

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

As we move into the final fortnight of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been another wonderful few weeks at school. Despite last week's soaring temperatures, our children demonstrated fantastic resilience, adapting brilliantly to the changing conditions while continuing to learn, play and enjoy their time together.

One of the highlights of the week was seeing our mixed-age water play sessions. It was wonderful to watch older and younger children playing together so naturally, supporting one another, sharing resources and, of course, cooling off! These moments perfectly capture the

caring and inclusive community we strive to nurture every day, and there were certainly plenty of smiles to go around.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our inaugural Walk to School this week. It was such a lovely morning, giving us the opportunity to connect with families while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of our local area together. The event was such a success that we're already planning to make it a termly tradition next academic year, with different routes to explore throughout the seasons. We hope even more families will be able to join us next time.

Looking ahead, our final two weeks are packed with exciting opportunities for our children. From a visit to Wimbledon, to our residential adventure, as well as rock climbing, weaselling on the moors and many more memorable experiences, there's certainly plenty to look forward to. These enrichment opportunities are such an important part of school life, helping children to challenge themselves, build confidence and create lasting memories with their friends.

We know this half term is incredibly busy for families, so please keep an eye out for our regular reminders. We'll continue to share key dates and information to help keep everyone up to date—we've got you covered. Let's finish the term on a high and enjoy these final weeks of the academic year.

Best wishes,

Anthony

Ash Class



Wow, what a busy and exciting few weeks it has been in Ash Class!

The children have been working incredibly hard on our KS2 Production, *Rock Bottom*, and we are now well into rehearsals. I am so impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm the children have shown. Many have learnt a huge number of lines and are delivering them with growing confidence and expression. It has been wonderful to see them develop their acting, singing and teamwork skills as they prepare for the performances. Thank you for your continued support at home – **please keep encouraging your child to practise their lines and songs, as it really does make a big difference.**

We have also continued our swimming lessons at Bovey Tracey Outdoor Pool. The children have been having a fantastic time developing their swimming skills, practising a variety of strokes and building their confidence in the water. They have particularly enjoyed taking part in relay races and friendly competitions, showing excellent sportsmanship and determination throughout.

This week, we also took part in the Whole School Walk around Hennock. The weather was kind to us, and it was lovely to see children from different year groups chatting, laughing and supporting one another along the route. The walk provided a great opportunity for pupils to enjoy the beautiful local surroundings while being active outdoors. The refreshments afterwards were certainly well deserved and greatly enjoyed by all!

Our Year 6 pupils have also been busy attending their transition days at their new secondary schools. Although it is hard to believe that their time at primary school is nearly coming to an end, it has been wonderful to hear about their experiences and the excitement they are feeling about this next chapter. They returned full of stories about new teachers, classrooms and subjects, and we are incredibly proud of how maturely and confidently they represented our school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Birch Class



Birch have been working their socks off these past two weeks. We have now completed our final English sequence for the year and it was absolutely wonderful to read such creative and thoughtful stories of 'stepping through a portal'.

The children have been fully immersed in rehearsals for our production and are beginning to perfect their acting, singing and dancing skills. We're now able to work on the more technical aspects of performance and are so excited to perform for all our lovely families the week after next. Please do keep practising your child's lines with them so they are completely fluent and expressive.

We also enjoyed our whole school walk on Thursday. It was lovely to see our pupils taking the lead on the walk, showing pride and fascination in our local area. Thank you for the parents and carers who enjoyed us for this brilliant event. We were very grateful to Leanne for such delicious cakes and biscuits as a well deserved treat at the end of the walk!

Have a lovely weekend,

Maugan



Willows and Reception Class



We have had a lovely sunny couple of weeks in Willows Class and have been making the most of the beautiful weather! The children have loved spending more time outdoors, enjoying lots of water play and watching the exciting progress being made in our playground. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they explore and play together.

We have now finished our learning about the Titanic by discovering how the ship sank. The children have been fascinated by this topic and have asked some fantastic questions throughout. One of the highlights was creating our own Titanic ships and crashing them into large ice cubes to investigate what happened—there was lots of excitement and plenty of learning along the way!

Year 2 have completed their learning on fractions in Maths, counting in fractions up to one whole and developing their understanding of how fractions work. In English, the children are writing their own stories inspired by *Sylvia and Bird*. We have been so impressed by their creativity, imaginative ideas and use of descriptive language.

Reception have been learning about grouping and sharing in Maths, as well as recognising patterns within groups, including exploring odd and even numbers. In English, we have enjoyed reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and had great fun creating our own

wonderfully 'disgusting' sandwiches inspired by the story. The children's imaginative combinations certainly made us laugh!

Have a lovely weekend!







Saplings



What a fun-filled fortnight we've had in Preschool! The children have been busy exploring, creating and learning through a wide variety of exciting activities, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and confidence continue to grow.

Our creative area has been full of colour, with the children enjoying lots of painting, crafting, cutting and sticking. One of our favourite activities was making footprints in the sand, and

painted footprint art! The children loved having their feet painted before carefully walking across paper to create their own unique footprint artwork. There were plenty of giggles along the way!

Sensory play has also been a big hit. The children had great fun exploring shaving foam mixed with food colouring, using their hands and fingers to make patterns, marks and colourful pictures. These activities provide fantastic opportunities to develop fine motor skills while encouraging creativity and curiosity.

Our sand and water areas have been very popular, offering plenty of opportunities for imaginative play, exploration and teamwork as the children investigated different textures, filled and emptied containers, and worked together to create their own games.

We've been keeping active as well with a range of games using bean bags and skittles. Without a doubt, the children's favourite game has been **Duck, Duck, Goose!** It has been wonderful to see everyone joining in, taking turns, cheering each other on and enjoying lots of laughter together.

In our maths learning, we have begun exploring **shape, space and measurements** through puzzles, construction activities and practical play. The children have been identifying different shapes, talking about size and position, and developing their problem-solving skills while having lots of fun.

As always, we are so proud of how well the children continue to play together, share ideas and grow in confidence each day. We look forward to another exciting fortnight as we reach the end of the academic year and we continue our learning through play.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

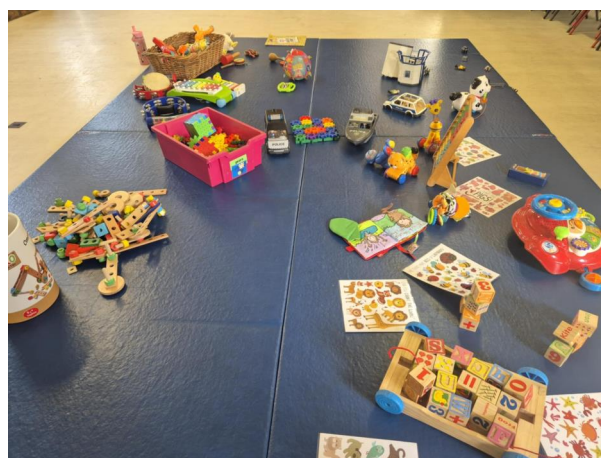
Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£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



Hennock Community Primary School PTFA Update

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting time for the PTFA, and we have some fantastic updates to share with you all regarding the new playground, as well as some upcoming events where we would deeply appreciate your support.

Playground Build Progress

The playground build is progressing really well. The groundworks were finished strictly on schedule, and as we speak, the carpenters are busy putting together the beautiful new wooden structures.

Be sure to take a look at the pictures included in this newsletter to see the fantastic new surfacing that has been laid outside the preschool. We are thrilled to finally replace the horrible old mulch that was falling apart and turning the children black!

We are incredibly grateful to the many companies who have been involved so far. For the groundworks phase, we simply could never have got through it without the support of **Bridge Civil Engineering**, who provided lots of invaluable expertise and planning support. This was arranged through parent Emma Sparks, to whom we are incredibly grateful.

We also could not have managed without the fantastic support of **Aardvark Southwest**, who transported stone, provided plant hire, and made the logistics of getting the massive quantity of stone we needed onto the site possible. A huge thank you to parent Jacob Lawrence for making this happen. If you see Emma or Jacob around, please do buy them both a pint from us!

Volunteers Needed To keep this momentum going, we are looking for parent volunteers to help out on the weekends of the **4th and 5th of July**, as well as the **11th and 12th of July**. We have lots of different jobs that need getting done, and we are incredibly grateful for any time you can spare to help us build something special for the children.

Upcoming Sports Day

Sports Day is fast approaching on **Monday the 13th of July**.

To make the day a success, we are asking for a couple of favours:

- **Gazebo Setup:** We need a few helping hands at morning drop-off to help us put up the gazebos.
- **Cake Sale:** We would heartily welcome any cake donations to sell on the day to help raise further funds for the school.

Thank you all for your continued support, hard work, and generosity!

The Hennock PTFA Team







This week, we interviewed some children who went on our whole school walk around Hennock!

Q: Did you like the walk?

A: Yes because I love going on long walks in nature.

Q: What was your favourite part?

A: When we went down the hill all together. It was easier than the uphill!

Q: Did you see anything interesting?

A: Yes! I saw a field with a beautiful house and chairs.

Star of the Week



26th June

Star of the Week:

Ash: Phoebe ***Birch:*** Jess ***Willows:*** Sophie

BC: ASC:

Dojo Points:

Ash: Ralph & Tommy

Birch:

Achievosaurus:

Values Star: Jessica L

Playground Hero: Emmie

Pride of School:

3rd July

Star of the Week:

Ash: Freddie ***Birch:*** Eli ***Willows:*** Emilia & Oliver

BC: Thodore ***ASC:*** Spencer

Dojo Points:

Ash: Asa

Birch:

Achievosaurus:

Values Star: Lucy

Playground Hero: Millie

Pride of School: Winston

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 7th July Wimbledon**
- **Ash Class Residential 8th -10th July**
- **Thursday 9th Forest School for Willows and Birch**
- **Friday 10th Swimming for Willows and Birch. Last Session!**

- **Monday 13th July SPORTS DAY!**
- **Tuesday 14th Swimming for Ash class. last session!**
- **Wednesday and Thursday 15th & 16th July, Hennock Performance of ROCK BOTTOM!**
- **Wednesday 15th Willows Trip to Stover.**
- **Thursday 16th, Year 2, 3 & 4 Trip with Dartmoor Education Centre**
- **Friday 17th Transition Day**
- **Monday 20th Reception Trip with Dartmoor Education Centre**
- **Tuesday 21st July Leavers' Assembly**

For Your Information

Trust PE curriculum newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/TKs1VK5XlzDZR0X?ref=Link>

School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 92.3%

Ash 86.8%

Birch 93.8%

Willows 95.3%

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

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.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>