

This week's whole
school attendance
rate is:
97.4%

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HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 24th October 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of this half term. It has been an extremely busy half term with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum, trips out to enhance our learning, visitors coming into school and celebrating the children's successes through our weekly celebration assemblies. The children have been fantastic, and on the whole have managed and conducted themselves beautifully throughout the half term. For many a well-deserved break is definitely what they need, enjoying some rest and quality family time during the half term holidays.



Harvest Celebration

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends who came along to our Harvest Celebration on Wednesday afternoon. It was so lovely to hear the children's prayers of thanks, autumn poems, and the story of bread and find out the many different services offered by the freedom centre. I'm sure you would agree the children's singing was fantastic, and definitely had everybody moving. A massive thank you to our staff in preparing the children for the celebration.

Operation Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

In Monday's assembly, I shared information about the Christmas shoe box appeal. The children were able to watch a short video of children across the world receiving their shoe boxes and the joy and excitement it brought others. As a school we would like to create some class shoe boxes that we can pass onto the local Church so that we all can provide some Christmas cheer to others around the world this Christmas. In order to create our class shoe boxes, we would like each child to bring in a small item that can be sent in a shoe box. A leaflet will come home with each family which will have information about the gifts that can be donated. The classes have decided on the following age groups:



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| Class 1 | 2-4 year old girl and boy |
| Class 2 | 5-9 year old girl and boy |
| Class 3 | 5-9 year old girl and boy |
| Class 4 | 10-14 year old girl and boy |

Boxes will be set up in each classroom after the holidays to collect donations. The School Council will then box up the items ready for collection. Please can we ask that all donations are sent into school by Friday 7th November (first Friday back after the holidays). This will enable school council to organise the boxes ready for collection at the beginning of the following week.



Children in Need Fund Raising

The School council have been busy preparing their activities for our Children in Need day on Friday 14th November. They plan to sell cakes on the day for 50p (any donations of cakes to school nearer the time would be warmly welcomed) and children can wear either their own clothes or their PJs to school for a £1 donation. At lunchtime, they plan to have a variety of activities for the children across the school to enjoy. All donations to school can be done through using the QR code which will be sent out to parents via email before the big day.

Poppy Appeal

We have managed to secure a box of 100 poppies for the children to wear during our remembrance service on Tuesday 11th November at 10:30am. Information on how you can make a small donation for the poppy will be shared in our newsletter after the half term break.



Pumpkin Carving Competition

A huge thank you to all our children (and parents) for their beautifully carved and decorated pumpkins. We have had an array of pumpkins delivered to school across the week, and Mrs Humphries and Mrs Robinson have had the difficult decision of choosing one winner from each class. Thank you to everyone for their amazing entries!

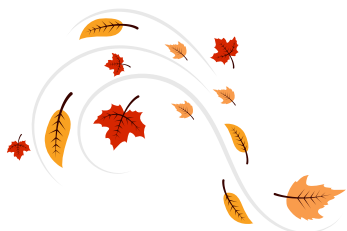
HNT Citizenship Award

At HNT we believe that citizenship is important because it encourages and recognizes positive behaviour, kindness, and a sense of responsibility within the school and the wider community. By celebrating our children who demonstrate respect, cooperation, honesty, and empathy, we aim to promote strong moral values and a caring school culture. It teaches our children that being a good citizen is just as valuable as academic success, and it motivates others to act with integrity and contribute positively to their surroundings. Staff have been working on developing the age appropriate key skills we would like our children to achieve by the end of each year. Today, each child was given a copy of their citizenship passport that they could begin to use over the half term holidays. We are hoping that parents can share photographs and children's learning towards their awards through our class dojo platform. More information to be shared after the half term break.



Wishing you all a fantastic half term break. Enjoy some special time with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Cook



Autumn



Admissions policy for 2027-28: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2027-28. The Local Authority is also consulting on its arrangements - the admissions schemes through which you can apply. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> Further information is here:

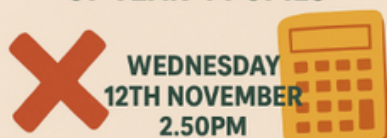
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs between 1 November and 16 January 2026.

Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2026 next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

No changes are being proposed.

HNTPS MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 4 PUPILS



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

$1 \times 1 = 5$	1	2	3	4	5
$2 \times 2 = 10$	2	4	6	8	5
$3 \times 3 = 15$	3	6	9	12	12
$4 \times 4 = 20$	4	8	12	16	18
$5 \times 5 = 25$	5	10	15	20	24
	6	12	18	24	30

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.

Reminder to Apply for Secondary School

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place in Devon for September 2026 is **October 31, 2025**. Apply online at devon.gov.uk/admissiononline to ensure your application is considered on time and to increase your chances of getting a place at your preferred school. Applications received after this date will be considered late and handled after all on-time applications have been processed.

The deadline for applying for a Year 7 secondary school place is:

OCTOBER
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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



LOST PROPERTY

Please let us know if this coat belongs to your child. We'd love to return it to its owner!



What's on...?

W/C 3rd November 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 • Year 3 Forest School • Netball After-School club: 3:30pm to 4:30pm (rescheduled session from cancelled session on 18th September) • Xmas Craft After-School Club: 3:30pm to 4:30pm • Ring Games 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 • Cross Country event at High Bickington - parents of children attending will be informed in due course • 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 • Extra Karaoke club session to replace the cancelled session on 16th October • 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 • Reception and Nursery: PE • After-school wrap-around care club sessions - sign up on Arbor to book a place

Future dates for your diary....

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	Olivia for super elearning on all activities
Class 2	Elle for a brilliant half term with focused concentration and fantastic learning
Class 3	Max for applying 100% effort during lessons
Class 4	Molly for always being ready to ready to learn



Nursery/ Class 1	Lily for her super focus on group activities
Class 2	Athena for always being kind and caring to others
Class 3	Joe for showing respect to others - peers and grown-ups
Class 4	George for always being polite to others
Reading Basket - KS1	Kara
Reading Basket - KS2	Willow



Shania,

Madison, Darcey, Emilia, Freya, Harper-Leigh, Charlotte, Charlie C, Alexander, Reuben, Olivia, Ayden R, Bella W, Hattie, Yana, Willow, Sofia, Isaac, Edie, Carter, Arthur,

Darcie





Children's Achievements



Well done to Isabelle for playing her first hockey tournament for North Devon at Tiverton.



Ayden competed in a trampolining competition at the weekend - well done



Well done to Phoebe for completing in a trampolining competition at the weekend and achieving two certificates!



What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week in class 1 we have been discovering how the Hindu festival of Diwali is celebrated. We have used collage materials to make oil lamps called divas.



Class 2

This week the children in class 2 have been exploring a range of dragon eyes in our art lessons. They looked closely at the shape of each eye and the colours used to create each unique eye for each dragon. They then had time to discuss and sketch their favourites, explaining why it was their favourite. We plan to continue with this project after the half term break, with our final piece of art work being created out of clay to highlight our range of dragon eyes!



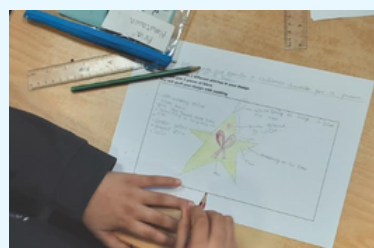
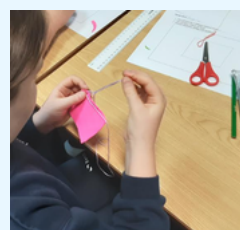
Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been editing and finishing our 'Twisted Tales' which are sounding fantastic! Our mosaic coasters are finished as well as part one of our topic on the Romans. I look forward to sharing with you our trip date to visit the Roman Baths which is booked for January 16th 2026. Details will follow after half term. Mrs Gordon and I wish you all a wonderful holiday break and a Happy Halloween.



Class 4

This week class 4 have started practising some skills for their DT project. They have been learning blanket stitch to join 2 pieces of fabric and we will use this to create something special for Christmas.



Lunch menu: W/C Monday 3rd November 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.



03/11, 17/10, 01/12

Menu - Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Sweet Chilli Fajitas	Cheesy Wheels	Roast Gammon	Ham Panini/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fish Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Fajitas/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	Garlic Bread, Mixed Vegetables	Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes/Vegetables/Gravy	Garlic Potatoes, Fruit and Mixed Vegetables
Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Oat Crunchie/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Fruit Crumble and Custard/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Peaches and Ice Cream/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Australian Crunch/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

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

19th January 1944

Mrs Inniss, Mrs Miles, Mrs Allan and Mrs Cacace prepared the children's tea party. The £2 for the Evacuees share of the party (from the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund) provided entertainment for the children by a conjurer, Mr Hooper of Bideford.

22nd April 1947

A new pump in place of the old which was beyond repair, installed in the coal house today. It is rather different from the old type, requiring water poured in at the side occasionally. This pump is easy to handle and an improvement.



Harvest Festival Celebration

Wednesday 22nd October 2025



Amelia: I liked everything about the Harvest Festival, especially the songs and mummy being there.

Elle: I liked sharing the stories, I enjoyed doing my part.

Morwenna: I liked the Harvest Festival because my mummy was there and I liked the songs.

Ayda: I liked going to the front of the chapel and reading my sentence.



Amelia: I liked everything about the Harvest Festival, especially the songs and mummy being there.

Theo: Big Red Combine Harvester was my favourite song.

Blake: I loved speaking the prayer.



Carter: I thought it was great because I liked talking about the Freedom Centre and enjoyed the singing.

Aria: I really loved the singing and how everyone donated something.

Abel: I liked all the songs and my favourite was Big Red Combine Harvester





Spook-tacular Squash Off - Pumpkin Carving Competition



Thursday 23rd October 2025

A huge thank you to all those children who took part in our pumpkin carving competition. As you can see from the photographs, we had a fantastic display of all of our amazing creations!



Well done to everyone that entered our competition!



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- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ Voluntary

New • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV/2025/PIA/51012

Pilton Infants' Academy

Pilton Infants' School is looking to appoint a 1.1 SEND TA to join our academy as soon as possible.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ £13.26 Hourly
- Grade C | 27.5 HPW | 38 Weeks | Term Time Only

8 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

Specialist SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV/2025/BCPS/84290

Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

We're looking for a caring, motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our school community and play a key role in supporting our pupils' learning and development.

- 📍 Beaford, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8LJ
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Full-Time
- £ £13.90 Hourly
- Grade D | 30 HPW (08:30AM – 3:30PM MONDAY – FRIDAY) | 39 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

8 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

Cleaner

EDV/2025/PBCEA/95951

Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy

The appointed person will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.84 Hourly
- Grade B | 5HPW (1 HOUR PER DAY APPROX 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY) |

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

Cleaner

EDV/2025/PIA/83795

Pilton Infants' Academy

The appointed person/s will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.65 Hourly
- Grade A | 10HPW (2 HOURS PER DAY TO BE WORKED AFTERNOON/ EVENINGS) | 41 WEEKS

8 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

EDV/2025/HANTCPS/14953

Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support 2 children in year 3 to supervise throughout the day. In-service training will be...

- 📍 Lovacott, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3PU
- 🕒 Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ £12.84 Hourly
- Grade B | 9 HPW (MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 08:45AM – 12PM EACH DAY)

8 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

Cover Supervisor

EDV/2025/WCEPA/08608

Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our team, working closely with class teachers to support pupils in engaging meaningfully with their learning. The successful candidate...

- 📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8AH
- 🕒 Permanent/Term Time Only | Part-Time
- £ £13.90 - £14.82 Hourly
- GRADE: D | 27.5 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY) | 39 WEEKS | PERMANENT / TERM TIME

8 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP



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

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust | Central Team



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Mr Ian Thomas – Executive Headteacher

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 8110847



The Air Extreme Event has had a great response - we look forward to seeing lots of you later!!

Thank you to **Air Extreme** for the discounted rate and exclusive hire use - creating a lovely end of term treat for all the children.

**The next FRIENDS Meeting is on
Tuesday 11th November
at 8pm via TEAMS**

If you would like to attend the virtual meeting
please email:

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


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10.00am – 12.00pm
£3 per child. Age 6+
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To Book: Call 01805 622107 or visit Torrington Library

School holidays adding to your energy costs?


Our energy team can help



Call us on **01237 879 233** to see if you're eligible for help with fuel vouchers and grants, and to receive tips on how to cut your bills



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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