

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

I am delighted to share that we have now successfully completed an upgrade of our staff devices, ensuring that our teachers are equipped with new, reliable technology to support teaching and learning.

Alongside this, and thanks to the incredible generosity and support of PTFA, Friends of Hennock, we now have a class set of 30 Chromebooks available for our pupils. These are already being used throughout the school to enhance learning opportunities, giving children greater access to digital tools. This is a significant milestone for our school, and one that will have instant impact.

We have also been working hard this year to improve our swimming provision. I am very pleased to share that, in addition to Ash Class continuing with their usual swimming offer, both Willow and Birch Classes will be attending swimming sessions during the summer term at the pool based at Widecombe Primary School. Further details will be shared shortly, but in the meantime it would be helpful to check that swimming costumes still fit - saving any last-minute scramble after half term!

We have many more exciting opportunities planned in for summer and we look forward to sharing these with you soon.

Ash Class



Ash Class have had a very busy couple of weeks!

Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of the Year 6's who completed their SATs this week. They approached each day with resilience and determination and all with a big smile on their faces. Well done guys!

In DT, we have been exploring how to create support, stiffness and stability in building structures. It was great to see everyone getting stuck in and working as a team to problem-solve and be creative with their designs.

In History, we have continued our learning about ancient Greece. We have looked at different influential ancient Greek figures and how they influenced the world we live in today. We also have explored the similarities and differences between the ancient and modern Olympic Games.

In Science, we investigated how people's age can affect their reaction time. The children designed and conducted their experiments and collected their data to draw conclusions, backed up by their scientific understanding.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!





Birch Class



Birch class have been very creative this week, bringing to life famous people or members of their family to write a biographical account in English. They have really shone in their elicitation activity this week to write a description of *The Secret Garden*. I was especially impressed by how the children used strategies to help themselves and extended their learning, plus their use of adjectives to bring to life the setting was incredible. Our new text is called *Leon and The Place Between*. The children have immersed themselves in it this week and given really thoughtful answers about how the text and pictures made them feel.

Birch have also completed their Maths unit of mass and capacity and have now moved on to exploring fractions in more depth. Over the coming weeks they will have the opportunity to solve problems involving fractions whilst developing fluency to add and subtract with mixed numbers and improper fractions.

They're all looking forward to cracking on with rehearsals for this year's production.

Have a good weekend!

Maugan

Willows and Reception Class



This week in Year 2, the children have begun learning about fractions in Maths. We have been exploring parts and wholes, as well as identifying equal and unequal parts. In English, we have continued our information text topic all about penguins. The children have been learning how to use conjunctions such as *but* and *when* to add extra information to their sentences and make their writing more detailed. In DT, we explored where different types of food come from and discussed how food is produced around the world.

In Reception, the children have been learning about animal life cycles. We read a story about the life cycle of a butterfly and then drew and labelled the different stages of a butterfly's life cycle. In Maths, we have been practising counting beyond 20 and developing confidence with larger numbers.

There has been lots of excitement across the school as we have been carefully monitoring our eggs, which have now begun to cheep and crack! The children have loved observing the changes and eagerly checking for new chicks.

We have also enjoyed welcoming visitors into school this week. Local author Triona Harris visited to share her books with the class, inspiring the children with her stories and love of

reading. Mr Morse, a Hennock alumnus, also visited and shared what Hennock School was like when he attended.

During Forest School, the children worked together brilliantly to prepare and make delicious fruit salads. They showed excellent teamwork and enthusiasm while learning about healthy foods and food preparation skills.









Saplings



This week the children had a wonderful time exploring outdoor learning activities linked to our minibeast theme. We used elderberry branches and pipe cleaners to create our very own caterpillars, encouraging creativity and fine motor skills. The children also enjoyed decorating butterflies using a range of natural materials they collected outdoors. It was lovely to see their imagination and creativity shine through in their designs.

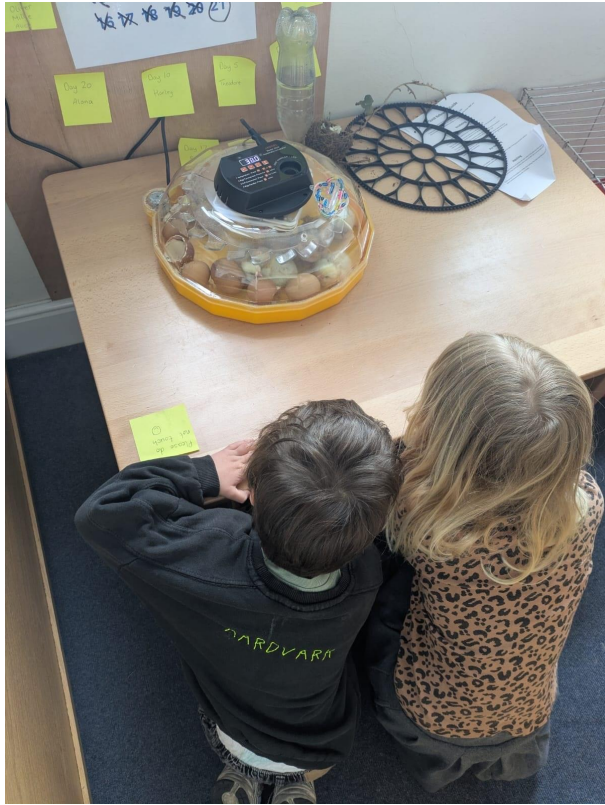
As part of our learning, we have been talking about life cycles and learning how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly. The children were very interested in the different stages and enjoyed discussing the changes they noticed. We also worked together to make bug hotels, thinking carefully about where insects might like to live and what materials would help create a safe habitat for them.

In maths, we have been exploring patterns and practising recognising numbers 1, 2, and 3 in different arrangements. The children have been doing a fantastic job spotting patterns and counting carefully.

Today the chicks have hatched!!!... The children are very excited!

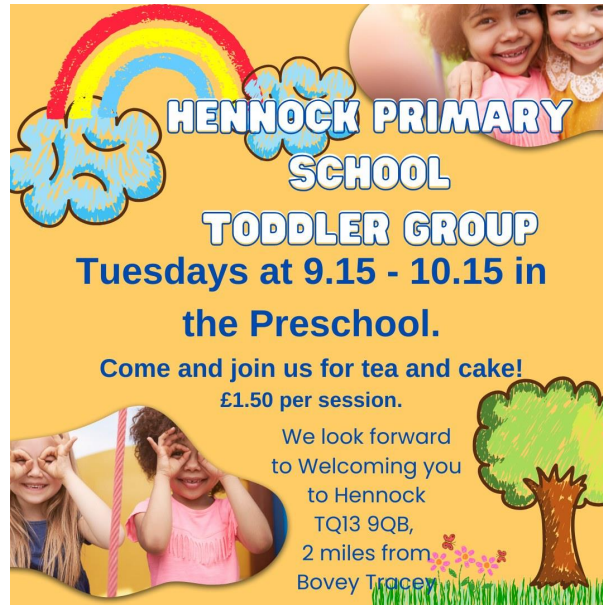
Have a lovely weekend!

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 News & Updates

A massive thank you to the **Teign Valley Bash** at the **Teign House Inn** for their incredibly generous donation of **£625** to our PTFA! We also want to extend our gratitude to Alison Wonnacott, Sarah Mortimore, Nancy Mortimore, and Sam Hughes for volunteering their time and brilliantly representing our school at the event.

Year 6 SATs & Leavers' Hoodies

A huge "well done" to all of our Year 6 pupils for working so hard and completing their SATs. To celebrate, the children are receiving their Leavers' hoodies today. These have been

generously sponsored by Ben Nock and wonderfully arranged by Debbie Gifford. Thank you, Debbie!

Playground Works: We Need Your Help!

Our exciting playground improvements are getting closer. Repairs to the wall will be taking place over half term, and the main site work will officially begin on **5th June**.

To make this a success, we would be incredibly grateful for as much volunteer help as possible over the coming weeks. Whether you can spare a few hours at the weekend or during the week, your assistance will make a huge difference.

Key Volunteer Dates:

- **13th & 14th June:** Clearing the site ready for the main works to commence.
- **20th & 21st June:** General volunteer work on site.
- **4th & 5th July:** Final touches and finishing any remaining jobs.
- **Weekdays:** Help is also very much needed during the week throughout this period.

Jobs We Need Help With:

- Constructing structures (ideal for anyone with skills working with wood).
- Painting and oiling our beautiful new wooden structures.
- Gardening, tidying, repairs elsewhere on site and general site clearing.

How to Get Involved: To help us coordinate numbers and skills, please take a moment to fill out our volunteer form: [Google Form: Playground Volunteer Sign-Up¹](#)

If you have any questions or would prefer to offer your help directly, please get in touch with Alison Wonnacott, who is coordinating our volunteer efforts, at alison@frostfarm.co.uk² or **07899 654666**.

Thank you for your continued support of Hennock Community Primary School!

¹<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScssyZUFM1dWMMuPgmH35YY8VsjNiXjPqrAMsOcF0Fd24rkFqw/vi/ewform?usp=header>

²<mailto:alison@frostfarm.co.uk>



This week, we interviewed some Year 6's who have just completed their SATs!

Q: Did you like doing the SATs?

A: Yes - sort of. It was hard but it feels good to be done!

Q: Did you enjoy your ice creams at the end?

A: Yes!! It was a nice treat to have.

Q: Which was your favourite paper?

A: I liked the Maths Paper 1 which was Arithmetic.

Star of the Week



8th May

Star of the Week:

Ash: Albert Birch: Willows:

BC: ASC:

Dojo Points:

Ash: Sophie Birch:

Achievosaurus:

Values Star: Peigi

Playground Hero: Dusty

8th May

Star of the Week:

Ash: Year 6 Birch: Alison Willows:

BC: ASC: Dusty

Dojo Points:

Birch: Frank

Achievosaurus:

Values Star: Year 6

Playground Hero: Frank

Pride of School: Birch Class

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

- **Monday 18th Martial Arts Assembly**
- **Monday 18th Year 5 & 6 Football Trip**

Monday 25th Half Term!

Outdoor learning dates this half term:

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

- **Wednesday 20th May**

Outdoor learning dates next half term

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

For Your Information

HOUSE OF MARBLES

FRIDAY

AFTER SCHOOL DEAL

ICE CREAM FOR ONLY £2.50!

ICE CREAM
COFFEE
SOFT DRINKS

EVERY FRIDAY
3:15 PM TO 4:45 PM

GAMES GARDEN

HOUSE OF MARBLES, BOVEY TRACEY, TQ13 9DS

EPIC Solutions

Exeter Paediatric Integrated Care Solutions
invite you to:

Our 'Open Door' Event
29th June 4-7pm.

Come and discover what makes us different, explore our bespoke newly refurbished premises and hear about our new and established multidisciplinary services for children and young people 0-25 yrs.

All are welcome.

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PIRATES AHOY
@STOVER SCHOOL, NEWTON ABBOT
TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026

AWARDED
5 STARS
OFSTED

<p>SHIVER ME TIMBERS TUESDAY</p> <p>Beach Basketball Baton Down Bench Ball Nautical NERF Captain James Sparrow, Shipwrecked & Soaked Capture the Pirates Flag</p>	<p>WALK THE PLANK WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Treasure Tennis Dabloom Dodgeball Soft Aaargh-cherry Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge Stranded on a desert Island Survival Skills</p>	<p>CLAP OF THUNDER THURSDAY</p> <p>Baton Down Bench Ball Scuttlebuck Soccer Nautical NERF Capture the Pirates Flag Stranded on a Desert Island Survival Skills</p>	<p>FAIR WINDS FRIDAY</p> <p>Dabloom Dodgeball Capture the Pirates Flag Scuttlebuck Soccer Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge Pirate Dress Up at Treasure Hunt encouraged but not compulsory</p>
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PLUS PIRATE AAARG-RTS & CRAFTS EVERY DAY!
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 (ONLY 12 MINS FROM EXETER AND
 NEWTON ABBOT)

FOR SWIMMERS AGED 4+ IN
 STAGES 1-5

**TUESDAY 26TH MAY -FRIDAY 29TH
 MAY 2026 8.30am-10.00am**

30 MINUTE LESSONS
 MAXIMUM OF 6 CHILDREN PER CLASS
 RATIO 3:1 FOR STAGES 1 & 2
 PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE

PRIVATE 12M HEATED POOL

£44.20 PER SWIMMER
 (INCLUDES ALL CERTIFICATES & BADGES)

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 OUR WEBSITE OR
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Trust PE curriculum newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Tks1VK5XlzDZRox?ref=Link>

School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 96.5%

Ash 98.7%

Birch 99.3%

Willows 88.9%

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

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.uk³

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

³<mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>