



# Hennock Primary School Newsletter

## *Message from the Head*

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and were able to enjoy some of the fantastic sunny weather that we were fortunate to have. It was certainly a lovely opportunity to spend time outdoors with family and friends.

We have been delighted with how well the children have returned to school this week. It has been made even more special by the visit of an artist who has been working alongside the children to create a beautiful new mosaic for our playground. The finished piece will take pride of place in our new outdoor area and will be a lasting reminder of the children's

creativity and teamwork. Throughout the project, pupils have been learning about the art of mosaic, exploring different techniques and materials, and taking great care in contributing to this shared piece. We can't wait to share the finished piece with you all.

As many of you will have noticed, work has now begun on our exciting playground development project. This marks a significant milestone for our school, and we are all looking forward to seeing the transformation take shape over the coming weeks. We appreciate that the building works may cause some temporary inconvenience, particularly with parking, access arrangements, and changes to our usual routines. Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding, and support during this time.

While there may be a few challenges along the way, we know that the end result will be well worth it. The new playground will provide our children with an incredible space to play, explore, learn, and develop for many years to come. We are excited to share updates as the project progresses and look forward to celebrating its completion with the whole school community.

Have a lovely weekend,

Anthony

## Ash Class



We have had a lovely start to Summer 2 in Ash Class!

We begun the half term by starting our swimming lessons at Bovey Tracey Outdoor Pool. It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves so much in the pool, whilst also developing their swimming skills. Swimming lessons will continue for Ash Class every **Tuesday morning**.

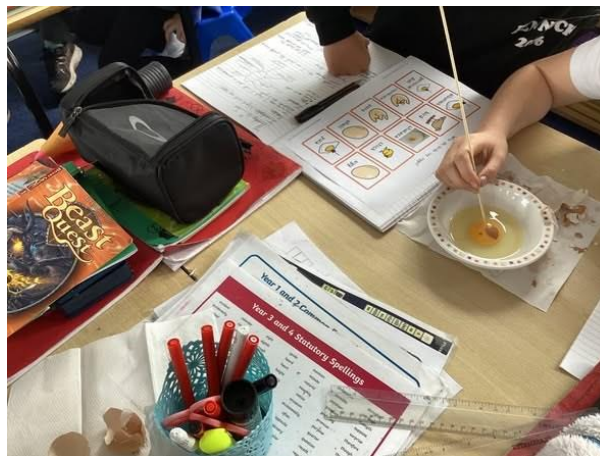
In English, we have been exploring our new model text: *The Defender of the Moonlit City*. So far this week, the children have explored the key themes of the narrative and got to work creating their own expanded noun phrases and figurative language to describe characters and settings and create a sense of atmosphere in their writing.

In Maths, the children have finished their work on Algebra. We are now moving onto exploring different types of shapes and angles.

In Science, we have completed two exciting investigations this week. Firstly, we explored the question "Why do birds lay eggs?". The children spent the afternoon investigating the different reproductive functions of an egg and how it leads to a chick being born.

Secondly, we begun our investigation about the life cycle of mealworms. The children have set up their own mealworm habitats in the classroom and over the next few weeks will be looking after these habitats and making scientific observations as the mealworms enter different phases of their life cycle.

Have a lovely weekend!





## Birch Class



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term.

The children have been working with their writing, using the text *Leon and the Place Between* to support their creativity. We have utilised the outdoors to support developing word banks for adjectives and prepositions which the children have then used to provide description to settings and help the reader gain a sense of place.

In Maths, we have finished our latest fractions topic and are now beginning to learn about decimals, applying the previously taught fractions knowledge. The children had a brilliant time this week developing the mosaic for the playground re-model and were so precise and thoughtful as to where they placed the mosaics to have the best effect.

We have also begun rehearsals for our KS2 production in earnest with all children getting involved in learning their parts. The music written for the show is absolutely amazing and the children are loving learning the songs!

Have a great weekend,

Maugan

## Willows and Reception Class



I hope you all had a wonderful half term. It has been lovely to see everybody back at school this week and ready for the busy half term ahead.

In Year 2, we have started a new English topic by writing about the things we enjoy doing with our friends. The children have enjoyed sharing their ideas and writing about their favourite activities. In Maths, we are continuing our fractions topic and have been exploring quarters and thirds using practical resources and pictures. We have also started an exciting new History topic all about the Titanic. The children seem very interested in this topic and have already enjoyed learning about what made the ship so special.

In Reception, we are going to be learning all about the seaside this half term. We have begun by writing sentences based on a seaside picture, with the children coming up with some fantastic ideas and descriptions. In Maths, we have been learning to manipulate shapes by moving and rotating them.

The children have also really enjoyed working collaboratively with local artist Coco on the new mosaic that will be displayed in our playground. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and teamwork throughout the project. Finally, it has been very exciting to see how much our plants have grown over the holiday. The children have loved observing the changes and taking care of them.

Have a lovely weekend!



## Saplings



We have had a lovely start to the new term in Preschool and it has been wonderful to welcome the children back. Everyone has settled in beautifully and has been eager to share their news and experiences from the half-term break.

Our topic this term is "The Beach", and the children have been excited to talk about their own visits to the seaside. We have enjoyed listening to their stories about building sandcastles, paddling in the sea, collecting shells, and spending time with family and friends. These discussions have helped to develop the children's communication skills while encouraging them to share their experiences with their peers.

In Maths, we have been exploring patterns. The children have enjoyed identifying, creating, and extending simple repeating patterns using a variety of resources. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they recognise patterns in both the classroom and the wider environment.

We have also been making good use of the hall to develop our gross motor skills. The children have enjoyed climbing over and under the apparatus, balancing, running in races, and taking part in group games. One particular favourite has been Duck, Duck, Goose, which has encouraged turn-taking, listening skills, and plenty of laughter!

As always, we are very proud of how well the children have settled into their routines and embraced new learning opportunities. We look forward to continuing our beach-themed adventures and sharing more exciting activities with you throughout the term.

Thank you for your continued support.

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](mailto:adminhennock@thelink.academy)

01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



## PTFA Message



### **PTFA News & Updates**

#### **Barn Dance Tickets Now on Sale**

Tickets for our annual Barn Dance on Sat 3rd October are officially available to purchase. As this is a popular event that consistently sells out, please ensure you book well in advance. You can secure your tickets directly through our dedicated event website: <https://pta-events.co.uk/hennock><sup>1</sup>

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## **Playground Renovation: Progress and Volunteer Call-Out**

The Hennock Community Primary School playground renovation is officially underway! Over the half-term break, we successfully repaired the wall alongside the playground and commenced the initial site clearance.

We urgently need assistance with the next stage of the clearance works. We are holding a volunteer work session on Saturday, 13th June, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. If you are able to offer some time during this period, your help would be greatly appreciated.

To sign up for a volunteer slot, please contact Alison Wonnacott:

- **Email:** [alison@frostfarm.co.uk](mailto:alison@frostfarm.co.uk)<sup>2</sup>
- **Phone:** 07899 654666

## **Important Parking Notice**

Please be advised that starting Monday, 15th June, there will be disruption to parking alongside the school whilst the next phase of the playground construction takes place. Please ensure you park away from the school and not in an area which obstructs local residents - please allow extra time. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during the works.

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

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<sup>2</sup><mailto:alison@frostfarm.co.uk>



This week, we interviewed a member of Ash Class who began their swimming lessons at Bovey Tracey Outdoor Pool!

**Q: Did you enjoy your first swimming session?**

A: Yes, definitely! It was so much fun.

**Q: What was your favourite part?**

A: The free play we got in the pool after we finished our lesson.

**Q: What are you looking forward to most?**

A: Getting better and swimming and getting to spend lots of time in the pool.

## Star of the Week



**5th June**

**Star of the Week:**

**Ash:** Rafferty **Birch:** Frank **Willows:** Harley

**BC:** ASC:

**Dojo Points:**

**Ash:** Sophie

**Birch:** Eli and Jess

**Achievosaurus:** Peigi

**Values Star:** Albert

**Playground Hero:** Dusty

**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**

- **Tuesday Swimming for Ash class (until 14th July)**
- **Monday Swimming for Willows and Birch class (8th June - 6th July)**
- **Thursday 11th June Multiskills for KS1**

- **Thursday 18th June Whole School Trip to Teignmouth**
- **Friday 19th June Ultimate Frisbee Years 5 & 6**
- **Tuesday 7th July Wimbledon**
- **Ash Class Residential 8th -10th July**
- **Monday 13th July SPORTS DAY!**
- **Wednesday and Thursday 15th & 16th July, Hennock Performance of ROCK BOTTOM!**

**Outdoor learning dates this half term:**

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

For Your Information



**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.

**Glen and Hillfields House, Matford Park, EX2 8NL**

Tel: 01392 829989  
Website: [www.epicsolutions.org.uk](http://www.epicsolutions.org.uk)  
Email: [admin@epicsolutions.org.uk](mailto:admin@epicsolutions.org.uk)



**Hennock Parish Council**  
serving Chudleigh Knighton,  
Hennock and Teign Village

**DEADLINE  
MONDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

# HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE

**COMPLETE OUR  
INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY  
ONLINE TODAY**

- HAVE YOUR SAY**  
Tell us what matters most to you and your community.
- SHAPE PRIORITIES**  
Help us understand local needs and plan for the future.
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
Your feedback will help guide projects and investment.

**SCAN ME!**

Together, let's build a strong future for Hennock Parish

[www.hennockparishcouncil.gov.uk/infrastructure-consultation/](https://www.hennockparishcouncil.gov.uk/infrastructure-consultation/)

Trust PE curriculum newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Tks1VK5XlzZDZRox?ref=Link>

School Attendance

**Attendance this fortnight:**

**Whole School 94.2%**

**Ash 98.0%**

**Birch 87.5%**

**Willows 92.7%**

*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](http://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](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or by emailing the school*

## Attendance Matters



# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

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## 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.**

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## 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.**

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## 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.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)<sup>3</sup>

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**

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