

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 3rd October 2025



Dear parents and carers,



This week in our whole school assembly we discussed the importance of being 'ready to learn' when we come to school. The children thought about the reasons why someone may not be ready to learn and as a whole school we thought about strategies that we could use to ensure that we start off our day in the best way possible. A huge thank you to all the children for their sensible and thoughtful contributions to our discussion. It has been wonderful to hear that children have been approaching adults and friends when they are finding things tricky in order to receive help and support to enable them to be ready to learn.

Rev Gary Visit

It was lovely to invite Rev Gary to school this week who led a discussion about super heroes and why they are heroes. Rev Gary shared the story of Reverend Robert Hawker who was the first vicar to introduce Harvest to his community in 1843. The children finished the assembly by singing one of the many songs that Mrs Dorrell has been practicing with them for our Harvest celebration in the Gospel Hall on Wednesday 22nd October at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Collection for the Freedom Foodbank



Thank you, those families who have kindly sent in food donations, for the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple. A list of items was emailed with last week's newsletter. I plan to display the food donations in the Gospel Hall for our Harvest Celebration and then deliver the donations before the end of the half term to the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple. Please send any donations into school with your child/ren. Many thanks for your continued support.



School Leadership Teams



Our teams have begun their meetings and have thought about their plans for the year ahead. The Sports leaders have devised a new range of playground activities for everyone to engage in and it has been lovely to see the wide variety of activities available at lunchtimes and how active the children have been. Our School Council have brainstormed plans for running a new arts and crafts club at lunchtimes for children to enjoy. We also talked about how Tuck Shop could run this year and their plans for Children in Need and other ideas they would like to develop. Our librarians have been busy, tidying and sorting the library and plan to have their new 'Comic Club' up and running soon. Mrs Radley and Mrs French have been busy sourcing lots of daffodil blubs in readiness for the raised beds in the field with our eco warriors. Well done to all our children involved!



Class 2 Visit from the dental team

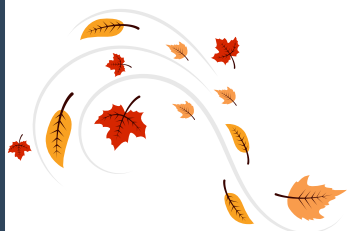
On Thursday this week, class 2 had a visit from the dental team in Plymouth. The dental nurse spoke to the children about the importance of cleaning their teeth and how long they should clean them for. The children were presented with a tooth paste pack and booklet following a presentation from the team.

HNTPS Citizenship Awards

Towards the end of last year, I was made aware of a citizenship award that had been devised by a previous head teacher at HNTPS. We believe that a Citizenship Award encourages positive behaviour, responsibility, and kindness from an early age. By recognising acts such as helping others, showing respect, or contributing to the school community, the scheme builds children's confidence and reinforces the value of good citizenship. It also motivates pupils to develop empathy, teamwork, and leadership skills, creating a supportive and inclusive environment where children learn that their actions can make a real difference. We hope to share with you our new revised Citizenship Award that all the children can engage in, which we hope to launch after the half term break.



Autumn





Tuck Shop

We would like to continue with our tuck shop this year and the School Council team will be collaborating with our Eco Warriors to order a range of things for our sensory garden, now that all of our building works have been completed. As a cashless school, we would like to invite parents to pay for their child/ren's tuck shop treats through our Arbor system. This will be set up for a full half term, which will prevent the school storing money on the premises and parents rummaging around for 50p each Friday morning. The Arbor payment system will be set up by Monday next week, allowing parents to make a payment of £3.50, which will cover the 7 weeks of the second half of the autumn term. The last date for making payments will be Thursday 6th November, with the first tuck shop beginning on Friday 7th November. I have spoken to the school council team this week, who will be placing their orders for sweets and treats through our online ordering systems.

Home Learning and Reading Expectations

Please remind your child/ren to bring in their home learning each Tuesday as this is marked within the lessons and any misconceptions reviewed with the children. This is also a valuable time for the adults to assess the children's understanding and provide any keep up sessions if necessary. We encourage all children to read every night. Reading books and reading record books need to come to school everyday so they can be completed by adults who read with children in school. Many thanks for your continued support.



Celebration Assembly

Due to our whole school visit to the Plough Theatre next week, there will not be a celebration assembly on Friday in the Gospel Hall. Children who have been awarded their certificates next week, will receive them in the following week's celebration assembly.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook





What's on...?

W/C 6th October 2025



Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place• Class 4: PE (please come to school in PE kits)• Stories in the Dusk Workshop Classes 3 and 4, Village Hall during the school day• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place• Year 3 Forest School• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place• 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.• Reception and Nursery: PE• After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place

Future dates for your diary....

21 st October	Walk and talk event with Carrie-Anne, family support worker. Meet at school at 9.00am, coffee in school at 9.30am. Everyone welcome!!
22 nd October	Harvest Festival at 2.30pm in Lovacott Gospel Hall - families welcome to attend
24 th October	The Spook-tacular Squash Off - pumpkin carving competition - best design wins a prize. Be sure to write your child's name and year group on the pumpkin.
4 th November	Extra netball session to replace the cancelled session on 16 th September
6 th November	Extra Karaoke club session to replace the cancelled session on 16 th October
11 th November	Remembrance Service at 10.30am in Lovacott Gospel Hall
11 th November	Extra netball session to replace the cancelled session on 30 th September
14 th November	Children in Need - details to follow
21 st November	Tempest Photography - Individual portraits.
26 th November	Flu Immunisation Team in school
9 th December	Nursery and Class 1 (only) : Nativity Performance at 1.30pm
10 th December	Nursery and Class 1: Nativity Performance at 9.00am Class 2: Xmas Performance at 10.00am, following Nursery & Class 1 performance Class 2 (only) Xmas Performance at 5.00pm
11 th December	Friends Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto in the Village Hall at 3.30pm
17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day, including Christmas Dinner and a special visit from Santa and his Elf
19 th Christmas	Christmas Party Lunch - party clothes



Children's Achievements



Well done Astrid for gaining your 5 metre swimming certificate!



Congratulations to Curtis for being player of the day at last Saturday's football match!




FRIENDS OF HNTPS

We have a new Facebook Page!!!

Like and Follow our page for updates on events and news:-

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61581474455176>

We have welcomed some lovely new faces to our fundraising group this week - but continue to look for more volunteers. For more info contact Lisa :-

friendsofhntps@gmail.com
07720277077

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 have we been learning in class this week?

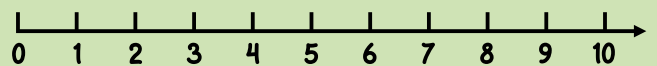
Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have been thinking about hedgehogs and Autumn. We noticed it is chilly in the morning and evening and we found out that hedgehogs are getting ready for a long winter sleep called hibernation. We have made hedgehog bread rolls and we enjoyed the story "The Helpful hedgehog"



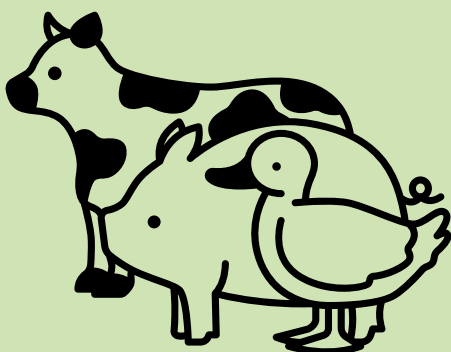
Class 2

Class 2 have been exploring Polar Habitats this week in our science lesson. We investigated what animals do to adapt to their environment including what homes they live in and what they eat. In maths, we have been looking at how we estimate plotting numbers on a numberline.



Class 3

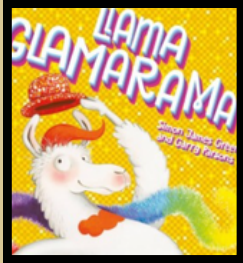
Class 3 have enjoyed investigating skeletons. We've been looking at how animals are classified and sorting them into groups of our own. In literacy, we have begun our final write. In maths, we have been learning to round to the nearest 10 and 100.



Class 4

This week in class 4 we have been busy writing our cliff-hanger narratives. The children have relished the chance to try and frighten us with their descriptions and have produced some really interesting stories. We are now working on improving our editing skills and ensuring capital letters and full stops are used correctly as well as other punctuation for parenthesis and relative clauses.





Nursery, Class 1 & Class 2 Artist Visit

Simon James Green - Appledore Book Festival

25th September 2025



Maddie: I liked the story

Emilia: The end
was happy!



Penelope: We
got to wear
funny clothes!



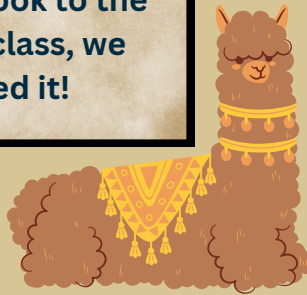
Olivia: I loved it when he
dressed up and was
funny

Reuben: it was all exciting!

Charlotte: I dressed up
in big glasses and a
feather boa

Alexander: He made a
good story up

Jorgie: The author
read a book to the
whole class, we
loved it!



A huge thank you
to Simon James
Green for making
it such a great
experience!



Theo: It was fun,
the class were so
quiet!



Charlie: It was good
when the Llama told
everyone he loved
dancing



Class 2 - Peninsula Dental Visit

2nd October 2025



Today, Class 2 had an Open Wide Step Inside 45-minute teaching session which included a 15-minute animated film about Geoffrey the Giant who doesn't like to look after his teeth and has never visited the dentist!

With the help of his friends Geoffrey learns some important key oral health messages which are vital to help keep his mouth and teeth healthy. Following the film there was an interactive session engaging with the children, instilling important key messages around oral health.



Clara - you need to brush your teeth 2 times a day.

Martha - my Daddy fixes teeth and takes care of ours.

Every child has received a goody bag to take home containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, 2-minute timer and information for parents. Each child also received the 'Open Wide Step Inside' story book, which can support reading at home.

Noah - I know you have to brush your teeth for 2 minutes.





Pupil Learning Awards This Week

STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Class 1 & Nursery	Shania for coming into Nursery so well and being an all round superstar!
Class 2	George for a fantastic first week at HNTPS
Class 3	Jude for starting his work quickly and being ready to learn
Class 4	Seraphine for fantastic writing this week



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO



Class 1 & Nursery	Olivia for always making good choices
Class 2	Amelia for always being kind and caring towards others in the classroom and on the playground
Class 3	Lilian for being an asset to our school. Always doing your best and using good manners
Class 4	Carter for supporting his friends in the classroom

Reading Basket - KS1	Georgie
Reading Basket - KS2	Edie



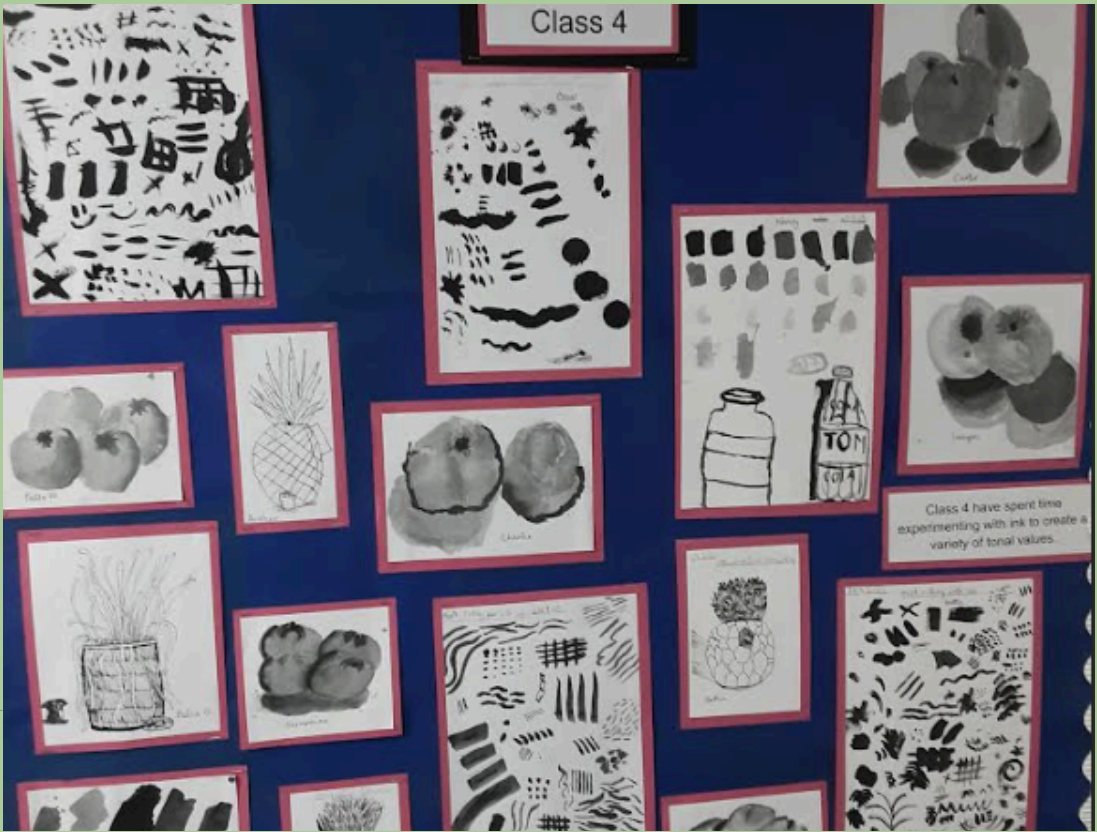
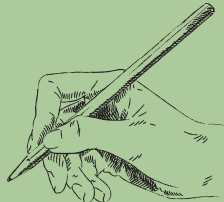
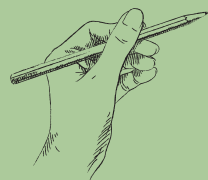
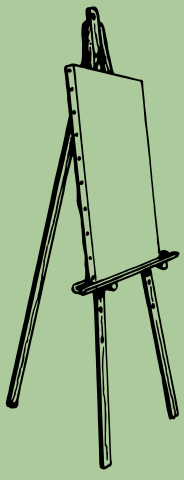
Charlie C, Harper-Leigh, Freya, Maddison, Charlotte, Alexander, Olivia, Emilia, Adam, Alfie, Yana, Sofia, Nancy, Henry, Hattie, Edie, Eben, Carter, Bella W, Ayden R, Aria, Arthur, Blake, Reemy, Isabelle, Laith, Amelia, Elle, Georgie G



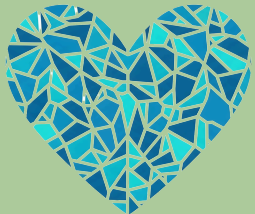
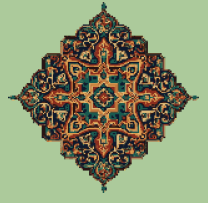
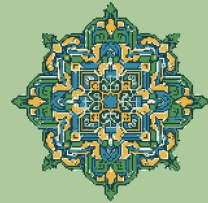
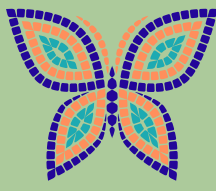
Darcie



Class 4 - Inky Still Life drawings



Class 3 & 4 - Mosaic Art



Class 2 Computer Lesson - Thursday 2nd October



In computing, we have been exploring Purple Mash. We have created some funny avatars and adventurous meals so far!

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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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 2 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

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

Teaching Assistant at Pilton
Infants' Academy





Dear Parents and Carers,

Help us improve how we communicate with you - we value your views!

We are currently reviewing our marketing and communication strategies across TEAM Multi-Academy Trust. We know how important clear, timely and accessible communication is, when it comes to supporting your child's education and keeping you informed.

We use a variety of platforms to share information, from websites and newsletters to social media and direct emailing but we want to make sure these are working for *you*. To help us better understand your preferences, what's working well and where we could improve, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short questionnaire.

Your feedback will play a key role in shaping how we market and communicate across the Trust moving forward. The survey includes questions about how you currently receive updates, which channels you find most helpful and what you'd like to see more of, particularly on our websites and social media platforms.

To complete the survey, please click the link below:

<https://forms.gle/6YcRGXN98LixbqKS9>

The survey will remain open until **Friday 31st October 2025** and all responses will be treated confidentially.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Sam Stobbs & Michelle Sampson

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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...

HNTPS MEALS AT



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

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



Unfortunately, due to
parent consultations,
the Karaoke Afterschool
Club session on Thursday
16th October will be
cancelled.

To make up for this, the
session will be replaced on
Thursday 6th November.

Thank you



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



Arbor

HNTPS

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
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 6th October 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

6th September 1943

During the week-end, the remainder of the Canteen equipment arrived so school dinners began today. 24 children had the meal. Mrs Vodden of Lovacott began her duties as helper. Improvised washing up arrangements are being made until the sink is installed.

24th May 1946

Empire Day. National Anthem sung. Simple talk on Colonies given including help given by colonists to Mother Country during War.

10th June 1946

The 'Women's Institute' stove was left burning in the school cloakroom all night after their meeting.



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

Libraries Unlimited

TORRINGTON LIBRARY

HALF TERM SPIKE LEGO WORKSHOP

Monday 27th October 2025
10.00am - 12.00pm
£3 per child. Age 6+

A fun workshop using SPIKE LEGO. A STEAM-based tool from LEGO that includes bricks, sensors, motors and wires to make robots and other projects.

To Book: Call 01805 622107 or visit Torrington Library

Arts Council England

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)

NHS Oral Health Improvement Service

Devon

FREE ONLINE TRAINING ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

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

Book here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/SNCW7Szqqi>

A FREE online webinars for parents, teachers, and carers

rduh.ohesdsenhs.net 01392 405 705

Libraries Unlimited

The Secret Keeper
With Araceli Puppetry
Torrington Library | 25 October | 11-1pm 2-4pm | £3

Step into a world where nature tells the story. Begin your journey with The Secret Keeper, a magical puppetry performance and then join us for the Spirit in Nature Workshop, where you'll create your own characters using natural materials.

Find out more and to book your place, please contact Torrington Library or go to discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk/whats-on

Arts Council England

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/

NHS

EXETER LIVE BETTER