

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 17th October 2025



Dear parents and carers,

This week we have come together as a whole school to reflect on this half term's school focus of 'Respect'. I spent time speaking to the children about the life of Nelson Mandela. As a school we discussed the hardships he endured to enable all people, regardless of the colour of their skin, to be treated fairly and equally. The children



also reflected on how, even though he had been put in prison for choosing to stand up for equal rights, Nelson Mandela was able to forgive and respect those who had treated him unfairly. We have seen various examples of respect shown both in and out of the classroom this half term and the children are

able to discuss how their behaviour and actions can impact those around them. Next half term, we will explore resilience and what it means to be a resilient learner and how we can develop resilience within ourselves to manage big feelings when we find things challenging.

Parent Consultations

A huge thank you to all our parents who came along to our parent consultation evenings this week. The meeting with your child's class teacher was an opportunity to discuss how they have settled into their new school year, friendships and relationships with others as well as their engagement with their learning in lessons. If you were unable to make the evenings this week, please do speak to your child/ren's class teacher to arrange a convenient appointment time.



Sport Leaders Assembly

I just wanted to thank our sports leaders who led a great assembly for all the children this week. They shared lots of the new equipment that Mrs Hopkins had purchased for the playground and reminded the children how to use it safely and sensibly. They also shared their daily timetable of sports to ensure that there are a wide range of activities for all the children to enjoy on the playground. As the weather remains dry, we are making the most of the village field where the children can practice and develop their team skills in football and rugby as well as enjoying the play equipment.

The Spook-tacular Squash off

As we approach our half term break, we are inviting the children to take part in our pumpkin carving competition. The children need to bring in their



carved pumpkin master pieces on Thursday next week.

There will be a prize for the best carved pumpkin from each class, and a small treat for all those taking part. We hope to share the winning pumpkins in next week's celebration assembly. Mrs Humphries and Mrs Robinson are looking forward to seeing the all the pumpkins in school and will have the hard task of choosing just one

winner from each class!



Harvest Celebration

We are looking forward to our families and community joining us for our harvest celebration on Wednesday afternoon at 2:45pm. I plan to bring the generous food donations to the Freedom Centre on Thursday. If you would like to donate a range of food items shared in previous newsletters, please can we ask that these arrive to the school before Wednesday. Many thanks to those families who have already sent in donations.

Mental Health Awareness Day

YOUNGmINDS

Last Friday many schools across the trust took part in the Young Minds Campaign, which focuses on

raising awareness and support for looking after our mental health. As we had already booked a fantastic whole school visit to The Plough theatre, that everyone was able to enjoy, we plan to host a mental health awareness day at school next Friday. As part of the day, the children are invited to wear their own clothes to school, and hopefully include some yellow in their outfits (no charge for this). Through our PHSE lessons we plan to explore and discuss what we can do as individuals and as a whole class to look after and support our mental health. For more information about Young minds charity and how to support children's mental health, please visit their website:

www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/

With our fantastic FRIENDS event at Air Extreme planned as an end of half term get together, the children will already be in their clothes ready to let off some steam and burn off energy doing some physical exercise, which we all know is so good for a healthy mind and body! Tickets are still available for this event and can be purchased by the end of today via The Friends - please see the newsletter for more information.



Autumn





Update from the School Council

Next week, our School Council will be talking to the children about two charity events they would like to support next half term. The first is the Shoe Box appeal. We hope that each child across the school and bring in one small item to create a few shoe boxes of gifts that will be donated to children around the world in time for Christmas. The second charity they would like to support is Children in Need. In our meeting this week, the children brainstormed a range of activities they would like to lead during our Children in Need day on Friday 14th November. The children will be sharing their updates in next week's newsletter.

We have noticed a wide range of toys and teddys coming to school and into classrooms over the last couple of weeks. We kindly ask that these items stay at home to prevent them getting lost or broken whilst at school. We have a wide range of equipment that children can enjoy in school and share with others. Many thanks for your support with this.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

**COME ALONG TO OUR
WALK AND TALK
EVENT**



**ON TUESDAY,
WITH CARRIE-ANNE,
OUR FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER
MEET AT SCHOOL AT 9.00AM
COFFEE IN SCHOOL AT 9.30AM
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**HNTPS
MULTIPLICATION
TABLES CHECK
WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS
OF YEAR 4 PUPILS**

**WEDNESDAY
12TH NOVEMBER
2.50PM**

Join us to learn about how the
Multiplication Tables Check works
and how to best support your child

1	2	3	4	5
2	4	6	8	10
3	6	9	12	15
4	8	12	16	20
5	10	15	20	25

**HNTPS
SPOOKTACULAR
SQUASH OFF**



Bring your named spooktacularly
carved pumpkins into school on Thursday
There will be a prize for the best carved
pumpkin and a small treat for those taking
part
Everyone welcome!

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

The online store for year 6 leaver hoodies is now open as per the email sent this week. All orders must be made by 11pm on Sunday 2nd November.

A reminder also that the name on the back of the hoodie should be the child's name not a nickname as it is part of the school uniform.



What's on...?

W/C 20th October 2025



Monday	• 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) • 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 • Walk and talk event with Carrie-Anne, family support worker. Meet at school at 9.00am, coffee in school at 9.30am. Everyone welcome!! • 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 • Parent Consultations - class 3
Wednesday	• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place • Harvest Festival at 2.30pm in Lovacott Gospel Hall - families welcome to attend • 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 • 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 • Wear Yellow to help us raise awareness for mental health • 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. • Reception and Nursery: PE • After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place

Future dates for your diary....

4 th November	Extra netball session to replace the cancelled session on 16 th September
5 th November	Cross Country event at High Bickington - parents of children attending will be informed in due course
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
12 th November	Multiplication Tables Check workshop for parents of Year 4 children
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





Pupil Learning Awards This Week



Nursery/ Class 1	Alfie for knowing about the different parts of a tree and finding them in the woods Emilia for being a willing and steady member of the class
Class 2	Phoebe for a brilliant story based on 'Where the Wild Things Are' Penelope for always challenging herself in all areas of the curriculum
Class 3	Remi for settling in so well with his learning Lilian for her fantastic story of the Pussycat Warrior
Class 4	Willow for great participation in our jigsaw lessons Darcie for always producing excellent work
	
Nursery/ Class 1	Freya for super listening and focus in phonics work Madison for settling into her new class and learning new rules
Class 2	Isla for continuing to be a fantastic friend to others in the classroom Astrid for always considering the thoughts and feelings of others
Class 3	Teddy for being respectful to his friends Ronnie for using his manners when asking and being kind to his friends
Class 4	William for always being kind and polite to friends and the adults Yana for being a supportive friend
Reading Basket - KS1	Well done to Ayda
Reading Basket - KS2	Well done to Isaac



Oliver, William, Theo L, George, Thomas, Joseph W, Aiden, Lily, Ginnie, Willow, Oscar, Flo, Alasdair, Angelic, Archie, Astrid, Athena, Ayda, Betty, Chyla, Clara, Curtis, Elliott, Finley, Isla, Jorgie, Kara, Lottie, Martha, Morwenna, Niamh, Noah, Penelope, Phoebe, Rocco, Theo M, Theodore, George, Abel, Austin, Osha, Wilfred, Amon, Ziggy, Daniel, Louis, Ronnie,

Seraphine, Molly, Imogen, Charlie W, Bella G, Aria, Amelie, Joe, Emily,





Children's Achievements



AWESOME!

Well done Archie playing in the whirlwind mini tour and winning his last tennis match 🎾 And also scoring a great goal in his football tournament against Braunton and Ilfracombe ⚽



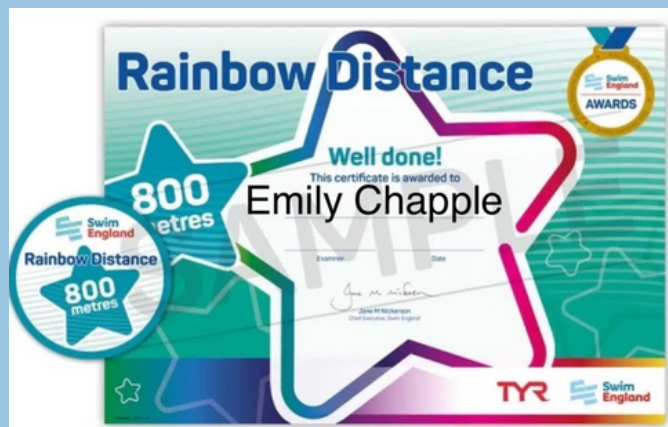
GREAT JOB!

It was the annual Beaver Scout quiz on Saturday and our colony - 1st Tawstock came 2nd in the quiz (by 1 point!) and 1st in the diorama, which was themed as, "Life in the Countryside" 🎉🎉



A huge well done to Emily for pushing herself exceptionally hard at swimming achieving her 800 meters badge - 32 lengths of the pool!
Doubling her previous record of 400 meters !!

AMAZING!



What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

We have been practicing hard for our Harvest Festival piece. In maths, we've had a big focus on one more and one less.



Class 2

This week we have been using our phonics skills and creative flair to create our own wonderful imaginative stories based on our class text 'Where the Wild Things Are', we hope to share these with children in class 1 next week. Our maths lessons have explored how we can use a systematic approach when creating number bonds, ensuring that we have created all the number sentences for each number. The children have also been creative using pastels to create fantastic pictures of autumn pumpkins that we will share at our harvest celebration next week.



Class 3

This week class 3 have been finishing our mosaics using crystal grout. The children are looking forward to bringing them home at half term. In Maths we have been learning about the Roman Number System and writing different numbers in Roman Numerals. In literacy our stories are currently being typed up and edited ready for our final draft. These will be collated into a 'Class 3 Storybook' which will be placed in the library. As Year 4 head into their final week of swimming next week, Mrs Gordon and I would like to say well done to the children who have improved their water-based skills and demonstrated our school values.



Class 4

This week we have been learning to draw autumn fruits. We used the flow drawing technique and oil pastels to produce vibrant and colourful results.



TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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

Specialist SEND Teaching Assistant
at Beaford Community Primary &
Nursery School

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant at
Horwood and Newton Tracey
Community Primary School

Cover Supervisor at Witheridge
Church of England Primary
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...

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

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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.

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 20th 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

19th January 1945

Two slates from school roof dislodged during night by high wind - result is a hole in the roof of girls' cloakroom - have informed Reverend C.S. Powell

7th October 2025

The children brought gifts for their own Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The Rector attended, and spoke to the children. Later the gifts were taken to the Alexander Hospital for the old people there.



Classes 1-4 Theatre Performance

Friday 10th October 2025

Imogen: I really enjoyed it - it was really friendly and fun. I really loved meeting the actors - they were cool.



Bella W: Very nice and I loved the singing. I liked how they used the trolley. It wasn't what I was expecting but it was great.

CLIMATE
change

Alexander:
The play was
good and
interesting



Charlie: it was very
interesting and raised
awareness of Climate
Change.



Olivia: I liked
going on the
big bus and
seeing the
show

Save
the
Earth

Darcie F: I
found the
play funny at
times



Henry: I loved how they
used the blue material
to make it look like an
Ocean - The trolley
looked like a ship.



Charlotte: I
was sad when
they had no
water

Emily: 'It was fun and
I liked how they
actually ate real food
and how we got to go
and look in the trolley
at the end and see
what they used.

Blake: It was
really interesting
and really good
and funny.

Remi: I thought
they were very
sneaky when they
put the blower
under the big blue
sheet. I loved it!

Madison: I was a bit
scared at the
beginning of the loud
noises. It was funny
when the girls fell out

Harper: It was good
because when they
unhooked the trolleys, the
water flew up. It was
calming and I liked it when
it was dark





Join us for our end of term Halloween at Air Extreme!!

Numbers are limited so get your spaces booked today.

Booking deadline: Friday 17th October 2025

Please note that parents will be required to stay with their children during the event. All participants will be required to complete the standard Air Extreme Waiver Form.

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HALLOWEEN AT**

**ON FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
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Community News...

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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
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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



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 :-
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