

This week's whole school attendance rate is:
97.2%

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HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th November 2025



Dear parents and carers,

"Building resilience in children is not about making them tough. Resilience is the ability to recover from difficulties and manage how you feel."

Welcome back to the second half of our autumn term. We hope that you all enjoyed the break and spent some quality time together as a family. The children have been sharing the lovely things they have been up to with their family and friends and have come back to school excited about the half term ahead, full of new topics, learning opportunities, trips and visits to enhance their learning.

This half term we will focus on 'resilience', discussing what resilience means to us and now we can demonstrate resilience both inside and outside school. Throughout our weekly assemblies, we will explore ways to manage our feelings when things become difficult and challenging, providing children with a range of strategies they can use with adult support and independently.

RESILIENCE COMES WHEN CHILDREN KNOW IT IS SAFE TO MAKE MISTAKES.

Year 4 Multiplication Check - Parents information



Just to remind all our year 4 parents that Mrs Hopkins will be running an information session regarding the multiplication check assessment that our year 4 children will be taking in June next year this coming **Wednesday 12th November at 2:45 - 3:25pm** in class 3. Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Dorrell have already begun preparations for activities and computer programs the children will begin to use this half term to best consolidate their learning for

the assessment. For more information, please click on the link:

DfE Multiplication Check Information



Remembrance Service

We would like to warmly welcome our families and wider community of HNTPS to join us for our Remembrance service this coming Tuesday 11th November in the Gospel hall at 10:30am. Children will be given a poppy during the service. Please donate using the following QR Code:



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you all so much for your generous donations for our Christmas shoe box appeal. We have managed to create 8 boxes that have been donated to Newton Tracey Church. The shoe boxes will be transported to make Christmas special for many children around the world. Well done to our School Council team who have helped to co-ordinate this charity event and raise awareness to all the children across the school.



School Tuck Shop

Our School council group started their tuck shop event today which was greatly received by many of the children across the school.

Mrs Radley and the eco warrior team have been busy planning our sensory garden and hope to get started on this soon. If you would like to treat your child/ren to a sweet treat each Friday afternoon, please make payments through Arbor - the link closes today at 2:00pm. We will no longer be accepting cash into school and will only be able to offer the tuck shop to children on our Arbor records. Thank you for your continued support.

Martial Arts Taster Session

Mrs Hopkins (our PE lead) has managed to secure a taster session for each class with a martial arts instructor for this coming Monday 10th November. Each class will have an opportunity to take part in a session, exploring specific techniques and movements. Please can we ask that all children come to school in their PE kit on Monday.



Children in Need - Friday 14th November

Our School Council group would like to support this year's Children in Need next Friday 14th November. They are inviting children to come to school in their own clothes or PJs and will be making cupcakes that will be for sale at breaktime. The school council are asking for a £1.50 donation (this will include a cupcake) for each child and plan to have a range of activities available for children to take part in at lunchtime. If you would like to donate, please use the following QR code to donate and log onto your Arbor account and navigate to Activities/Trips/Children in Need to confirm a donation has been made. We will then use this list to hand out the cupcakes to children.



After School Club

We have seen an increase in the number of children who are attending our after-school club that offers wrap around care for our working families. Both members of staff have settled well into a routine with the children and offer a range of snacks and activities for the children to enjoy each day. Our provision offers two sessions 3:30-4:30pm and 4:30-5:30pm and parents are requested to book through Arbor if they request a place for their child/ren. Please can we ask that parents arrive promptly to pick up their children at the end of their session to enable staff to tidy up the classroom in readiness for breakfast club the following morning. Many thanks for your continued support.



Lunchtime Field Sessions

We hope (weather dependent) to provide opportunities for the children to use the open space of the field throughout the week for the lunchtime play. As it has been wet, we are asking that all children have a pair of wellies and a coat at school to enable them to play at the field, even if it has been a little muddy. We hope that the children can leave their wellies at school to enable us to use them throughout the week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook



What's on...?

W/C 3rd November 2025



Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club: 7.45am or 8.25am session - sign up on Arbor to book a place• Martial Arts morning for Classes 1-4. Please come to school in PE kits (Reception class will get changed in school)• Class 4: PE• 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 6 Forest School• Year 3 & 4 PE• Remembrance Service at 10.30am in Lovacott Gospel Hall• Extra netball session to replace the cancelled session on 30th 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	<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)• Multiplication Tables Check workshop for parents of Year 4 children• 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• Reception and Nursery: Forest School• Class 2: PE (please come to school in PE kits)• Year 6: Swimming• 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• Children in Need - see details in Mrs Cook's weekly summary• 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 November	Tempest Photography - Individual portraits. Please go to the village hall at 8.30am if you would like sibling group photos.
25 th November	Reception 2026 intake OPEN DAY 11-12am
26 th November	Flu Immunisation Team in school
26 th November	Book and Biscuit Event with a focus on maths. All parents and carers are welcome to attend from 3.00pm
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

High Bickington Cross Country Event

We are sorry that this event was cancelled this week due to the poor weather. The children due to attend will hopefully get another chance to participate when the event is rescheduled. As soon as we are informed of the new date, we will let you know.



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



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	5
3	6	9	12	12
4	8	12	16	18
5	10	15	20	24
6	12	18	24	30

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6	12	18	24	30

CHILDREN IN

AFTER-SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE

HAVE PUT FORWARD THEIR
SUGGESTIONS FOR A
CLUB NAME

TO BE
VOTED
ON

THE NEW
NAME WILL
BE REVEALED NEXT WEEK



PLEASE CAN CHILDREN
IN CLASSES 1, 2, 3 AND 4
COME TO SCHOOL WEARING
P.E. KITS ON 10 NOVEMBER
AS WE ARE HAVING AN EXCITING
**MARTIAL ARTS
WORKSHOP MORNING**



Children in Class 1 will
dress into their PE kits
during the morning whilst
in school.

PLEASE CAN PARENTS AND CARERS

BE AWARE OF OTHER ROAD USERS
WHEN WAITING FOR CHILDREN
AT COLLECTION TIME



THANK YOU



What have we been learning in class this week?

Foundation Stage Class (Nursery & Class 1)

This week we have been making noisy, colourful firework pictures and creating firework models.



Class 2

This week in class 2 we began exploring our new class text 'Grandad's Island.' The children have made some careful predictions using clues from the story and came up with some wonderful ideas. We have been also working on developing our handwriting, so our letters are clearly formed and sit neatly on the line with pleasing results! In science, we have continued to explore different habitats, this week we looked closely at what plants and animals live in woodlands and compared this to the other habitats we have been investigating before the half term.

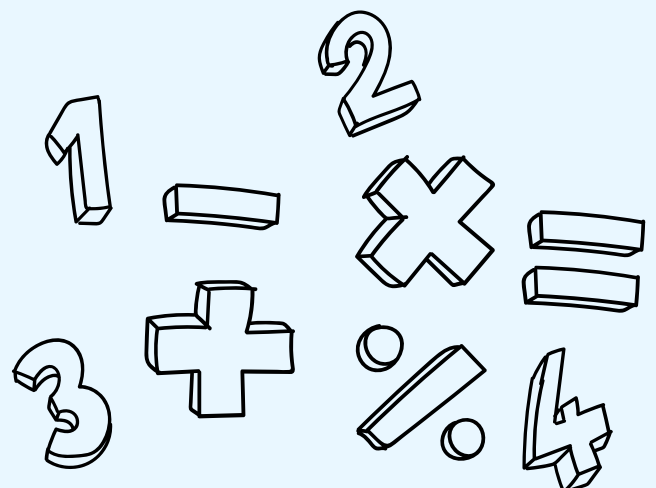


Class 3

It has been lovely to welcome class 3 back this week and already they've made a great start. We have begun our maths unit on addition and subtraction and I will be giving the children logins to begin practising their times tables using our school subscription of 'Times Tables Rockstars' on Friday. You will find these on the inside cover of their reading record book. I will also send home some more information about this in the children's homework books. Our topic in Art this term is sculpture and it would be amazing if children could bring in small boxes and kitchen roll tubes to create structures inspired by Antoni Gaudi. We will also be making 3D models of a Roman Villa so please raid your recycling! I will store them in the classroom ready for our construction sessions over the next few weeks. Many thanks for your continued support, the class 3 team.

Class 4

Class 4 have been applying their knowledge of factors and prime numbers to find prime factors this week - which they have mastered very quickly. We have also spent time looking at our new text in writing and making predictions about the story.



Pupil Learning Awards This Week



STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Nursery/ Class 1	Darcey for listening well and using her quiet voice indoors
Class 2	Darcy-Mae for settling in so beautifully to Class 2
Class 3	Abel for trying really hard to perfect his presentation
Class 4	Molly for always being ready to learn

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Nursery/ Class 1	Emilia for working hard to blend sounds and hear words
Class 2	Lottie for a great focus on her writing thinking carefully about where letters sit on the line
Class 3	Hugo for creating some fantastic work in History despite it being tricky at the start
Class 4	Bella W for consistently applying herself in class
Reading Basket - KS1	Lottie
Reading Basket - KS2	Jude



Shania



Alfie





Children's Achievements



Well done to Archie, Joe and Blake who all competed in the under 9s football tournament at Bideford college



Fabulous effort Isabelle! Well done for learning how to perform CPR!



A huge well done to Elliott and the four shoeboxes he shopped for and filled over the half term!!



Believe and Achieve



Massive well done to Archie and Curtis running for their school such a tough course both absolutely ran their socks off beating lots of upper year.



Well done to Archie who competed at Exeter city training ground in the under 7s tournament



What a lovely and delicious surprise for all the staff at HNTPS. A huge thank you to Elise and her Gran for making us all a gorgeous cake!



Internet and Mobile Phone Safety

NSPCC Phone Safety Advice

Please click on the following link to read about how you can keep your children safe!

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/help-and-information/nspcc-phone-safety-toolkit>

WWW

NSPCC Keeping Children Safe Online

Please click on the following link to read about how you can keep your children safe!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

This week, Classes 3 and 4 looked at Netiquette - How to behave online.

This is what they said:

Positivity:
Even if you don't like their post, be kind -
Yana

Respect:
Respect other people's opinions -
Darcie

Emojis: Can help show how you feel -
Ayden

Use kind words -
Eben

Only make friends with people you know on games like Roblox -
Willow

Don't react to people who are being unkind - report, leave or block -
Abel



Lunch menu: W/C Monday 10th 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.



10/11, 24/11, 08/12

Menu - Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Cod Fillets or Salmon Fishcakes	Cottage Pie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Roast Chicken	Hot Dog/Ham Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fish Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Cottage Pie/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese/Tuna Wrap or Filled Jacket Potato	Quorn Chicken/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Roll/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Peas	Mixed Vegetables	Potato Wedges/Coleslaw/Peas	Roast Potatoes/Vegetables/Gravy	Garlic Potatoes, Fruit and Mixed Vegetables
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Blueberry Muffin/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Date Slice/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Arctic Roll/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Biscuit/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

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

8TH MARCH 1945

MRS LATHAM (SCHOOL CLEANER) DID NOT COME TODAY AS SHE RECEIVED THE SAD NEWS OF HER BROTHER'S DEATH ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

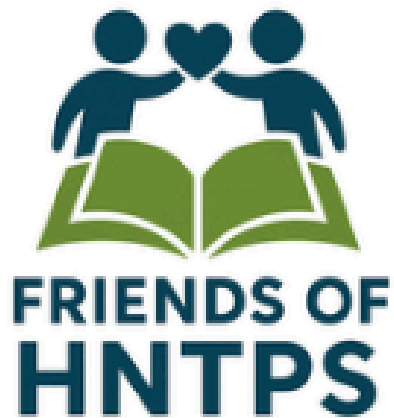
1ST JUNE 1945

RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THE SCHOOL LADY DOCTOR (DR RHODES) WILL VISIT THIS SCHOOL ON MONDAY JUNE 4TH TO INSPECT CHILDREN WITH DEFECTS.

20TH JULY 1945

THE SCHOOL DENTIST (MR INDER) CAME TODAY. 24 CHILDREN HAD THEIR TEETH EXAMINED - SEVERAL HAD EXTRACTIONS OR FILLINGS.





**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

**Follow our Facebook Page for up to date
news on events!!**

We will soon be posting details of the

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**and the return of the annual
coloured CHRISTMAS HAMPERS !!!**

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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 • Perform to an audience
 • Make new friends
 • Have fun
 Wednesday evenings at Pilton School
 Ages 4 to 18

 Music Centre

Royal Devon University Health NHS Foundation
Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Care Service Training and Education
'Parent Pop Up Event'
 Is your child ready for potty/toilet training?
 Is your child experiencing difficulties with toileting?
 Want to find out more how to support your child?
 Drop in and join us for a cup of coffee/tea and have an informal chat with:
Debbie Richards
 Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Care Specialist Nursery Nurse
 At: Bluecoat C of E Primary School
 On: Thursday 4th December 2025
 Anytime Between:
 11.30am - 12.30pm
 OR
 2pm - 4pm

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

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school holidays adding to our 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.
 citizens advice Torrington, North, Mid & West Devon

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<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>

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

Trustee with Financial Expertise

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Team Multi-Academy Trust

TEAM Multi Academy Trust are seeking a Trustee with Financial Expertise – Help Shape the Future of Education in North Devon

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

55 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

Meal Time Assistant

EDV/2025/UPA/87858

Umberleigh Primary Academy

The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.26 Hourly
- HOURS PER WEEK: 3 (12PM – 1PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH DAY) | Grade A | 38 weeks | Term time only



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Expiring Tomorrow • Apply by Midday, Friday 7th Nov, 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



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