

This week's whole
school attendance
rate is:
97.1

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 26th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we end the third full week of the term, it is so lovely to see how the children have settled so beautifully into their classes and engagement in learning is high across the school. This week in our whole school assembly we continued to discuss the importance of respect and how we can build positive relationships with each other, our adults in school and our families at home. One of the many topics discussed in our assembly this week was the importance of communication, and by sharing with others how we feel and how we are managing our feelings, we can be supported to manage big emotions when they arise. A big well done to those children who have talked through worries and concerns with adults this week. A massive thank you to our staffing team at HNTPS who are always striving to meet the needs of all our children across the school, enabling them to flourish.



Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who have contacted us regarding the booking system on Arbor for their parent consultations this week.

There have been a few technical issues with the Arbor App and so booking has been taking place via the Arbor website. Please do email us if you are having difficulties booking an appointment and we will contact Arbor on your behalf. Our parent consultations are an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in and the progress they are making across the curriculum. Our parent consultations will take place on the following dates, times may vary for different classes:

Nursery and Class 1 - Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October

Class 2 - Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October

Class 3 - Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 21st October

Class 4 - Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October



Please find attached to this week's newsletter our TEAM trust parent and carer code of conduct alongside a flow chart for parents to support you with communication with staff at HNTPS.



Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park

Class 2 had a fantastic visit to Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park on Tuesday this week. The weather was beautiful and we managed to squeeze so much in throughout the day. We saw a wide range of animals which we are looking forward to finding out more about in our science learning across this half term. The dinosaurs were hugely popular with the children, particularly the one that squirted all the water and made us all wet! We had the opportunity to feed the meerkats and watch the sea lion perform a range of tricks and skills with his trainer. We ended the day visiting the soft play area to burn off our last bit of energy before coming back to school. The rangers were impressed with how the children listened during their talk and behaved whilst moving around the park. Thank you to all our parents who came along on the day to help. We all had a brilliant time!



Year 2 Maths Challenge at Pilton Infants

On Wednesday this week, a small group of year 2 children went to Pilton Infants to take part in a maths challenge afternoon with a range of children from across our trust schools. It was a great opportunity for the children to use and apply their maths skills to solve worded problems as well as making new friends with other children from different schools. A huge thank you to Mrs Haynes the maths lead at Pilton Infants for organising the event and to Penelope's mum who came along to support with the visit. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were able to identify how their maths learning in class could be used to solve 'real life' problems.

Appledore Book Festival

We were very excited to welcome two authors from the Appledore Book Festival this week to visit HNTPS. On Wednesday class 3 and 4 had a visit from Dave Cousins who shared many of the illustrations with the children from his books. The children enjoyed the session and were keen to develop the skills they had learnt, thinking how this could support their current English learning. On Thursday morning, class 1 and 2 had a session with Simon James Green. The children were fascinated to hear the story and joined in with dancing and acting. We know that these sessions are hugely beneficial to all our children across the school. A huge thank you to Appledore Book Festival for their generous donation of the authors books, so every child can bring home their own copy of a book from the author who visited.



HOME LEARNING

Home Learning

As well as our daily reading at home, home learning is set for all children from year 1 - 6 each week. This will include a phonics/spelling activity and a piece of maths learning which the children would have covered in their lessons throughout the week. Please can we ask that parents encourage their children to complete this learning at home and return it to school as their maths learning is marked within their maths lessons the following week. Home learning is set each Friday and is accepted into school the following Tuesday. The children's home learning is a way for teachers to assess what the children have learnt and identify any misconceptions that need to be addressed. Many thanks for your continual support.

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

**BREAKFAST AND
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

OUR RULES

We take turns to speak

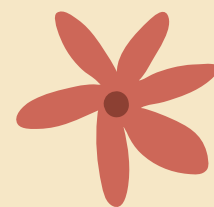
**We use kind and positive
words**

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 29th September 2025

Monday	• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place • Class 2 Toothcare Talk • Class 4: PE (please come to school in PE kits) • Football After-School Club: 3.30pm to 4.30pm • After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place
Tuesday	• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place • Year 3 Forest School • Collective worship assembly with Rev. Gary - Harvest 3pm • Netball After-School club: 3:30pm to 4:30pm • After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place
Wednesday	• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place • Class 2: PE (please come to school in PE kits) • After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place
Thursday	• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place • Year 4: Swimming (afternoon) • Reception and Nursery: Forest School in the afternoon • Karaoke After-School Club: 3.30pm to 4.30pm • After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place
Friday	• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place • Celebration Assembly at Lovacott Gospel Hall at 9.00am • Reception and Nursery: PE • After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place

Future dates for your diary....

6th October

Stories in the Dusk Workshop
Classes 3 and 4
Village Hall during the school day

10th 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.

22nd October

Harvest Festival at 2.30pm in Lovacott Gospel Hall -
families welcome to attend

4th November

Extra netball session to replace the cancelled session
on 16th September

11th 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.



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Our Harvest Festival

will be taking place on
Wednesday 22nd October at
2.30pm in Lovacott Gospel Hall
families welcome to attend



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 29th 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

1922 Punishment Book

Reasons for punishments:

persistent talking, carelessness in work, playing during lesson, continued lateness, bad language, throwing stones, breaking window of porch, playing during prayers, telling an untruth, annoying a child from the infant class, breaking an umbrella, stealing apples, throwing each others' caps on roof, kicking up dust in the playground, putting a pin in teacher's bicycle wheel.

Each child received 1 strike on the hand!



What have we been learning in class this week?

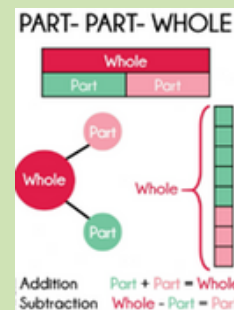
Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week, Class 1 have enjoyed comparing leaves by size, shape and colour. We have been doing lots of creative art with pastels, playdoh, and paint.



Class 2

We have had a busy week in class 2 this week. The children have enjoyed their visit to Combe Martin and their author visit this week. We have been using our photographs from the visit to help us write our recount of the day, remembering to use our time connectives. The children have also been developing their understanding of place value using a range of manipulatives and drawings in their maths books.



Class 3

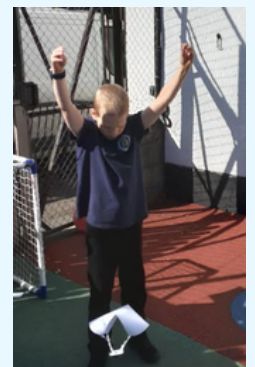
This week, Class 3 have been using number lines to represent numbers to 1000 & 10,000.

In literacy we've been continuing to work towards creating our own twisted tales and in history we've been finding out who Boudicca was and why she was famous. Our mosaics are coming along nicely and the children used tiles to create various images and patterns.



Class 4

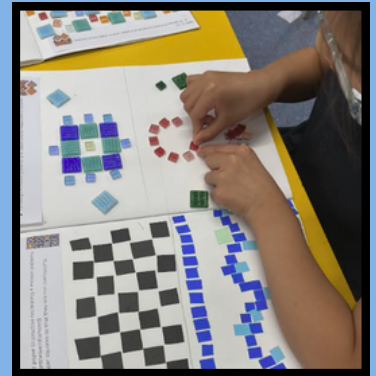
This week, class 4 enjoyed their air resistance investigation. They made 3 parachutes of different sizes and then timed them to see which size fell to the floor the slowest. They recorded their results in a table and discussed any anomalies.



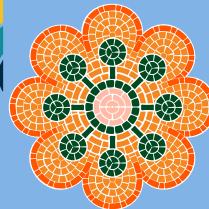
Class 3 Exploring Mosaic Artwork

September 2025

Class three are into the third week of exploring mosaics and on Friday we explore different patterns using tiles to create designs that we could possibly use for the coasters we will be making towards the end of term. The children were engrossed in this activity and Mrs. Gordon and I were very impressed with their artistic skills.

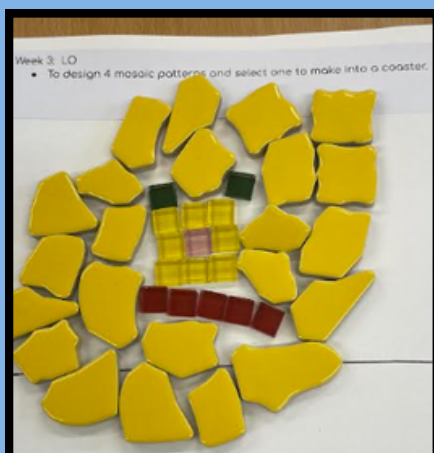


Emily: I liked making the patterns and seeing everyone's ideas.



Lilian: It was fun and interactive. I like being creative!

It was really fun because we had lots of different tiles and colours to find.



Class 3 & Class 4 Artist Visit

Dave Cousins - Appledore Book Festival

24th September 2025

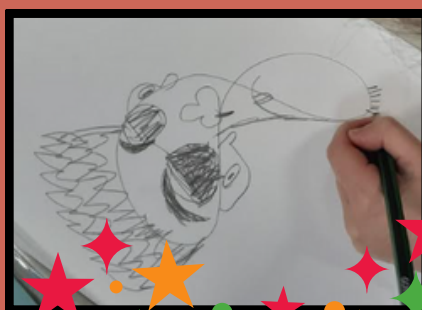
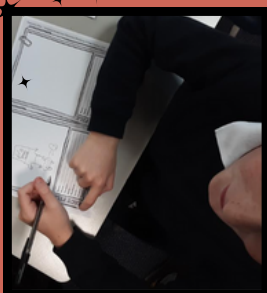


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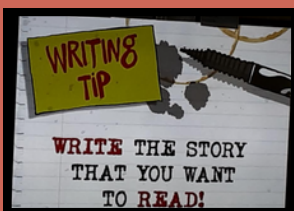
Tom: He was really fun
because he does
comics and I really like
comics!



Abel: I am really
looking forward to
reading my book



Joseph: It was fun
because we don't
usually get time to
draw in class.



Ziggy: I know how to
do lots of good
drawings and Dave has
inspired me to create
my own comic!

Osha: I absolutely
loved it!



Nancy: It is really fun -
I made a fun character
for my story!

Edie: The author had
lots of enthusiasm so
it was really
interesting!



Daniel: I really liked
making the faces out
of numbers, especially
the number 2



Class 2 Combe Martin Dinosaur Park Trip



Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Chyla: I liked looking at the baboons because they made funny noises.



Astrid: The sea lion show was so much fun. The sea lion did lots of tricks!



Amelia: I liked walking through the part of the park where the dinosaurs were moving and roaring!

Georgie: I liked looking at the Capybara, it was really big and very furry!



Morwenna: The park was brilliant. I liked playing with all my friends in the soft play.



Isla: The dinosaurs squirted water and made us all wet! It was great fun!



Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1	Freya for working really hard on her speech and language activities
Class 2	Rocco for fantastic responding to marking with his maths learning this week, well done!
Class 3	Amon for really focusing and concentrating in lessons
Class 4	Joseph for a beautiful piece of writing this week



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1	Harper-Leigh for showing great respect and manners to her friends and adults
Class 2	Georgie for always showing kindness and caring for others in our class, well done!
Class 3	Austin for showing such good manners towards peers and staff
Class 4	Molly for always being ready to listen to adults in school

Reading Basket - KS1	Curtis
Reading Basket - KS2	Daniel



Isaac, Imogen, Charlie, Amelia, Elise, Reemy, Joe, Emily, Seraphine, Darcie, Darcey, Reuben



Autumn



Class 2 small group Maths Challenge - Pilton Infants' School - Wednesday 24th September

Elliott: I really liked doing the challenges and I was proud of what I managed to achieve!

Angelic: I loved working together and meeting other children.

Clara: I loved doing the challenges and working as a team

Penelope: I used my maths' knowledge to answer the maths problems.

Alasdair: I really liked completing the maths challenge with a new friend from a different school.



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We currently have 4 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

TEACHING ASSISTANT & MTA
at Horwood and Newton
Tracey Community Primary
School

Cleaner at Pilton Bluecoat Church
of England Academy.

Cleaner at Pilton Infants'
Academy.



Cover Supervisor at Pilton
Bluecoat Church of England
Academy.

HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD DONATIONS

Donate food for the Freedom
Centre, Barnstaple

Please drop donations into school in time
for our harvest festival.

We hope to have as many donations
as possible with your help.



Notices...

October Parent Consultations



The Arbor online booking system for our
October parent consultations will open on:

Tuesday 23rd September at 6pm
and close on:

Tuesday 7th October at 6pm

Please book via your Arbor account to
secure a time slot for an appointment.



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

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Advanced Notice

Our meal charges are increasing:

From January 2026 - KS2 meals
will increase to £2.61



HNTPS MEALS AT



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

HNTPS SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



If parents require items of clothing,
please email uniform4hntps@yahoo.com

If you would like to donate items of
clothing that your child might have
grown out of, please leave your items
in the school office and we will get them
to the second hand uniform shop.

OUR ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM FOR BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE CLUB

IS AVAILABLE VIA
ARBOR ACCOUNTS

PLEASE PRE BOOK
YOUR REQUIRED
SESSIONS



DON'T MISS OUT
**15% OFF WITH
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Don't miss 15% off your school uniform orders*. Just click the button
below or enter code **SEP15** at checkout between 25-29 September.



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WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS

*Join Our
FRIENDS
(PTA) Group*

To join our group chat or for more
info, contact us on:-

Lisa - 07720277077
friendsofhntps@gmail.com



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



A vibrant blue poster for a bingo event. At the top, a lightbulb icon with a question mark is on the left, and the North Devon Hospice logo is on the right. The word 'BINGO' is written in large, colorful, stylized letters in the center. Surrounding the letters are several bingo balls with numbers: 42, 26, 15, 83, and 7. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER' and 'ALVERDISCOTT VILLAGE HALL'. Further down, it says 'DOORS OPEN 6.30PM', 'EYES DOWN 7.30PM', 'FREE REFRESHMENTS | RAFFLE', and 'GREAT PRIZES'. The purpose of the event is 'RAISING MONEY FOR MISSION: UNBREAKABLE NORTH DEVON HOSPICE'. It also states 'NO BOOKING REQUIRED' and provides contact information: 'FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT LINDSEY ON 07917 867620'. There are also some circular icons with numbers like 12, 30, and 44 at the bottom.

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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:

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A poster for free online training. The top section has a blue background with the text 'FREE ONLINE TRAINING' and 'ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT' in white. The NHS Oral Health Improvement Service logo is in the top right corner. Below this, the text 'SUPPORTING CHILDREN' is written in blue, followed by '(1.5 hour session)' and 'Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 6:30pm - 8:00pm'. A QR code is shown on the right. Below the QR code, there is a link to book the session: 'Book here: https://forms.office.com/e/SNCW7Szzqi'. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with the text 'A FREE online webinars for parents, teachers, and carers' in white. The bottom right corner shows the email 'rduh.ohesds@nhs.net' and the phone number '01392 405 705'.

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NHS Oral Health Improvement Service

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