**  
**SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER,**  
**9.30AM FOLLOWED BY:**

**SOUP AND ROLL**  
**HORWOOD CHURCH: SUNDAY**  
**28TH SEPTEMBER, 9.30AM**

**HARVEST SUPPER IN LOVACOTT**  
**VILLAGE HALL: FRIDAY 26TH**  
**SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM. FREE, BUT**  
LET KATE KNOW IF YOU ARE  
COMING (01271858268)

## 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/](https://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/SNCW7Szqqj>

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