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school attendance  
rate is:  
**97.3%**

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# HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th October 2025



Dear parents and carers,

This week began by introducing the children to our new sensory circuit installed in the playground. With help from our enthusiastic sports leaders, the children were shown how to use the stations that encourage a range of movements that help support their sensory needs. The circuit has already been a huge success with many of our children who have come to share with me their favourite parts and the impact it is having on their body. A huge thank you to Simon and Rosa, our maintenance team, who spent time on Monday morning installing the plaques around the playground for all the children across the school to enjoy.

## Harvest Celebration

It was lovely to hear the beautiful singing from the children this week in preparation for our Harvest celebration on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Within the celebration the children will be sharing autumn poems, artwork and information about the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple where we will be sending all our food donations. Thank you to all those families who have already kindly donated a range of foods that are currently displayed in the front lobby. Any donations will be greatly received and can be sent into school with your child/ren over the next week. I plan to take all donations to the freedom centre in the last week of term. Please can we ask that parents refer to the list of preferred foods shared from the Freedom Centre emailed to parents a few weeks ago. Many thanks for your continued support.





### School Improvement Visit

Yesterday, we were joined by colleagues within TEAM who came to meet with myself and observe the teaching and learning across the school. These are hugely supportive visits that provide an opportunity to share good practice, reflection and discussion on the school's next steps on our on continual journey.

We were extremely proud of our children who conducted themselves beautifully, demonstrating the qualities of respect we have been exploring through our weekly assemblies with our visitors. A massive thank you to our dedicated staffing team who work incredibly hard to support all our children to be the best they can be.

### Celebration assembly

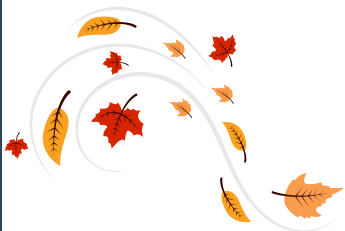
We will be sharing our certificate winners this week in next week's assembly due to our visit to the Theatre this morning. Please do check you emails towards the end of next week as we will have double certificates to present to each class.



### After School Club

Our well attended after school club provides a range of activities for our children to enjoy as well a well-deserved snack and drink at the end of a busy day. The children have been enjoying using our construction equipment, colouring, reading and as the weather continues to remain dry, we are making the most of our outdoor space to play team games and use a range of equipment to develop individual skills. To book your child into a session, please log onto our Arbor system. Sessions can be booked for one or two hours across the week (3:30-4:30 or 3:30-5:30pm). Please be aware that sessions need to be pre-booked so staff are informed of the number of children they have attending the session. If for any reason you need to book your child onto a session, it would be helpful if you contact the school office before 12pm so we can update our attendance lists.

Autumn



## Parent Consultations

Staff are looking forward to meeting with parents next week in our parent consultation evenings. Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for a meeting. If you would like to arrange an appointment outside of these meetings, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

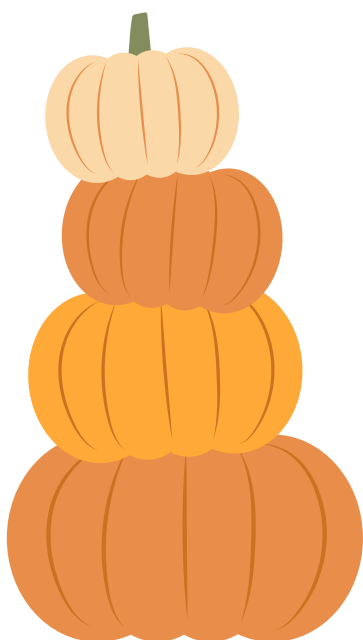


## Morning Smart Start

Just to remind all our families that we have a smart start to our mornings. This enables staff to work closely on key skills with small groups of children to support them either with previous learning to embed key skills or pre-teach skills they may need to support their learning in class that day. Our gates open at 8:50am and close at 9am, providing time to begin these sessions with the children. Any children arriving after this time will need to go through the main front door to be registered. We would be grateful if parents will support us to support their children with a smart start to everyday.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Cook*



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# What's on...?

W/C 13th October 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>• 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><li>• Parent Consultations 3.50pm to 6.00pm</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>• Reading Workshop for Reception Parents at 3pm</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>• <b>CANCELLED</b> Karaoke After-School Club</li><li>• After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place</li><li>• Parent Consultations 3.50pm to 6.00pm</li></ul>
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# Future dates for your diary....

21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Festival at 2.30pm in Lovacott Gospel Hall - families welcome to attend
24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November	Extra netball session to replace the cancelled session on 16 <sup>th</sup> September
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Extra Karaoke club session to replace the cancelled session on 16 <sup>th</sup> October
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at 10.30am in Lovacott Gospel Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Extra netball session to replace the cancelled session on 30 <sup>th</sup> September
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - details to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Tempest Photography - Individual portraits.
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation Team in school
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Class 1 (only) : Nativity Performance at 1.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto in the Village Hall at 3.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day, including Christmas Dinner and a special visit from Santa and his Elf
19 <sup>th</sup> Christmas	Christmas Party Lunch - party clothes



# Children's Achievements



Massive well done to Archie for competing against Exeter city for his football tournament and scoring a goal ⚽



Massive well done to Archie and Curtis representing their school running in the Bremco cross country run at Kingsley on Sunday. 🏃♂️🏃♂️  
Fantastic running from both the boys being the youngest at 6 yrs in the under 9 age group 🏃♂️

**A very special well done to Curtis for showing good sportsmanship around the course by checking in and making sure a fellow runner was ok and made friends with the little boy on the way round.**



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](mailto:friendsofhntps@gmail.com)  
07720277077

## HNTPS READING WORKSHOP for Reception Parents



Date: Wednesday 15th October

Time: 3:00 PM Reception Classroom



# What have we been learning in class this week?

## Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have been outdoors enjoying the dry weather. We have played on our new equipment and worked on our balance bike skills.



## Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been exploring desert habitats. The children looked at a wide range of animals that live in the desert and investigated how they adapt to live in hot, sandy conditions. We compared this to the polar habitats we explored last week. Our story plans are all ready to begin our own versions of Where The Wild Things Are next week. We can't wait to share our stories with you.



## Class 3

This week in class three, we have been learning about the legacies left to us by the Romans such as under ground heating, roads, buildings and much more. The children have been typing up their twisted tales which are coming along nicely and we will edit these next week ready to share at our next book and biscuit event. In art, we have used grout to secure our mosaic tiles into our coasters. They look spectacular! Finally in maths we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10,100,1000 and 10,000! The children have been working very hard to succeed in this so a huge well done to everybody.



## Class 4

We have spent this week looking at adding and subtracting integers using the column method. Children have been explaining the reason we carry numbers into the next column and why we exchange when subtracting. They have shown great mastery in their abilities to share their thinking and explain their methods to others. Being able to explain their mathematical thinking helps to develop and deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts - this is something we do on a regular basis in our maths lessons.



# TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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We currently have 2 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Cover Supervisor at Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

Teaching Assistant (Maternity Cover) at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025** and all responses will be treated confidentially.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*Sam Stobbs & Michelle Sampson*

**TEAM Multi-Academy Trust | Central Team**



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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...

### Our Remembrance Service

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

All welcome



## 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 SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



If parents require items of clothing, please email [uniform4hntps@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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



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

IS AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR ACCOUNTS PLEASE PRE BOOK YOUR REQUIRED SESSIONS



## SCHOOL COUNCIL'S FRIDAY TUCK SHOP



Please pay £3.50 via your Arbor account

This covers Friday 7th November - Friday 19th December

All funds raised will go towards our Sensory Garden

## HNTPS Our Harvest Festival

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



## 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



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

29th February 1944

Nature ramble at 1.30pm. Returned at 3pm. Catkins and spring flowers arranged in classroom.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1948

A half holiday has been granted today to mark the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Wedding.

1<sup>st</sup> April 1949

Gift of eggs collected for N.Devon Infirmary amounting to 330 sent in the name of school today. Thanks are due to parents; Managers and Friends who helped the children make the appeal such a success.



# Forest School Activities

## W/C 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Class 1

Darcey: I hear birds talking

Reuben: I like hearing the trees and the leaves blowing

Olivia: I like it because I sit near the fairy house. Sometimes I hear the fairies

Harper-Leigh: I like looking at the grass

Emilia: I like watching the leaves fall down

Adam: I like listening to the wind

Charlie: I like digging holes with sticks

Madison: We have 5 minutes and sometimes we find the magic marmite pot!



Every week at Forest School we begin with a 3 to 6 minute mindful observation session. Children are guided to find a comfortable 'sit spot' (a log, a tree trunk or a special place) to pause and observe.

The children are encouraged to use their senses to notice what they can hear, see, feel and smell in the environment. This activity boosts self awareness, emotional regulation and focus by connecting children to the present moment, ultimately improving their overall mental wellbeing.

### Class 3

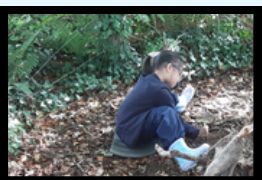
Theo: I like digging in the mud and it keeps me quiet. I dig and dig and dig

Harper: I like our relax time listening to the birds. It's calm and peaceful

Daniel: It's just perfect. We sit down and listen, it's so calm

Joe: Sitting by myself helps my energy levels calm down and I connect with nature

Lilian: I like mindfulness because I can listen to the nice sounds around me



# Class 3 & 4 Theatre Workshop

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025



Class 3 and 4 took part in a workshop prior to their trip to watch *Stories in the Dust* at the Plough Arts' Centre on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. They thought carefully about Climate Change and their thoughts and feelings around this. They presented their ideas through song, plays, news reports and comics. It was an interesting and thought-provoking day.



**Edie:** I enjoyed voting on different things. I've learnt that littering can hurt lots of animals!



**Sofia:** I enjoyed the rock, paper, scissors game. I learned how the weather has changed because of Climate Change.



**Charlie:** I enjoyed learning about turtles and I learned plastic takes up to 100 years to decompose.



**Tom:** I learned that nappies take a really long time to decompose - longer than you think!



**Isaac:** I enjoyed moving around for different questions. I learned that lots of clothes have plastic in them!

# 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.

## 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

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Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
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