



# HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Enabling children to be the best that they  
can be!*

**Friday 19th July 2024**

Dear parents and carers,

What a year! We have tried to give your children as many curriculum enriching activities as possible: we've had trips, residential, visitors, zoom lessons, sports events, drama sessions, and theatre trips. I like to think that there has been something for everyone. As always, huge thanks to the school's wonderful staff for all of the time, effort and expertise you bring to your roles in school. We are incredibly lucky to have staff who go above and beyond for the children.

In particular, HNTPS has been incredibly fortunate to have Sue Radley as our special educational needs coordinator (SENDCo), Sue will be stepping back as SENDCo from September so that she can focus on her work as Horwood's early year lead practitioner. She has worked tirelessly with children, staff and families in our community to ensure all children at Horwood have received the support they need and support us with the transition to working with our new SENDCo, Kate Ashley. Sue will still be on hand, and her expertise and knowledge will still be within the school, which will be invaluable to a smooth transition of the SEND responsibility.

Kate Ashley is an experienced SENDCo from TEAM, and has worked in very similar schools across North Devon. Kate has already been working with Horwood for over a year now and has helped develop our relational behaviour approach as well as our new learning support plans. She has already attended our latest SEND review and is looking forward to meeting you all.

To further support our SEND children, TEAM has recently created a new position: Director of Inclusion. We have appointed the experienced Trust SEND Lead Beth Warwick in this role. Beth has worked in a range of educational roles and has joined us from the Blackdown Education Partnership- she brings enormous expertise and additional capacity to our SEND offer. She will be working closely with Kate Ashley and our children in the near future.

SEND support is an incredibly important aspect of our work, and to help our provision TEAM has also taken further steps in buying in Ossian Pleasance, an Associate Member of the British Dyslexia Association (AMBDA), who will assess children for dyslexia, reports and devise intervention teaching.

I would like to say thank you to parents, carers and families for all your support this year. We cannot do what we do without your back up. It is only when working together that parents and teachers can ensure that children receive the support and guidance they need to reach their full potential. Your feedback from the parent questionnaire was very informative, and Mrs Cook, our governors and TEAM will use this to help move the school forward. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Finally, this is my last newsletter so I would like to say how lucky I feel to have had the opportunity to work at Horwood as head of school. It has been a privilege to work alongside the hardworking members of the staff, the governors and the PTA group and I would like to thank them all. As a community, you have made me feel very welcome and I will miss Lovacott. As part of TEAM Academy Trust I'm sure I will return to work alongside the school, so this is not a final goodbye but a so long for now.

Have a lovely summer, Mr Hick

# What's on...?

**Next Week: W/C 22nd July 2024**

**MONDAY**

**Class 4 PE: please come to school in PE kits**

**TUESDAY**

**Whole School Picnic and Leavers' Assembly from 12 pm on the field  
Last day of term**

## Goodbye and Farewell to Mr Hick, our Head of School



**On behalf of all of the staff, children, parents and wider school community, we would like to thank Mr Hick for all of his hard work over the last school year.**

**We wish him well for the future and we look forward to working with Mr Hick again, as part of Team MAT.**



## Goodbye and Farewell to Mrs Wallace



**We would also like to thank Mrs Wallace for all of her hard work and dedication over the many years of working at HNTPS.**

**We wish her well for her retirement and hope that she thoroughly enjoys her new chapter in life.**



# AS A REMINDER....

## Staffing Update for September

**Class 1: Mrs Radley and Mrs French**

**Class 2: Mrs Northmore**

**Class 3: Mrs Cook and Mrs Carter**

**Class 4: Mrs Hopkins and Mrs McKenna**

## School Term Dates 2023/2024

Summer Term

**Last day of school: Tuesday 23rd July 2024**

**First day of the summer holiday: Wednesday 24th July 2024**

## School Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term

First day of school: Thursday 5th September 2024

Last day of school: Friday 25th October 2024

**Half-term holiday: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024**

First day of school: Monday 4th November 2024

Last day of school: Friday 20th December 2024

**Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025**

**Inset Day: Monday 6th January 2025 - NO SCHOOL**

First day of school: Tuesday 7th January 2025



## A guide to Parental Controls

Produced by Knowsley CLCs

[www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk](http://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk)



Please take a look at the **Guide to Parental Controls** to help you keep your child safe online. You can access this document by following this link...

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2024.pdf>

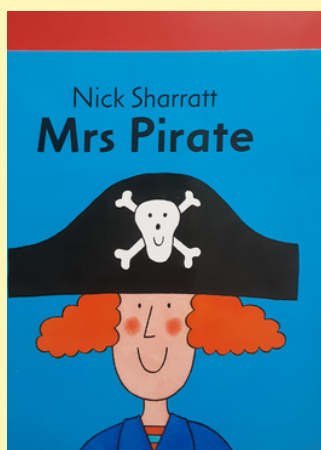
# What have we done in class this week?

## Class 1



Class 1 have been travelling the high seas, learning about pirates through story. We're making hats, treasure maps and ships!

UhArhhh!



## Class 2

Class 2 had a brilliant day at the Museum of Somerset, exploring the castle and loved dressing up in different costumes. As well as that, they have designed a new invention and explained how it works, based on the book 'Rosie Revere Engineer'.



## Class 4

In the first half of the week, Class 4 looked at forces: what they are, where you find them and how they impact on our daily lives. Year 5 explored air resistance by investigating parachute size, and discovered how a larger parachute creates a slower descent to the ground.

Year 6 Takeover.

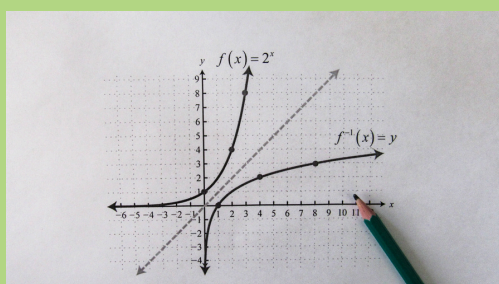
Over the last couple of days the year 6 have planned and delivered their own lessons. We have made marshmallow towers, clay frogs and tsum tsums, experimented with skittles and eggs, drawn our favourite animals, learn to code and play football.

Well done Class 4. We have had so much fun.



## Class 3

Class 3 have been learning about different graphs in maths this week. We have been interpreting bar and line graphs as well as pictograms and we have been having a go at drawing our own too. We are also busy finishing our writing sequence before the end of term.



# Nursery Class

This week we have enjoyed our Teddy bears picnic and even got to go to the field and have a picnic lunch with our friends.



## Breakfast Club

HEALTHY!



BOOKS!

ART & CRAFTS!



GREAT START TO THE DAY!



Payment letters for the Autumn Term have now been sent out. If you don't receive one, and were expecting to, please contact the school office!

FRIENDS!



HAPPY!

LOTS OF FUN! COME AND JOIN US IN THE AUTUMN TERM!

# Celebrating the success of our Breakfast Club

## HNTPS BREAKFAST CLUB

Celebrating the success of our new Breakfast Club!

We are thrilled to share the success of our new Breakfast Club, providing our pupils with a nutritious and positive start to their day. Since its launch, the Breakfast Club has quickly become an established and popular part of our school community, offering numerous benefits to our children.



### HIGH STANDARDS OF FOOD

At the heart of our Breakfast Club is a commitment to providing high-quality, nutritious meals. Each morning, we offer a variety of healthy breakfast options, carefully prepared to meet dietary guidelines and promote overall well-being. From wholegrain cereals and fresh fruit to wholemeal toast and yogurt, our healthy food options ensure that every child receives the essential nutrients needed for a busy school day.

Not only nutritious but also tasty, the food we offer encourages our children to start their day with a meal that fuels both their bodies and minds. Mrs Robinson, our catering manager, takes great pride in sourcing fresh, high-quality ingredients and preparing food in a clean, safe environment, ensuring that every child can enjoy a tasty and healthy breakfast.

### EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCES

Additionally, our Breakfast Club has a wide range of resources to develop skills and allow children to be creative. Indeed, the activities we offer engage our children, helping to create a positive and enjoyable start to the day. Each child has their own named place mat, which adds to our welcoming atmosphere, where every child attending feels special and valued.

Our Breakfast Club also offers a variety of educational resources to make learning fun. From books and puzzles to educational games and art resources, we provide activities that promote cognitive development and creativity. These resources help children engage in meaningful learning experiences, helping with a smooth transition into the school day.

Our dedicated staff members are always on hand to provide support, supervise activities, and ensure that every child feels included and valued.

### DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION

The Breakfast Club plays a crucial role in supporting our pupils' development. By providing a structured, nurturing and welcoming environment, we help children develop important social skills, build friendships, and gain confidence. The opportunity to engage in relaxed, supervised activities before school starts also allows our pupils to settle in and prepare mentally for the day ahead.

Many parents have shared how our Breakfast Club has positively impacted their children's routines, reduced morning stress and ensured that their children arrive at school ready to learn. Our teaching staff have also noticed an improvement in children's focus and energy levels, which we directly attribute to them starting the day with a nutritious meal and a calm, inclusive environment.

## A GROWING COMMUNITY

The success of our Breakfast Club is evident in the growing number of pupils who join us each day. We are very pleased to see how our provision has grown and developed.

We are committed to continuing the high standards that have made our Breakfast Club such a success. We will keep striving to provide the best possible start to the day for our children, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive and feel welcome, valued and supported each morning.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and contributed to the success of our Breakfast Club. We look forward to many more mornings of shared meals, great conversation, giggles, smiles, and success.

## Our 2024 Breakfast Club Awards go to:



**Jude: Best Toast Spreader**

**Henry: Messiest Face**

**Harper-Leigh: Best Morning Smile**

**Elise: Most Helpful**

**Betty and Charlie: Best Breakfast Conversation**

**Bella: Best Listener**

**Theo L: Best Construction**

**Sophia: Most Kind and Helpful with Little Children**

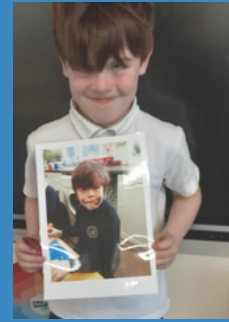
**Charlie W: Most Helpful**

**Amelia: Cheekiest Laugh**



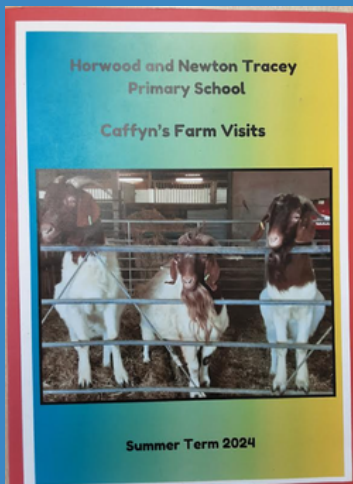


# OUR BREAKFAST CLUB 2024 AWARDS GO TO .....



## A SUMMARY OF OUR FARM TRIPS THIS TERM...

In a lovely book, narrated by our children.....



A huge thank you to Mrs McFarlane for putting this wonderful book together!

### Caffyn's Farm

We were lucky to have the opportunity to take small groups of children to Caffyn's Farm, near Exmoor for a total of six visits. This book illustrates the children's wonderful learning experiences and their opportunity to learn about animals, farms, and our local countryside.

The voices of our children are documented throughout.

### The Ponies

On the first week we went to see the ponies with Jackie. She had two ponies out for us to meet and pet. The pony I saw was called Picnic. Jackie asked us some questions about ponies.

How often should ponies get their feet done? 6-8 weeks

How many poo's do they do a day? 10

We also had a look at the other ponies in the front enclosure. My favourite animal at the farm was the ponies. I enjoyed seeing them so much that I came back to have a ride with my mum for my birthday in the May half term.

Daenerys

### Lunch

When we arrived at the farm we went into the garden to eat our pack lunches. It was a lovely day and we had a great view of the sea and we could see Wales. We could also see a herd of deer in the fields in the distance.

My favourite part of the visit was seeing the baby goat. Eddie

### The Donkeys

After lunch we saw the donkeys in the field next to us. They were called Donkey from Shrek and Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh. They are brothers. They had a little shelter to go in when it rains as their coats are not waterproof like horses and ponies. I really enjoyed the visit.

Darcy

# NURSERY CLASS AND CLASS 1 - TEDDYBEARS' PICNIC

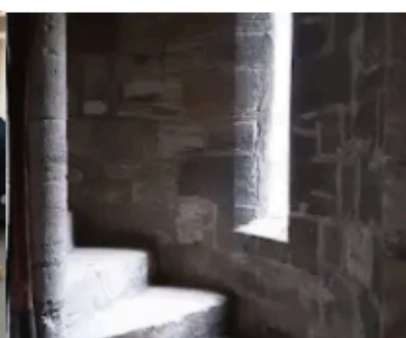
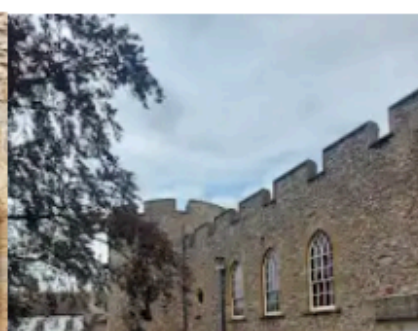
This week we enjoyed our Teddy bears' picnic and even got to go to the field and have a picnic lunch with our friends.



# CLASS 2 VISIT TAUNTON CASTLE

Taunton Castle and the Museum of Somerset

On Tuesday 16th July, Class 2 visited a wonderful medieval castle to enhance their learning in class. The experience truly brought the curriculum to life! The highlights were dressing up in medieval costumes, creating their own castle structures and walking in the footsteps of people living hundreds of years ago! They even got to climb an ancient spiral staircase! What a fantastic trip!



# NURSERY CLASS FOREST SCHOOL

Last forest school of the year for our nursery class. It has been a really great year for learning all about the outdoors and natural habitats in our amazing woodland area. Our muddy boots have had a lot of use, and we've experienced a lot of wind, rain and, of course, sun! We can't wait to do it all again next year!



## An important safety message from the Village Hall Committee in Lovacott

**Just a quick reminder from the Village Hall committee and Lovacott Nursery; the car park should not be used, other than for its intended purpose.**

**Anyone on bikes or with ball games, etc, will be kindly asked to move on. Unfortunately, the Nursery garden and other areas within the village hall site have suffered from some damage and vandalism, particularly over the past few months, with toys broken or taken. The identity of the person(s) involved is not known, be it adult or child and therefore security cameras will be installed in the near future.**

## Contacting the School Office

**The school office is manned on  
Monday to Friday MORNINGS ONLY**

**Please RING the school on 01271 858373 if you have an URGENT message during the afternoon.**

# Celebrating children's learning successes

## TEA AT TWO

This week, Tea at Two is awarded to:

Class 1: Georgie and Penelope

Class 2: Ronnie and Nico

Class 3: Thomas and Isaac

Class 4: Eve and Isabel



for behaving exceptionally in school this week

This week, our Presentation Hero award goes to:

Isla (Class 1), Ziggy (Class 2), Joseph (Class 3) and Lily (Class 4)



Our Presentation Hero is awarded to children across the school each week who always present their work carefully

# Celebrating children's successes



Molly did exceptionally well at a pony competition at the weekend. She came away with a cup and 2 rosettes!



Sofia took part in a football competition and out of 10 teams came second!



Well done to Teddy for completing his Citizenship Award and gaining his RED medal! Excellent work!



Well done to Penelope for completing her Citizenship Award and gaining her medal! Well done!



Well done to Austin for completing his Citizenship Award and gaining his orange medal! Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS

# Lunch menu: W/C Monday 22nd July 2024 and W/C 5th September 2024

Our meal price is £2.50 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.

	22nd July	23rd July		5th Sept	6th Sept
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat/ Fish	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Whole school picnic		Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes	Ham Panini/Roll
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato			Veggie Fingers/Filled Jacket Potato	Cheese or Tuna Panini/Filled Jacket Potato
Side	Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Peas			Chips/Pasta/Baked Beans/Peas	Garlic Potatoes/Fruit and Salad Selection
Dessert	Sprinkle Cake /Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt			Sprinkle Cake /Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt	Chocolate Shortcake/Fruit Bowl/Yoghurt

## Notification of increase in the price of school meals from September 2024

Please note: in line with Government UFSM funding, we are raising our school dinner price in September to £2.55. This will also be in line with the other schools across TEAM Academy Trust.

# **Teacher Training Opportunities in North Devon starting September 2025**

**Dear Parent / Carers**

**Are you interested in being part of a growing number of people training to become primary teachers in our area?**

**There are many great reasons to get into primary teaching:**

- value a career where you can make a difference to children's lives and the wider communities;**
- enjoy the flexibility of having school holidays so you can spend more time doing what matters most to you;**
- benefit from a starting salary as a teacher of £30,000 and an excellent Teachers' Pension Scheme.**

**Our school is actively supporting people in North Devon to get into teaching. Teacher recruitment is really important to us because one of the best ways of providing a high-quality education is to attract talented people into the profession.**

**Through our partnership with SWIFT Teacher Training, you can access high-quality, school-based training with more of the training experience based close to home, including the option of a placement at our school and other local schools.**

**To find out more about the courses on offer from SWIFT Teacher Training visit [www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk](http://www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk). Applications open on 1 October 2024 for a September 2025 start.**

**While many national headlines show teacher recruitment is down, we are beginning to make a difference. SWIFT Teacher Training has recruited 90 new teachers in the South West this year who are starting their training in September 2024!**

**We would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. Further information about eligibility criteria can be found [HERE](#).**

**If you would like to find out more, please check out our FAQs. If you have questions not covered here, please email [info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk](mailto:info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk) who will get in touch to offer advice and the opportunity to attend a school visit. Alternatively, contact Chris Barnett, ITT Campus Lead via email [chris.barnett@sw-ift.org.uk](mailto:chris.barnett@sw-ift.org.uk)**

**We look forward to hearing from you.**

**Yours faithfully,**

**John Hick**



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

# SUMMER Picnic

RELAX AND ENJOY  
OUR FAMILY PICNIC!

Tuesday 23rd July from 12pm 'till 1.00pm

Come and eat your picnic on the field!

From 1pm, the Leavers' Assembly will commence on the field

If the weather rains the event off, the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be held in the Village Hall at 1pm

# Community Information

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.

## SUMMER SCHOOL CREATIVES

Workshop opportunities for young people aged 8 - 14

**be**

**FUN**

**CREATIVE**

**IMAGINATIVE**

Focusing on a story local to North Devon and working in residence with an art form specialist, young people will develop their skills and knowledge in their choice of visual art, storytelling or photography + film.

- Online registration [beaford.org/events/ssc](http://beaford.org/events/ssc)
- Cost is £50 per day
- Discounts/Bursary available

Weekdays 24th – 31st July  
2nd – 4th September  
9:30am to 4:30pm

Bridge Chambers, The Strand  
Barnstaple, EX31 1HB

NB These courses will only go ahead if there's sufficient uptake - please spread the word!  
**Booking deadlines:**  
Book for July courses by 17th July  
Book for September courses by 12th August

Queries to [caroline@beaford.org](mailto:caroline@beaford.org)

[beaford.org](http://beaford.org)

## Devon Family HUBS

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(25 WITH SEND)

REQUEST FOR CONTACT

SCAN ME

Action for Children are supporting Devon Family Hubs. Family Hubs are a developing network of services and community groups that are working together to support families and their children to find opportunities that meet their needs. Please see our website for more details.

**OUR SUPPORT:**

Online Digital Chat

For more information **Devon Family HUBS website**

Family Hubs Advice & Guidance Line - Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm  
**0800 538 5458**

Devon County Council

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THE READING AGENCY

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Summer Reading Challenge 2024  
Delivered in partnership with libraries

## Marvellous Makers

### PLAYFUL MUSIC MAKING

MONDAY 29th JULY  
10.30am - 12pm

Join professional musician Ged Camille for this noisy, creative session!  
~ with lots of lovely percussion instruments and song ~  
~ bring along your own instrument if you like ~

Age 7 - 12 years  
£4 per child

Please contact us to book onto to this exciting event  
Torrington Library 01805 622107  
[torrington.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:torrington.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk)

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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## Hey!

Did you know... from September, even more working families can save money on childcare

We will be running information sessions on what funding is available, eligibility and how to apply.

Childcare Choices

Dates throughout July!

Devon County Council

Our information sessions are for parents/carers, childcare providers, partners and professionals that work with families with young children.

Please click on a link below to join a session:  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10.00 am -11.00 am  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

## Choosing your Secondary School?

Open Evening Thurs 19th Sept  
Open Mornings 23rd-25th Sept

THE PARK SCHOOL

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[THEPARKSCHOOL.ORG.UK](http://THEPARKSCHOOL.ORG.UK)

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