

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

As we begin a new academic year, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the incredibly warm welcome I've received from the school community. It's been a joy to meet so many of you already, and I'm truly excited to be part of such a vibrant and caring environment.

We're also thrilled to welcome several new staff members to our team. They've hit the ground running and are already making a fantastic impact—bringing energy, enthusiasm, and a real commitment to our children's learning and wellbeing.

I'm delighted to announce that we are re-launching our outdoor learning sessions this term. We deeply value the opportunities outdoor learning provides for exploration, creativity, and connection with nature. It's a cornerstone of our approach and we can't wait to get started.

The first sessions will take place on:

- Wednesday 17th September for *Saplings* and *Willow* classes
- Wednesday 24th September for *Ash* and *Birch* classes

More details will be shared next week. In the meantime, here's a heads-up on the kit list to help you prepare:

Essential Kit:

- Wellies
- Waterproof coat
- Spare socks
- Long-sleeved top
- Long trousers
- Drinks bottle

Desirable Kit:

- Waterproof trousers
- Change of clothes for emergencies
- Hat and gloves for cold weather

A quick reminder that our regular PE sessions with Mr Pierce take place every Monday. Children should come to school in their PE kit rather than uniform on those days.

As always, we're here should you need to talk to us. You're welcome to speak to us at the gate, pop into the office or you can email us at adminhennock@thelink.academy and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. This is the first of our regular bi-weekly newsletters, and we encourage you to follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with school life.

Thank you for your continued support – we're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Warm regards,

Anthony Arnold

Ash Class



Wow, what an amazing start to the term it has been already!

It has been such a pleasure to be back with some new and some familiar faces in Ash Class. The children have settled into the swing of things brilliantly and I am so excited to have such a wonderful class this year.

We have spent the past couple of days doing some work on growth mindset and goal setting. The children created their *Dream Jars* containing some long and short term goals which they would like to achieve.

Each table competed in a team-building game to see who could construct the tallest tower using only spaghetti, tape, string and one marshmallow! I loved seeing how creative the teams worked and saw lots of teamwork and problem-solving take place.

Today, we have been doing some work based on one of our favourite books: Charlie Mackesy's *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. We discussed the many important messages in this book and the children recreated their favourite pages using fine pen and watercolours to create a new display in our corridor.

Have a lovely weekend!

Birch Class



Thank you so much for such a warm welcome. I'm really excited to be working at Hennock and to be part of the journey that we are embarking on this year in our school community.

It has been a pleasure to get to know the children in Birch even better this week. We have had the opportunity to explore our classroom layout and revise how to be a ready learner.

During the mornings we have spent time together connecting as a group following the holidays by playing parachute games which involve working as a team and showing kindness and respect to each other. We have read the book 'We Are Together' by Britta Teckentrup, pulling key themes of friendship from the text and each member of Birch has explained what they felt was important in a good friend. We have used pastels to explore the colours and patterns from the book to create a class mural, re-creating an image from the book which resonated with each child.

The children have also had the opportunity to write a little about themselves and to make decorations using dried seed heads and 'conker comets', embracing the beginning of the shift to a more autumnal vibe!

I am excited to see what this year holds for us all in Birch!

Maugan

Willows and Reception Class



Welcome back to school!

We hope you've all had a lovely summer, and a very special welcome to our new Reception children who are joining us for the first time.

We've had a brilliant first couple of days back – it has been wonderful getting to know all the children. Everyone has been super busy exploring the new learning spaces and learning their new routines. We have also been creating beautiful patchwork artwork to decorate the classroom.

Year 2 have set themselves some fantastic goals for the year ahead and written about finding a dragon under the bed!

I'm looking forward to the year ahead, I think we are going to have a brilliant time in Willows class!

Izzy

Saplings



Welcome back Saplings!

Pre-school is now based downstairs, where the children are free to flow inside and outside area's.

The children will be learning through play based activities.

Toddler group will be running every other Wednesday, starting from the 10th September 2025. The toddlers will be able to join preschool in their classroom and outside. Our activities will include painting, mark making, playdough sand and water play.

Best Wishes

Debbie

Toddler Group!





Come and join us for Toddler Group, Restarting on 10th September

Join us for a chat, fun, tea and cake!

Running from 9.15-10:30am every other Wednesday morning.

We will join the Preschool in their classroom and outside. Our activities will include painting, mark making, playdough sand and water play.

Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;

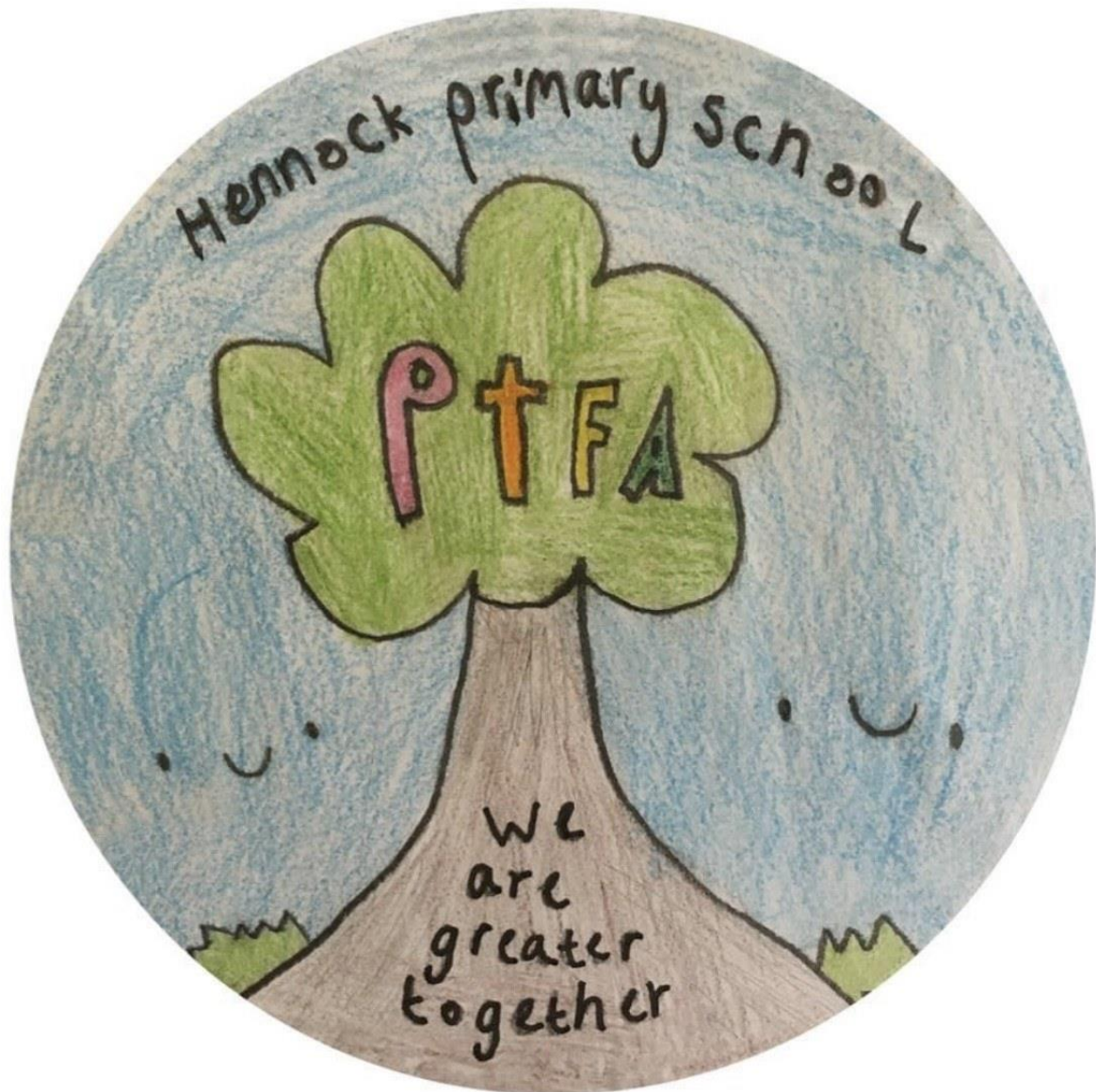
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We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



PTFA Message



Dear All,

A very big thank you to the PTFA for all their amazing hard work over the summer, they were at the school often, watering and planting in the garden, you might have spotted the pumpkins and the lovely flower pots and boxes!

Hennockptfa@gmail.com

Star of the Week



5th September

Star of the Week: Eloise

Ash: Everyone! Birch: Everyone! Willows: Everyone!

BC: ASC:

Dojo Points:

Ash:

Birch:

Achievosaurus:

Playground Hero:

Values Star:

Key Dates

- ***First Day of School 4th September***
- ***Frist Toddler Group 10th September***

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday

Willows - Friday

Ash and Birch - Wednesdays

17th September: KS2 Cross-country Event

Outdoor learning dates:

17th Sept - Saplings and Willow

24th Sept - Birch and Ash

1st Oct - Saplings and Willow (am), Birch and Ash (pm)

15th Oct - Saplings and Willow (am), Birch and Ash (pm)

School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 93.8%

Ash 100%

Birch 87.5%

Willows 87.5%

Attendance Matters



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

1

FIRST OFFENCE

The **first** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child. This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.**

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The **second** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.**

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The **third** time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

IF YOUR CHILD IS JUST 15 MINUTES LATE FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY, IT ADDS UP TO

2 WEEKS

of the school year being missed



Safeguarding



Key contacts and useful links

Front Door (formerly MASH) main number: 0345 155 1071

Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) – 0845 6000 388

Front Door email: mashsecure@devon.gov.uk¹

Our Safeguarding Lead is Anthony Arnold and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Issy Fraser. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact Front Door (formally known as MASH) on

0345 155 1071

¹<mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>