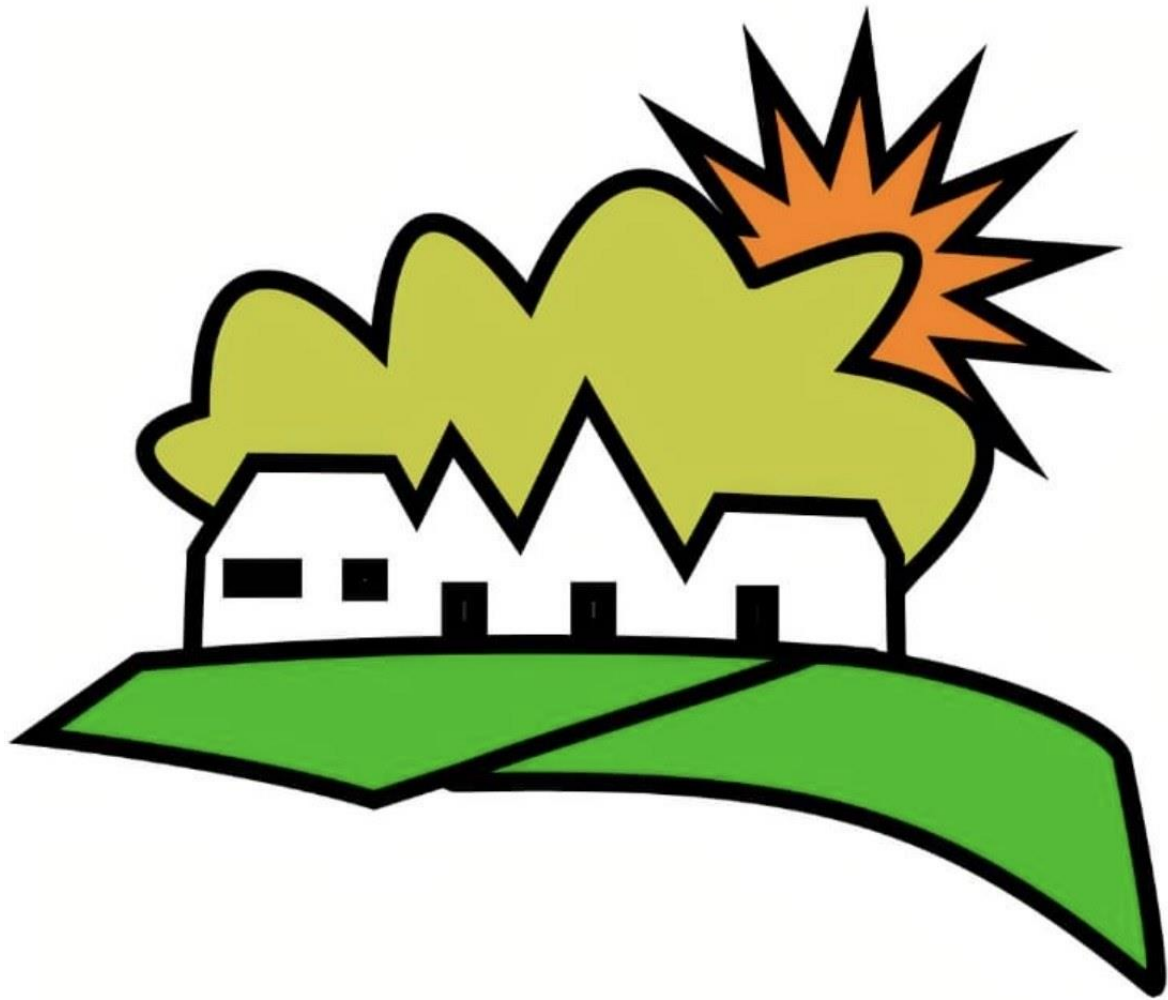




Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

As we reach the end of a wonderful year at Hennock, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and exciting few weeks for us all.

Today marks our very first Pet Day, and there is a real buzz of excitement around the school! We are looking forward to learning more about each other's pets, sharing stories and experiences, and developing our understanding of how to care for animals responsibly. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity for children to celebrate the special role pets play in our lives whilst learning about kindness, care and respect for all living things.

The past few weeks have been absolutely jam-packed with memorable experiences. Children across the school have enjoyed a wide range of outdoor adventurous activities, challenging themselves, building resilience and creating lasting memories. Our residential visits have given pupils wonderful opportunities to develop independence, teamwork and confidence, while our whole-school trips have enriched learning beyond the classroom and brought our curriculum to life.

We were also treated to a truly fabulous KS2 production, Rock Bottom! What a show! The energy, confidence and talent on display were incredible, and I know you will agree that our children are absolute STARS! A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make the production such a success - staff, families and volunteers alike. These performances only come together through a great deal of teamwork, commitment and support, and we are enormously grateful to everyone involved.

I would like to say a huge thank to you all for welcoming me so warmly into the Hennock community this year. It has been a pleasure working together to ensure our pupils flourish and embrace every opportunity that has come their way this year.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our children, families and staff a wonderful, restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 7th September - and to unveiling our brand-new playground, which we know the children are going to love!

Have a fantastic summer and enjoy making special memories with your families.

Best wishes,

Anthony

Ash Class



The last two weeks have been packed with memorable experiences and exciting events for the pupils in Ash Class!

A group of children had the fantastic opportunity to visit Wimbledon, where they watched world-class tennis and experienced the unique atmosphere of one of the sport's most prestigious tournaments. It was an inspiring day that many will remember for years to come.

Our residential trip to Dewerstone Cottage was another highlight. The children showed incredible enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork as they took part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities, including river scrambling, rock climbing, bouldering and weasling. They challenged themselves, supported one another and made wonderful memories throughout the week.

Back at school, we enjoyed a successful Sports Day, with pupils demonstrating determination, sportsmanship and team spirit. It was fantastic to see everyone giving their best effort and encouraging their teammates throughout the day.

To round off the year, our pupils took to the stage for our End of Year Production, "Rock Bottom". The children impressed audiences with their confidence, enthusiasm and talent, delivering a wonderful performance that showcased all their hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of everyone who contributed to making the show such a success.

These events have provided a wonderful end to the school year, and I would like to thank all staff, families and pupils for their support, energy and commitment in making these experiences so special.

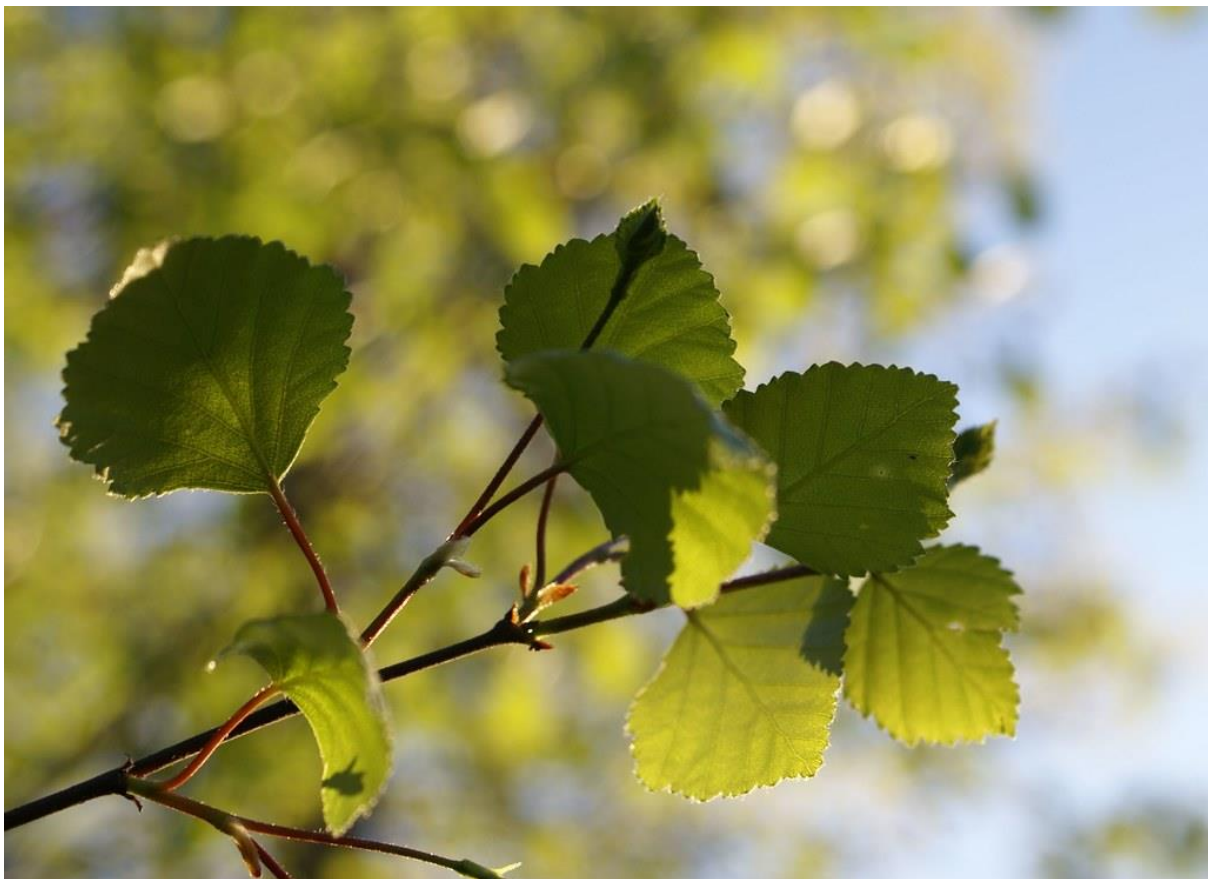
Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week for our final days of the school year!







Birch Class



It's been a fortnight of memory making over the past two weeks!

Key Stage 2 have been busy preparing for our production. Birch took the lead on helping painting the sets and practising with the props. The children have shown dedication and enthusiasm during rehearsals and we have been so impressed by how they learned their lines, cues, songs and dances. They were all sensational during every performance and completely wowed the crowd! What stars!

Birch we're equally impressive at our recent Sports Day. It was so lovely seeing the children showcase their sporting achievements but what even better was witnessing the comradery and sportspersonship from everyone as they cheered each other on.

We had a fantastic trip on Thursday to Hound Tor. Our instructors from Pixie's Holt were fab and the children got stuck in, not literally (!), with all the weasling, scrambling and bouldering. Their determination, bravery to tackle a new challenges and teamwork was amazing. The whole experience was simply jolly good fun too!

As we approach the end of term, I'd like to say thank you for all your support this year and wish everyone a very lovely summer holiday.

Best wishes,

Maugan





Willows and Reception Class



Willows class have had a very busy and memorable final two weeks. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting out and about, taking part in a variety of exciting experiences and making wonderful memories together.

One of the highlights was our visit to Stover Country Park, where we explored the woodland and became enthusiastic plant hunters. The children loved investigating the natural environment, spotting different plants and enjoying the outdoors.

We also had the opportunity to watch the Key Stage 2 dress rehearsal, and the children were captivated by the performance. They were an excellent audience and loved seeing the older children perform with such confidence.

Our Year 2 children had a fantastic time during their weaseling experience, showing great courage, resilience and teamwork throughout the activity.

At Outdoor Learning, the children thoroughly enjoyed making their own ice cream—a delicious treat and a wonderful way to end Outdoor Learning for this year!

We also had our final swimming lesson of the year. It has been lovely to see the progress the children have made in the water, growing in both confidence and ability over the course of the sessions.

Finally, I would like to say how incredibly proud I was of all the children during Sports Day. They impressed me with their determination, resilience and, most importantly, their fantastic sportsmanship. They encouraged one another, celebrated each other's successes and showed what wonderful team players they are.

It has been a pleasure to watch every child grow throughout the year. I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday!









Saplings



What a wonderful way to end the school year! We have had a fantastic final week together, making special memories and enjoying lots of fun learning through play.

The children loved spending time outdoors. We made delicious homemade ice cream and talked about how the ingredients changed as we mixed and froze them. The children also

enjoyed building dens using sticks and other natural materials, working together to create their own imaginative spaces while developing their teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Throughout the week, we played lots of games both indoors and outside. The children had great fun taking part in board games and outdoor games, learning to share, take turns, follow simple rules, and celebrate each other's successes. Messy play has been a big highlight! The children explored shaving foam, sand, water, playdough, and gloop, using their senses to investigate different textures while developing their creativity, language, and fine motor skills.

As we come to the end of another wonderful year, we are so proud of all that the children have achieved. They have grown in confidence, independence, and friendships, and it has been a joy to watch them learn and flourish.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our families a happy, safe, and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming our returning children back in the new term and wish those moving on to reception every success in their exciting new adventure.

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.

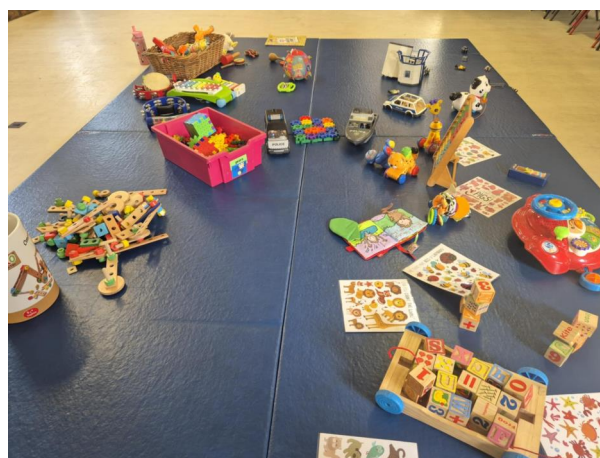
Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£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 the finishing touches on the beautiful new wooden structures.

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!

Keep an eye on our Face Book page for further updates on the playground project as well as information regarding our grand opening and the Garden and craft fair

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

The Hennock PTFA Team

Communications Team



This week, we interviewed some children who went on the Ash Class Residential to Dewerstone Cottage!

Q: What was your favourite part of the residential?

A: Definitely the river scrambling! It was so cool and we got to slide down the rocks in our wetsuits.

Q: Were you worried or unsure of anything?

A: I was a bit worried about staying away from home because I don't do that very often, but it was actually ok in the end because I was with all my friends!

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 20th July Reception Trip with Dartmoor Education Centre**
- **Tuesday 21st July Leavers' Assembly - 2:15pm**

For Your Information



MAKE A SPLASH!

JOIN NEWTON ABBOT
SWIMMING AND WATER POLO CLUB!

**FUN FRIENDSHIPS
★ FITNESS
★ ACHIEVEMENT
FOR LIFE!**

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!
From beginners to champions – everyone can be part of our team!

BE PART OF A FRIENDLY, SUPPORTIVE AND AMBITIOUS CLUB!

SWIMMING IS FOR EVERYONE!

IMPROVE FITNESS Build strength, stamina and coordination	BUILD CONFIDENCE Achieve goals and be proud of yourself	MAKE FRIENDS Join a team and create lifelong memories	HAVE FUN Enjoy training, competitions and club events	TRY WATER POLO Fast paced, exciting and awesome!
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NEWTON ABBOT

**TRAIN HARD
HAVE FUN
ACHIEVE TOGETHER!**

COME AND TRY A SESSION – WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME YOU!

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: secretary@naswpc.co.uk **ONE CLUB. ONE TEAM. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.**
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Kingfisher Activities present: July Crash Courses

Kingfisher Activities are pleased to announce we are back for July 2026!

2 x VENUES
30 MINUTE LESSONS
27th -31st JULY 2026

FROM £12.50 PER LESSON

Harcombe House, Chudleigh (TQ13 0DG)

- Located just 12 minutes from Exeter and Newton Abbot, this venue offers lessons for children in Swim England Stages 1-5
- Monday 27th -Friday 31st July 2026**
- Each day includes a 30-minute lesson (8.30am-10.00am)
- Maximum of 6 children per class
- Teacher to swimmer ratio of 1 to 3 for Stages 1 & 2
- Private 12-metre heated pool
- Free parking available on site
- Private lessons are available from £28.99 per day

Nr Cullompton, (EX15)

- Located only 10 minutes from Cullompton for children in Swim England Stages 1 - 5
- Monday 27th -Friday 31st July 2026**
- 30-minute daily lessons throughout the week (8.15am-9.45am)
- Maximum of 4 children per class
- Private 11.5-metre heated pool
- Free onsite parking available
- Private lessons are also available from £27 per day

Now offering day bookings!
Can't make all 5 days?
No problem, why not book per day.
£5 discount if booking for all 5 days

To book per day, head over to our booking system
To book for the week and to receive discount, email info@kingfisheractivities.co.uk

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07814 459550

Trust PE curriculum newsletter

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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/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 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.



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>