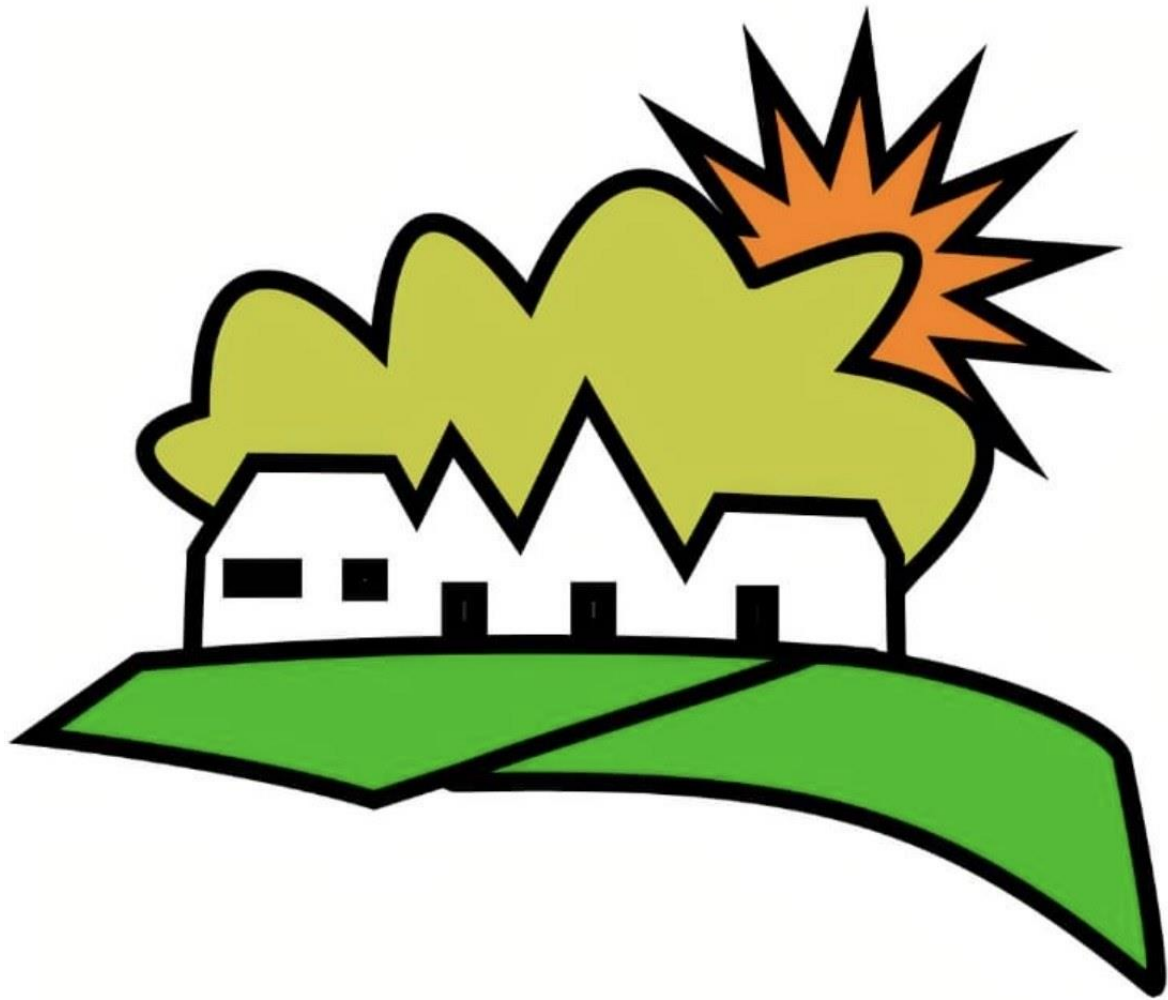




Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a joyful and community-spirited time at Hennock these last few weeks, and I'd like to begin with a heartfelt thank you to the Friends of the School for organising the incredible Hennock Barn Dance. The event was a true celebration of our school community, and I was absolutely blown away by the scale, energy, and success of the evening. Thank you to everyone who supported it — your involvement makes such a difference.

We're looking ahead to Parents' Evening, with bookings going live on Monday. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. Please do look out for the booking link and secure your slot.

A huge thank you as well to all the families who attended our recent phonics workshops. We've been thrilled with the turnout — we're on track to achieve 100% attendance. Your involvement in your child's reading journey plays an important role in their progress.

As always, thank you for being such an engaged and supportive school community. I hope to see many of you at our Harvest assembly next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Anthony Arnold

Ash Class



We have had a lovely, busy couple of weeks in Ash Class!

In English, the children have begun our new unit on fairy tales. We have been exploring Neil Gaiman's version of Hansel and Gretel and discussing how it is a lot darker than the usual fairy tales that we are used to! The children have been looking at varying their sentence structures in their writing to create an effective storytelling "voice".

In Maths, we have finished our unit on Addition and Subtraction and have now moved on to studying Multiplication and Division. The children have been exploring multiples and common multiples of different numbers.

In Science, we have continued exploring our topic *Materials and their Properties*. The children conducted an experiment to replicate the water cycle. We left wet cloths in

different areas around the school and waited to see how quickly the water evaporated and they became dry. This helped us to conclude how temperature can affect different stages of the water cycle.

In History, we explored the hierarchy system in ancient Sumer. The children explored different sources including podcasts by historians and artefacts such as tapestries to conclude who were considered the most important people in Sumerian times and why.

In Outdoor Learning, the children continued working on their marshmallow sticks! We also used some junk modelling to create mechanisms with wheels and axels. The children used a saw and a hand drill to create their own wheels from branches of wood!

Well done everybody and have a lovely weekend!

Miss Fraser





Birch Class



The children have been working so hard over the last two weeks. We kicked off our new writing sequence by exploring sedimentary rock and fossilisation through experiments and the sequencing of processes. We've then been using the text 'Rocks' to explore key features of an information text, all important elements ready to begin our shared write next week.

Maths has been exciting and Year 4 have had the opportunity to build on their prior knowledge of the column method to solve addition calculations, extending their problem solving skills, where as Year 3 have met this approach for the very first time. All children have risen to the challenge brilliantly.

We've also been busy practising a poem to perform at next week's Harvest Assembly as well as rehearsing our songs. We are looking forward to seeing families at the church next Thursday.

Willows and Reception Class



We've had another busy and exciting week full of creativity, learning, and adventure across Reception and Year 2!

In Year 2 the children have worked incredibly hard on their final pieces of writing. They wrote letters to Little Bo Peep, giving her advice on how to find her lost sheep. We also read a short story called "My Favourite Game" from *The Book of Hopes*, which has inspired the start of our next writing unit. In Maths, we have begun our new Addition and Subtraction unit. The children have been revisiting number bonds to 10 and exploring fact families to understand how numbers are connected. We've also started learning our 10 times table, and the children are already doing brilliantly!

Reception have loved reading *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*! We had so much fun acting out the story and creating our own story map to help us retell it. The children showed wonderful expression and teamwork as they stomped through the "swishy grass" and "squelchy mud"! Our focus in Maths has been on patterns. The children have enjoyed drawing, painting, and creating repeating patterns using a variety of objects.

As a whole class, we have finished reading Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine* — the children absolutely loved it! It was wonderful to see several of them choosing to make their own "marvellous medicines" during free flow time, inspired by the story.

At Forest School, the children worked together to build dens, linking to our Year 2 DT topic on shelters. Their challenge was to create a play den big enough for at least four children. This week we also had great fun creating characters out of clay. The children designed and named their creations, showing fantastic imagination. We'll be taking these clay characters on some "journeys and adventures" over the next few weeks as part of our upcoming English topics.

Saplings



We have had a great fortnight in Saplings. We have been playing with the playdough, painting fake snow chalking cutting sticking.

We have enjoyed water and sand play

Our story, We're going on a Bear hunt, the children have enjoyed using puppets to retell their own versions of the story.

Forest school, all the children were in teams, building a teepee and a shelter with sticks and logs. Once again they loved drinking the hot chocolate around the fire pit.

Saplings News – A Fortnight of Fun and Adventure!

We've had a fantastic couple of weeks in Saplings, full of creativity, imagination, and outdoor adventures!

Indoors, the children have been busy exploring a variety of sensory and craft activities. They've loved getting hands-on with playdough, playing with homemade "snow", chalking and cutting and sticking—all wonderful ways to build fine motor skills while having lots of fun.

Water and sand play have also been a big hit, offering the children a chance to pour, scoop, and explore different textures during their play.

Our story focus has been *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, and the children have truly brought it to life! Using puppets, they've retold the story in their own words, showing great imagination and storytelling skills.

In Forest School, teamwork was the theme as the children worked together in groups to build teepees and shelters using sticks and logs. To top it all off, they gathered around the fire pit to enjoy a warm cup of hot chocolate—always a favourite moment!

We're so proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been. We can't wait to see what adventures the next fortnight brings!

Toddler Group!





Toddler group has moved!

Due to Forest School, we have move to a Tuesday morning in the preschool. All are very welcome, join us for a chat, some fun and craft, tea and cake!

Running from 9.15-10:30am every Tuesday morning.

We will join the Preschool in their classroom and outside. 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;

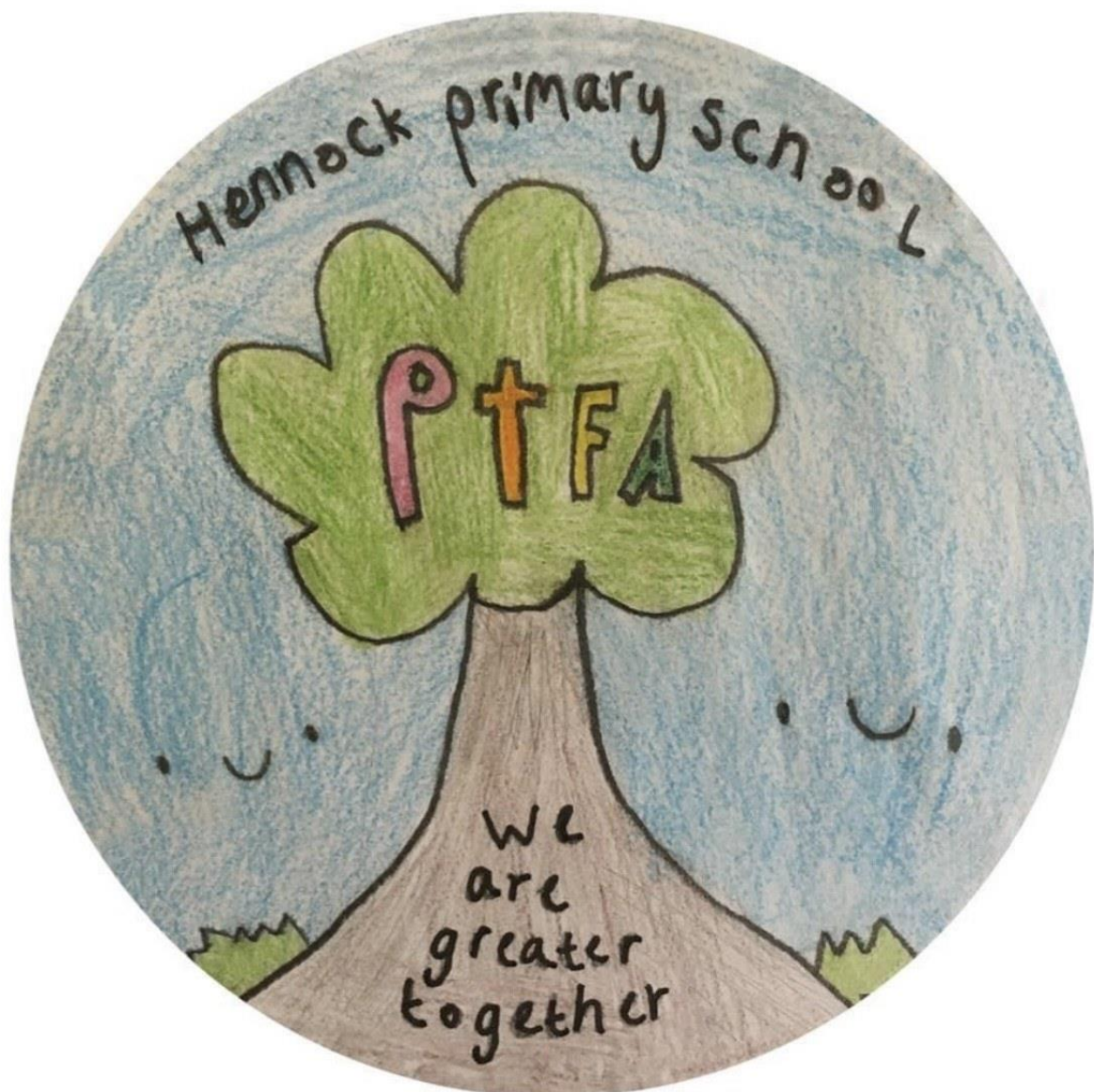
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We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



PTFA Message



Dear all,

As we head towards Autumn Half Term just a few things from your PTFA

The Barn Dance we held on the 4th October was a roaring success, it was a great evening lots of dancing and fun we hope to be able to repeat next year. Thank you to all who came along and who helped out with the various areas. We raised an amazing amount of over £5,000.00 which will be put to good use!

We are holding a Committee meeting ahead of the annual AGM this will be next Wednesday 22nd after school 3.30pm, please come along if you can, we would love to see you and listen to any feedback/ ideas that you have. Both of these meetings will be displayed in the notice window, by reception. A date for the AGM will be posted shortly. We always need volunteers, helpers etc please come along and hear what we do and what we are hoping to do for the school and pupils going forward, it would be great to have some new PTFA members to join our group.

Don't forget the Rag Bin, if your having a clear out of clothes please use the Rag Bin in the school grounds, we do get some income back from this and as they say every little helps! for the school PTFA

Also our wonderful Village Hall are running an event Friday 31st Halloween Party, Fancy dress and pumpkin competition at the Village Hall.

Thank you again for all your support and I hope everyone has a lovely half term break – Happy Halloween!

Your PTFA team – Deb, Alison & John

“ We are stronger together”

Communications Team



Hello everyone we are a group of Year 5 and 6s that will be interviewing students every 2 weeks about what they have been learning and the fun things we do at Hennock Primary School! Keep an eye out on this space in the newsletter to see updates :)

Star of the Week



10th October

Star of the Week:

Ash: Rudy **Birch:** Jess **Willows:** Maddie

BC: Millie **ASC:** Rupert

Dojo Points:

Ash: Asa, Monty, Rudy, Thomas **Birch:** Rupert

Achievosaurus: Emilia

Values Star: Benji

Pride of School: Asa

17th October

Star of the Week:

Ash: Mila **Birch:** Eli **Willows:** Harley

BC: Peigi **ASC:** Sophie

Dojo Points:

Ash: Thomas and Sophie **Birch:** Finn and Frank

Achievosaurus: Sophie

Values Star: Asa

Pride of School: Maddie

Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday, Whole School

Willows, extra PE on Friday

Ash and Birch, extra PE on Wednesdays

- 21st October: Tempest Photography
- 22nd October - Ash & Birch Trip to Buckfast Abbey
- 23rd October - Harvest Festival at St Mary's
- 24th October - Harvest Collection and non uniform day (please only non perishable goods, no money)
- 27th - 31st October - Half Term

Outdoor learning dates:

5th November - Saplings and Willow (am), Birch and Ash (pm)

School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 97.4%

Ash 97.3%

Birch 94.8%

Willows 99.8%

Attendance Matters



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

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.**

1

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.**

2

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.

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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>