

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

As we reach the end of another busy fortnight, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our children, families and staff for the fantastic resilience and positivity they have shown during the ongoing playground improvement works.

Changes to routines can be challenging, but it has been wonderful to see how everyone has adapted so well. The children have embraced the temporary arrangements with enthusiasm and have loved having the diggers onsite!

It has also been a pleasure to see the progress being made in our swimming lessons over the last fortnight. Both our older and younger pupils have approached their sessions with

determination and enthusiasm. Whether building confidence in the water, refining techniques or achieving personal milestones, the children have shown willingness to challenge themselves - well done all.

We look forward to sharing more exciting learning experiences and achievements with you as we move towards the end of the term. It's a really busy one with lots to fit it.

Best wishes,

Anthony

Ash Class



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

The children have continued their swimming lessons at Bovey Tracey Outdoor Pool and I am so impressed with the progress they are making in both skill and water confidence.

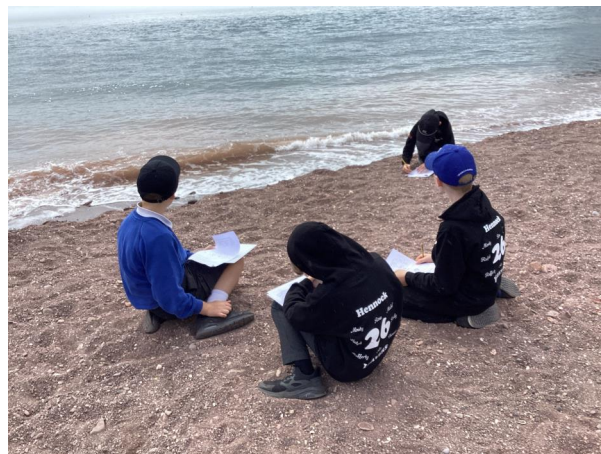
Last week, we went to Forest School with Birch Class. We had a great time building dens, making friendship bracelets and some yummy elderflower donuts.

This week, the children completed their Art project on Expressionism. The children explored the work of Edvard Munch and created their own portraits inspired by his work.

Yesterday, the children all boarded the train to spend the day in Teignmouth! We had a wonderful time on the beach, learning all about the work of the RNLI and also the history of Teignmouth at the museum.

Today, the children have taken part in a Trust Ultimate Frisbee tournament! I am so proud with how well they have represented the school in all of these activities and demonstrated our school values so brilliantly.

Have a lovely and restful weekend - you've earned it!



Birch Class



What a busy week! Birch have been exercising their creativity this week, contributing to a shared write about stepping through the portal. We have travelled to the land of Custardo Volcanio, a custard volcano where a young girl, Amber, meets a man with a marshmallow dog and the trees are made from candyfloss. The children have demonstrated not only imagination, but have also been able to use technical features including conjunctions, prepositional phrases and noun phrases to extend their writing during this shared process. I am very excited to see where their imagination takes them next week when they complete their final independent write.

The children continue to work hard in Maths, learning about decimals and we will now be moving on to a unit about time.

Birch were absolutely amazing yesterday on the Teignmouth trip. Visiting the RNLI station and the ferry ride to Shaldon were the clear highlights with the children. It was also lovely to see their creativity shine through again as they made transient art and sculptures with natural materials on the beach.

All the children are working exceptionally hard on the production. It's set to be a brilliant piece of theatre. Please do support your child at home with learning their lines by heart as we'll be increasing the amount of time without scripts from next week.

Hopefully we'll see lots of families tomorrow at the Teign Village Fete. Our singers will be performing from 12.30pm.

Have a great weekend,

Maugan



Willows and Reception Class



What a busy and exciting fortnight we have had in Willows Class!

The children have begun their swimming lessons and everyone has done brilliantly. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing each week as they develop their swimming skills and become more comfortable in the water. At Forest School, we enjoyed exploring nature by collecting plants and flowers to create beautiful nature crowns. Despite the rainy weather, we had a great time at the multi-skills event last week. The children showed great resilience, determination and enthusiasm throughout the day, and we were very proud of their positive attitudes. Yesterday, we had a fantastic trip to Teignmouth. Highlights of the day included visiting the lifeboat station and travelling on the ferry. The children were engaged, curious and enthusiastic throughout the visit, making it a memorable experience for everyone.

Alongside all of our exciting trips and activities, we have continued working hard in the classroom.

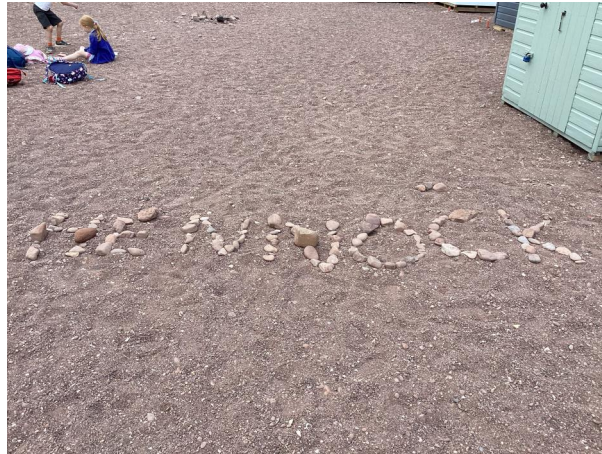
Reception have been reading a non-fiction book all about the beach, helping them to learn more about coastal environments. In Maths, they have been composing shapes using a variety of 2D shapes and exploring how different shapes can be combined to create new ones.

Year 2 have been reading *Sylvia and the Bird* in English. Using the story as inspiration, they have been practising writing descriptive sentences and developing their vocabulary. In Science, we have been learning about what humans need to survive and discussing ways that we can keep ourselves healthy.

Have a wonderful weekend!







Saplings



A very warm welcome to all of our new children and families who have recently joined us. We are delighted to have you as part of our preschool community and look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

As many of you will know, due to the ongoing playground improvement works, we have temporarily moved our preschool provision into the school hall. The children have adapted incredibly well to this change and have embraced their new environment with enthusiasm. The hall provides plenty of space for the children to play, explore and learn, while still allowing easy access to the school pitch for our outdoor activities. We are so proud of how flexible and resilient the children have been during this transition.

Our learning and play experiences continue to be full of excitement. One of the children's favourite activities recently has been our Dinosaur Land. Using leaves, natural materials and dinosaurs, the children have enjoyed creating their own prehistoric worlds, developing their imagination, storytelling skills and curiosity about the natural world.

We have also been exploring sand and shells, encouraging the children to investigate different textures, patterns and materials through sensory play. This linked beautifully with the whole-school trip to Teignmouth Beach yesterday. The children who attended had a wonderful time and demonstrated fantastic resilience throughout what was a long and very warm day. They represented the preschool brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed their beach experience. Although not all children attended this trip, they have enjoyed hearing about the adventure and exploring similar beach-themed activities back at preschool.

Alongside these experiences, the children have been busy enjoying a range of creative craft activities. From painting and collage to cutting, sticking and creating with a variety of materials, the children have been expressing their ideas, developing their fine motor skills and taking great pride in their creations.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more of the children's learning and achievements with you in the coming weeks.

Debbie

Toddler Group!





Toddler group joins the Preschool in the school hall. 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.

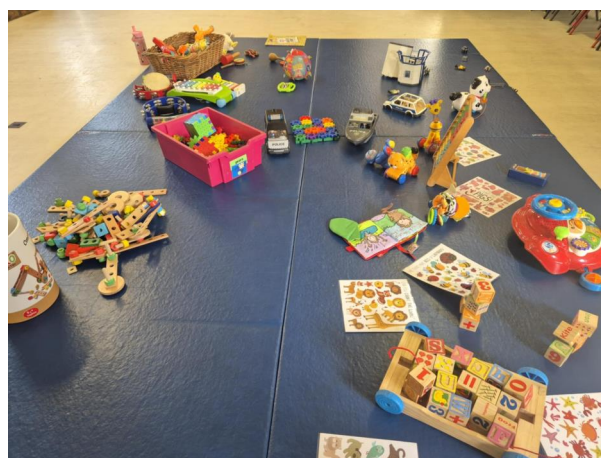
Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£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

Playground Renovation Underway: Exciting Times at Hennock!

The news this week is that work has officially started on renovating the playground! We have already successfully erected the shade sail poles, and as of writing, we are pouring the concrete to hold them firmly in place. We want to extend a massive thank you to all the children and staff at the school. They have been absolutely magnificent in adapting to the changes and routines that come with having a live building site on the school grounds. Your patience and enthusiasm make all the difference. We look forward to sharing more updates with you in the coming days and weeks as the work progresses and the new space begins to take shape.

Save the Date: Volunteer Weekend! Looking ahead, we are going to need a community effort to help push the project forward. Over the weekend of the 4th and 5th of July, we expect to have a great need for volunteer help on site. Please put these dates in your diary! Whether you can spare a couple of hours or the whole weekend, your support will be invaluable. It is an incredibly exciting time at Hennock, and we cannot wait for everything to be finished so the children can enjoy a wonderful new playground in the future. Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

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





This week, we interviewed some children who went on our whole school trip to Teignmouth this week:

Q: What was your favourite part of the trip?

A: I loved having the ice cream at the end!

A: I enjoyed getting the train.

Q: What was your favourite part of the museum?

A: The music!

Q: Did you like the trip?

A: Yes, we had so much fun!

Star of the Week



12th June

Star of the Week:

Ash: Tommy ***Birch:*** Lucy ***Willows:*** Willows class!

BC: ASC:

Dojo Points:

Ash: Everyone

Birch: Eli and Jess

Achievosaurus: Ruby

Values Star:

Playground Hero:

Pride of School: Emilia

19th June

Star of the Week:

Ash: Lyric & Asa ***Birch:*** Jess ***Willows:*** Emmie

BC: ASC:

Dojo Points:

Ash: Albert and Mila

Birch: Finn

Achievosaurus: Emmie

Values Star: Sophie and Rudy

Playground Hero: Eli

Pride of School: Theodore

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

For Your Information

31ST AUGUST

BANK HOLIDAY BOUNCE!

AT THE AXMINSTER GUILDHALL

INCLUDES UNLIMITED CANDY FLOSS!

UNLIMITED USE FOR 1 1/4 HOURS!

INCLUDES SOFT PLAY AREA!

CHOOSE YOUR SESSION

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
10:00 - 11:15	11:35 - 12:50	13:10 - 14:25	14:45 - 16:00

JUST £5 PER CHILD!

DRINKS & SNACKS AVAILABLE!

BOUNCE! SLIDE! RIDE! FUN FOR EVERYONE!

BOOK TICKETS AT  **WWW.AXMINSTER-GUILDHALL.CO.UK**



Hennock Parish Council
serving Chudleigh Knighton,
Hennock and Teign Village

**DEADLINE
MONDAY
13TH 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/

Trust PE curriculum newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Tks1VK5XlzDZRoX?ref=Link>

School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 95.6%

Ash 96.8%

Birch 92.5%

Willows 96.3%

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/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>