



Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome our new families who have joined us this term and say how delighted we are to have you as part of Hennock family. Thank you for choosing us.

We are really looking forward to a packed and exciting summer term at Hennock. Plans are well underway for swimming sessions for all children, alongside even more opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. Outdoor learning and adventurous activities will feature strongly this term, giving pupils valuable chances to build confidence, resilience and teamwork while enjoying the natural environment around us. We can't wait!

We are also continuing our close collaboration with the PTFA, whose ongoing support helps enrich what we offer our children. This morning, we spent time on our playground plans and meeting with local artists as part of our planning to bring in more creative and inspiring opportunities.

Have a lovely, long weekend everyone.

Anthony Arnold

Ash Class



It has been a lovely start to the Summer Term in Ash Class!

At Outdoor Learning last week, the children made the most of the wild garlic still being around and made a delicious cheesy garlic bread!

In English, we have begun our work on a new text called *Incredible Edibles*. The children have done a brilliant job at identifying the different techniques used by the author to engage their specific audience and I look forward to reading the revolting recipes they come up with next week!

We are studying ancient Greece in History this half term. It has been lovely to see the children engaging with this unit so enthusiastically. So far we have explored the Greek Gods and also what life was like in ancient Greece depending on if you were rich or poor.

In Science, we are exploring reproduction and life cycles. The children have done brilliantly well at comparing the differences in humans at different stages of their life and explored how human reaction time changes as they get older.

Have a lovely weekend!



Birch Class



I hope you all had a lovely Easter break!

The children in Birch have been immersing themselves in our new book, *Fantastically Great Women*, as part of our latest English sequence. They've been learning about Rosa Parkes, Mary Anning and Gertrude Ederle, using key writing techniques to develop their own writers voice including the use of adjectives to expand noun phrases and using adverbs to give more detail to the verb. We're now moving on to exploring conjunctions in more depth to join clauses in sentences before coming onto the final write where the children will write a biographical piece about a chosen famous person. The children's vocabulary is really enriching and they've been sharing their expertise with one another to create some brilliant sentences.

We have now finished our first fractions topic for the year in Maths. The children have done brilliantly when exploring mixed numbers and improper fractions to solve problems. The children's developing times table knowledge was of definite support as they were able to use this number facts to solve problems and explain their thinking. We've now moved onto our new Maths focus; mass and capacity.

We've also been developing different ways of approaching spellings and learning a variety of strategies to help learn each spelling pattern. Alongside Times Tables Rock Stars, the children also engage in practical games to support the learning of multiplication and division. This week we have concentrated on the 12 times table, thinking about all the multiplication facts we already know. Next week, we cycle on again to the 2 times table.

Have a very lovely May Day/ Beltane bank holiday weekend!

Maugan

Willows and Reception Class



It has been lovely to see everybody back after the holidays. We have had a fantastic two weeks settling back into school life.

Together, we have been carefully monitoring our incubated eggs in the classroom, which has been a very exciting experience for everyone. We also enjoyed a lovely trip to the library—the children were completely engrossed in the show and have since loved reading the library books they chose. Our sunny Forest School session was another highlight, where the

children had great fun making their own stick men, creating bubble wands, and toasting marshmallows together.

In Year 2, we have started a new English topic based on a non-fiction book about penguins. The children have been exploring the key features of non-fiction texts and practising their reading fluency by presenting sections of the book as if they were TV presenters. In Maths, we have been learning about capacity and volume, measuring different amounts of liquid in a variety of containers using litres and millilitres. In Geography, we have been looking at the countries and capital cities of the UK.

In Reception, we have begun our exciting new topic, "All About the Great Outdoors." The children have been learning about the different parts of flowers and how they grow. We have read *Sam Plants a Sunflower* and explored the life cycle of a sunflower. In Maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 11, 12, and 13, and recognising how they are made up of 10 and another number.

Have a lovely weekend!









Saplings



It has been lovely welcoming a few new faces this term, and we've had a busy and exciting time filled with lots of hands-on learning experiences!

During our outdoor learning sessions, the children had great fun making stick people and creating bubble blowers using natural materials. These activities encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and exploration of the environment around them.

Our role play area was transformed into a garden centre, where the children enthusiastically took on different roles. This linked beautifully with our planting activities, as the children planted sunflower seeds and learned how to care for them.

We also enjoyed sensory play through making “flower soup,” and the children expressed their creativity by designing beautiful flower collages.

In maths, we have been exploring space, shape, and measure. The children have been learning to recognise different shapes, compare sizes, and use language related to measurement through practical activities and play.

We have also been focusing on developing independence skills. The children have been making their own snacks, confidently using serving spoons and small knives under supervision. This has been a great way to build their fine motor skills and encourage responsibility.

It’s been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic in their learning!

Have a lovely weekend

Debbie.

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;

adminhennock@thelink.academy

01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



PTFA Message



PTFA Updates & Upcoming Events

Next PTFA Meeting Please join us for our next PTFA meeting straight after school on Monday 11th May. We encourage as many parents and staff as possible to attend. We will be making plans for the current term and providing updates on all our ongoing activities.

Playground Project & Match Funding The playground project is continuing to go well, and plans are really coming together. We are now at the exciting point of finalising supplies and placing orders for some of the main materials. Furthermore, we are thrilled to share that an additional £6,000 has been secured through match funding by a company. This was made possible by the support of a Broadhempston PTFA member who understands just how challenging school fundraising can be.

New Playground School Mosaic We have recently had some very exciting discussions with mosaic artists about producing a beautiful new mosaic for the new playground. We will share more details as this project takes shape, including how everyone can get involved in the process!

Chromebooks Have Arrived In other positive news, the 30 Chromebooks funded by the PTFA have officially arrived and are already in use by the students! We are looking forward to capturing some pictures of them in action and sharing the positive impact they are having very soon.

Weekend Events Wishing everyone a lovely May Bank Holiday weekend! Please do not forget about the Teign Valley Bash (<https://teignhouseinn.co.uk/valley-bash-tickets/>), which promises to be a brilliant family day out and kindly supports the PTFA with funds. Additionally, Sunday at 1:30 PM, the Bluebell Walk will be setting off from the Village Hall. This is a lovely spring event for all the community, including the children in the village, and we hope you can make it.

The PTFA Team

Communications Team



This week, we interviewed some children in KS1 who visited Bovey Tracey Library:

Q: What book did you choose to borrow from the library?

A: Captain Underpants!

A: Moonlight Riders!

Q: What was your favourite thing about the trip?

A: I loved watching the performance they did for us called "Locked in the Library".

Q: Would you recommend this library to other children?

A: Yes, definitely!

Star of the Week



24th April

Star of the Week:

Ash: Sophie ***Birch:*** Eli and Finn ***Willows:*** Ruby

BC: ASC:

Dojo Points:

Ash: Monty ***Birch:*** Eli, Jess, Alison

Achievosaurus: Ronnie, Winston, Alma, Alana, Eloise

Values Star: Ruby and Sophie C

Playground Hero: Thomas

Pride of School: Sophie C

1st May

Star of the Week: Alma

Ash: Rose ***Birch:*** Jessica ***Willows:*** Alma

BC: ASC:

Dojo Points:

Ash: Roanna **Birch:** Eli and Jessica

Achievosaurus: Maddie

Values Star: Finn

Playground Hero: Monty

Pride of School:

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

- **SATs Week commences 11th May**
- **Monday 11th May PTFA meeting after school**

Outdoor learning dates this half term:

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

- **Wednesday 6th May**
- **Wednesday 20th May**

Outdoor learning dates next half term

- **Wednesday 10th June**
- **Wednesday 24th June**
- **Wednesday 8th July**

For Your Information



Trust PE curriculum newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/TKs1VK5XlzDZRoX?ref=Link>

School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 99.2%

Ash 99.2%

Birch 99.1%

Willows 99.5%

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/admissionarrangementsThe 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

FIRST OFFENCE

1

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.**

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

2

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.**

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

3

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>