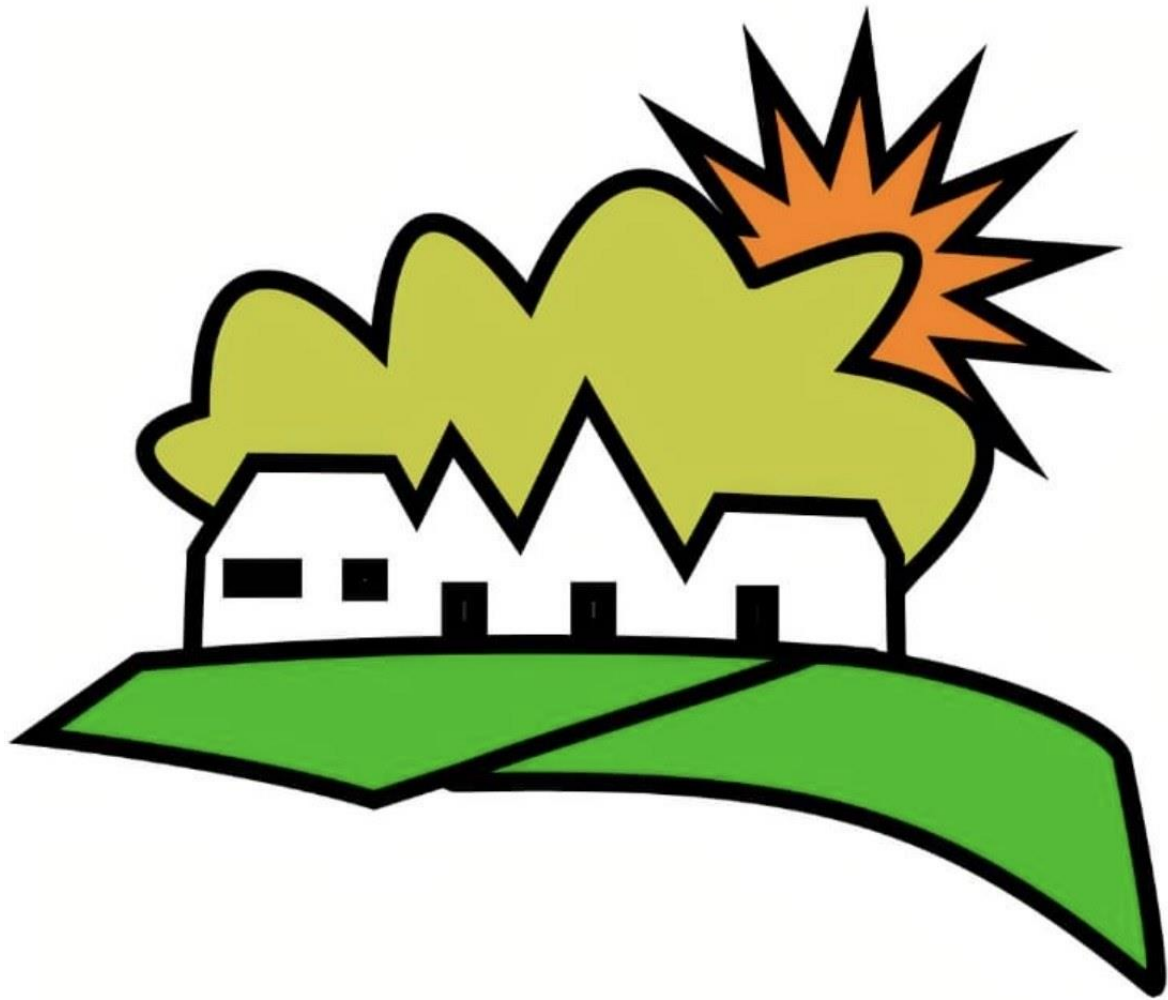




Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

Within the last few weeks, our Key Stage 2 children have been taking important steps towards becoming safe and confident road users. Year 6 have completed their Bikeability training, and the rest of KS2 have participated in Walkability sessions, learning how to navigate roads safely and responsibly.

This is an ideal time of year to reinforce these skills, as the days grow shorter and visibility decreases. Please remind your children about the importance of wearing bright clothing, using lights on bikes, and staying alert near roads. Together, we can help keep everyone safe while promoting independence and personal development.

The team would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. Thanks to your enthusiasm and generosity, the fair raised £200 worth of books for the school, and many families went home with wonderful new stories to enjoy together.

The whole school joined together to mark **Memorial Day**, taking time to reflect and learn about the importance of remembrance. The team was moved by the respect and maturity shown by pupils during this important moment in our school calendar.

The team would also like to recognise how resilient everyone was during the recent power cut. Staff and pupils handled the unexpected disruption brilliantly, and we are grateful for your help and understanding as we adjusted plans for the day—right down to everyone enjoying sandwiches for lunch. Your patience and support made all the difference.

Have a lovely weekend,

Anthony Arnold.

Ash Class



What a lovely two weeks we have had in Ash Class!

Last week, we had our Pyjama Day to raise food donations for Children in Need! The School Council also created a Drawing Challenge of Pudsey Bear for the whole school to take part in.

In English, the children have been completing their Final Write of a fairy tale based on Neil Gaiman's *Hansel & Gretel*. I have been so impressed with the way the children have taken on board the techniques learnt in class and applied them to their writing to create some dark and twisted fairy tales!

We had our first music session with Elfyn last week. KS2 wrote and practised a song that they will be performing at the South Dartmoor Singing Celebration on 8th December.

In Geography, we have been looking at Ordnance Survey maps. The children have explored our local area and used grid references to see the different human and physical features that they can identify.

In Art, we have been focusing on creating different tints, tones and shades using paints. We are going to be developing this skill over the next few lessons to help us create some beautiful landscape paintings.

We had a very chilly Outdoor Learning session this week. The children still had lots of fun building dens, running their own restaurant in the mud kitchen, and playing in the river before finishing off our session with some smores and hot chocolate by the fire! Please make sure your child is coming to school on Outdoor Learning days with plenty of layers to keep them warm as the temperature continues to drop.

Finally, our wonderful Year 6's completed their Bikeability sessions this week! They have been out on the roads learning how to ride their bikes safely.

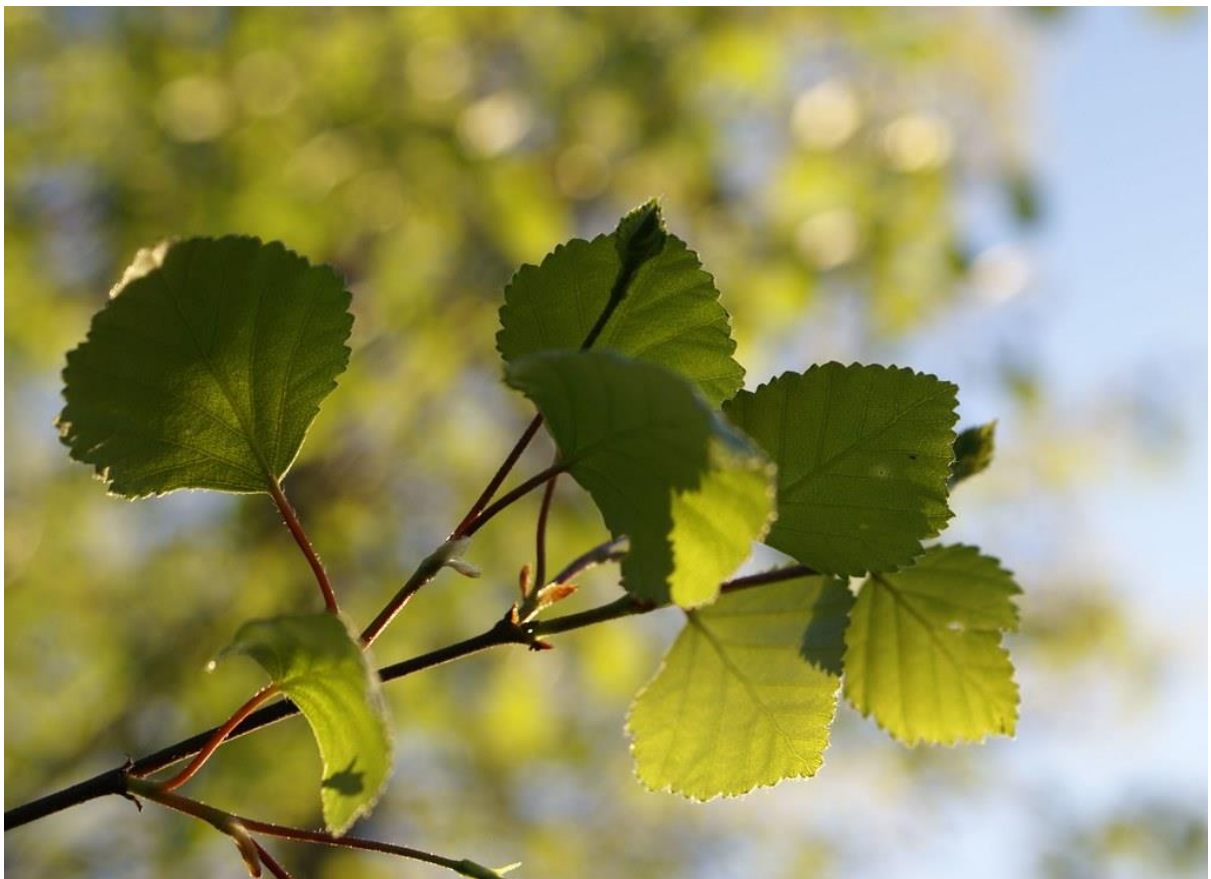
Have a lovely and restful weekend!

Miss Fraser





Birch Class



Birch have been working so hard over the past two weeks. We've settled back into our regular rhythm this week after an action packed week of events last week. All children were so respectful honouring those who lost their lives in past conflicts during our Remembrance service as well as marking Children in Need and anti-bullying week. KS2 welcomed Elfyn, specialist music teacher last week, who supported us to write our very own song about Hennock and Teign Village. We also practised the other songs will be performing on the 8th December at South Dartmoor. We're excited to show you all what we've been working on. The children also engaged brilliantly with Walkability, learning how to safely cross the road despite the driving moorland rain! It appeared to be rush hour in Hennock at the time so we had many opportunities to put what we had learned into practice. The children also explored the meaning of different roads signs in our community.

In English, Birch have been embracing our new poetry sequence called A Good Weekend. They've explored key poetic features and worked together to act out the poem. This week, the children have been writing sentences to practice using similes. In Maths, we have explored patterns in multiplication facts, finding numbers which share multiplication factors in the 2, 5 and 10 times table. We have also looked at the 4 and 8 times table and number facts shared in both, exploring how we can use this knowledge to solve problems.

Over the coming weeks, the children will continue to work towards their final write, writing a poem about a favourite weekend, using all the poetic devices they have been learning about. We are welcoming Elfyn back in to school on the 27th November for a rehearsal and he will be joined by Kip on the 4th December for a final rehearsal before the big gig!

Times Table Rock Star usernames and passwords are now stuck into Home Learning books. I thought I had done this but confused myself with the Ed Shed password- so sorry!!

Have a lovely weekend and stay warm in this wintery weather.

Maugan

Willows and Reception Class



It has been a very busy fortnight in Willows class! Last week we celebrated Michael Rosen day, Children in Need and Remembrance day. The children made a class Pudsey picture and attended a remembrance service. This week we have begun learning the songs for our Christmas nativity, and the excitement is already building! At forest school, we were exploring our five senses.

In Year 2 the children have finished writing their stories about their *little friends*. I've been incredibly impressed by the children's imagination and creativity—each story was unique and showed fantastic effort. In maths, we have continued practising addition and subtraction.

We have been exploring maps in geography. We looked at different types of maps, learned how to read them, and even had a go at drawing our own. The children did brilliantly. In art, we began our unit on portraits. The children created some wonderful self-portraits, and their effort really shone through. We then moved on to collage, and the class had great fun making some very funny face collages!

Reception have been exploring circles and triangles, learning about their properties and hunting for them around our classroom. We also practised positional language such as *under*, *beside*, and *on*. We have also continued our topic on celebrations. This week, we learned

how light is used in different celebrations and found out all about Diwali. We also shared a new story called *Little Glow*.







Saplings



Last week, we enjoyed diving into the classic tale *The Three Little Pigs*.

The children had a wonderful time using puppets and story props to retell the adventure in their own words. There was lots of laughter as many of them took turns playing the Big Bad Wolf — and of course, huffing and puffing to blow the houses down!

This week, our creative focus has been on celebrations and light.

The children explored textures and colours while making their own beautiful Rangoli patterns. They took great care using different textures and were very proud of their bright, festive designs.

Outdoor learning was chilly, but spirits were high!

Even with the cold weather, the children wrapped up warm and embraced their time outside. When the sun peeked through, it made exploring the outdoor area even more enjoyable. The cold certainly didn't stop them from having the best time.

Wishing all our families a warm and restful weekend!

Toddler Group!





Toddler group joins the Preschool in their classroom and outside. Activities include painting, mark making, playdough sand and water play. Plus plenty of glitter and pumpkins!

All are very welcome, join us for a chat, some craft, and very importantly, tea for your adult!

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

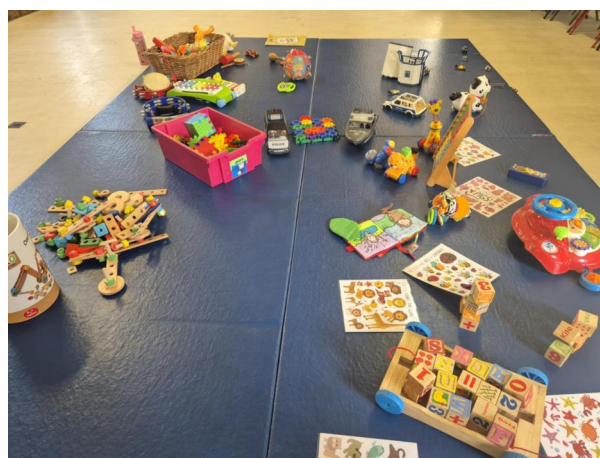
Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

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

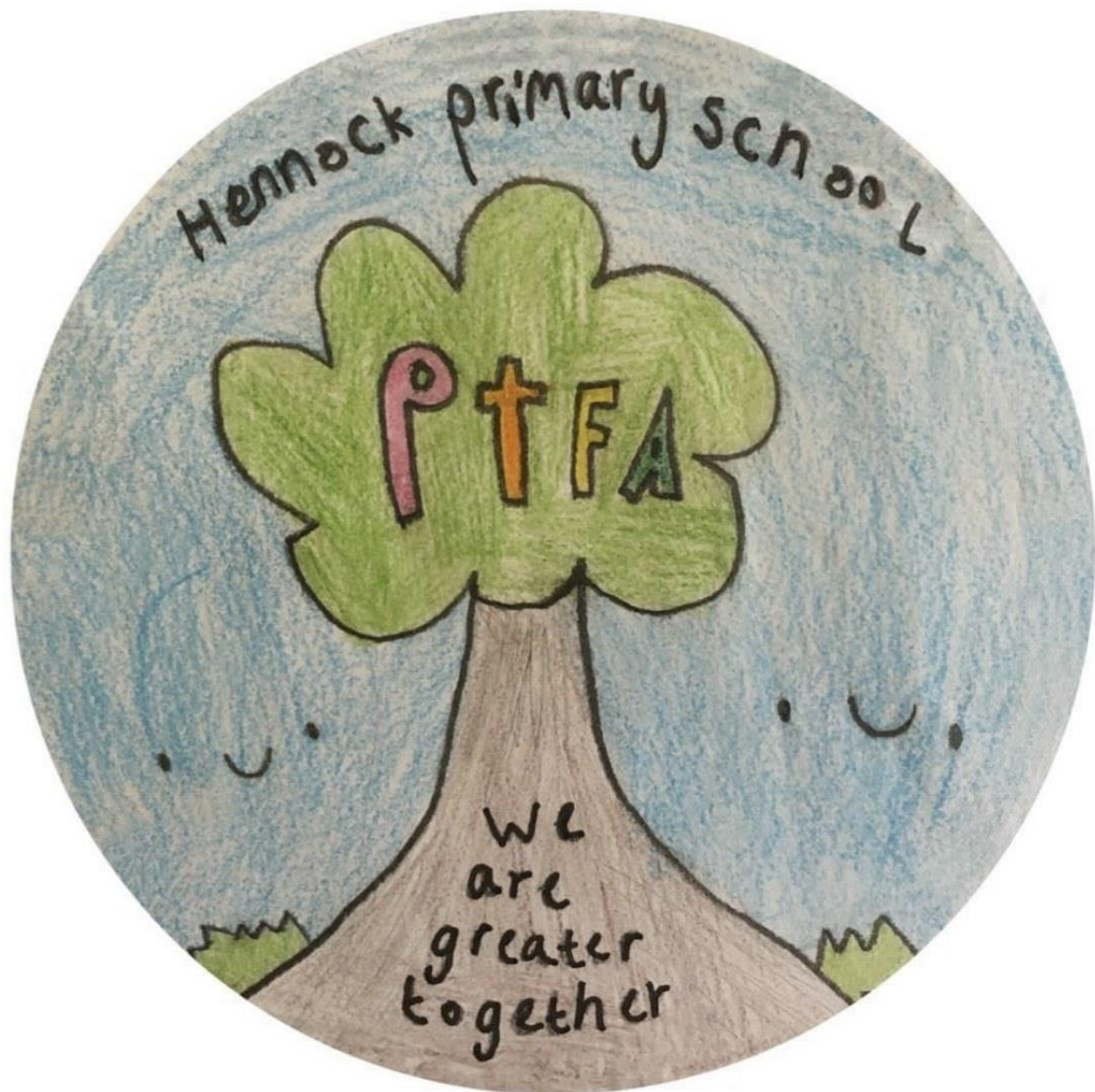
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01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



PTFA Message



Dear all,

Hope you are keeping warm in this cold snap and starting to look forward to the Christmas break, I believe Christmas Carols are being practised I'm hearing one or two new ones from Amelia, all sounding lovely, and getting us in the spirit of things!

We will be at the Nativity Play on the 17th December and hope to see you all for Father Christmas visits and Christmas refreshments.

We will be doing a small raffle so please if you can donate a small gift it would be very much appreciated

There is also a Christmas table top fair at the Village Hall on the 22nd November, posters will be going up to advertise and wreaths can be purchased, proceeds to go to the PTFA

If you are having a sort out please don't forget the Rag Bin, we receive a small income from this that goes into the PTFA pot for the school

I did mention last newsletter about the pre-loved School Uniform, I have a great selection of winter uniform in very good condition, we will have a table at the School Fair to promote, great to pick up spare dresses, trousers and shorts also tops available.

Please come and chat to us if you want to try any new ideas or help in any way, everyone very welcome.

From your PTFA team.

Communications Team



This week, we interviewed two Year 6's who took part in Bikeability this week!

Q: Did you enjoy Bikeability?

A: Yes because I really enjoy riding my bike. I wish we had even more time on our bikes!

Q: What was your favourite part of the training?

A: Getting out and practising on the roads and getting some fresh air, even though it was pretty cold.

Q: What do you think Bikeability could improve on next time?

A: Having a bit more in-depth explanation as some of it was quite tricky!



Star of the Week



14th November

Star of the Week:

Ash: Sophie **Birch:** Finn **Willows:** Billy

BC: Mila **ASC:** Alma

Dojo Points:

Ash: Monty & Ro **Birch:** Jessica, Finn, Lucy

Achievosaurus: Billy, Ronnie, Harley

Values Star: *Winston*

Pride of School: *Emilia*

21st November

Star of the Week:

Ash: *Mila* **Birch:** *Eli* **Willows:** *Emilia*

BC: *Asa* **ASC:** *Maddie*

Dojo Points:

Ash: *Mabel, Phoebe, Ro* **Birch:** *Eli, Rupert, Jessica*

Achievosaurus: *Maddie*

Values Star: *Monty*

Playground Hero: *Aiden*

Pride of School: *Peigi*

Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday, Whole School

Willows, extra PE on alternative Friday (not same wk as Outdoor Learning)

Ash and Birch, extra PE on Wednesdays

- **W/C 24th Nov - UK Parliament week**
- **Thursday 27th Nov - Link Fit for KS2**
- **Monday 8th Dec Singing Celebration at South Dartmoor Collage. KS2**
- **Wednesday 10th Dec, Christmas Dinner Day!**
- **Wednesday 17th Dec, KS1 Nativity and Christmas Fair!**
- **Friday 19th Last Day of Term.**

Outdoor learning dates:

Saplings and Willow (am), Birch and Ash (pm)

Wednesday 3rd December

Wednesday 17th December

For Your Information

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:

devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the **15 January 2026**

If you can't access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by emailing
admissions@devon.gov.uk or
call our Education Helpline on:
0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions
Team, even if you've already given details
to a school. Applications made directly to
schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

Devon
County Council

Calling All Parents And Guardians



We Need Your Voice!

Welcome to our supervised toothbrushing programme!

We've launched a fun and healthy supervised toothbrushing programme
within our setting to help children build great brushing habits and keep
their smiles sparkling.







School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 97.0%

Ash 97.9%

Birch 98.1%

Willows 94.3%

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 admission arrangements. 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 until 16 January 2026.

Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15

March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school

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.



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>