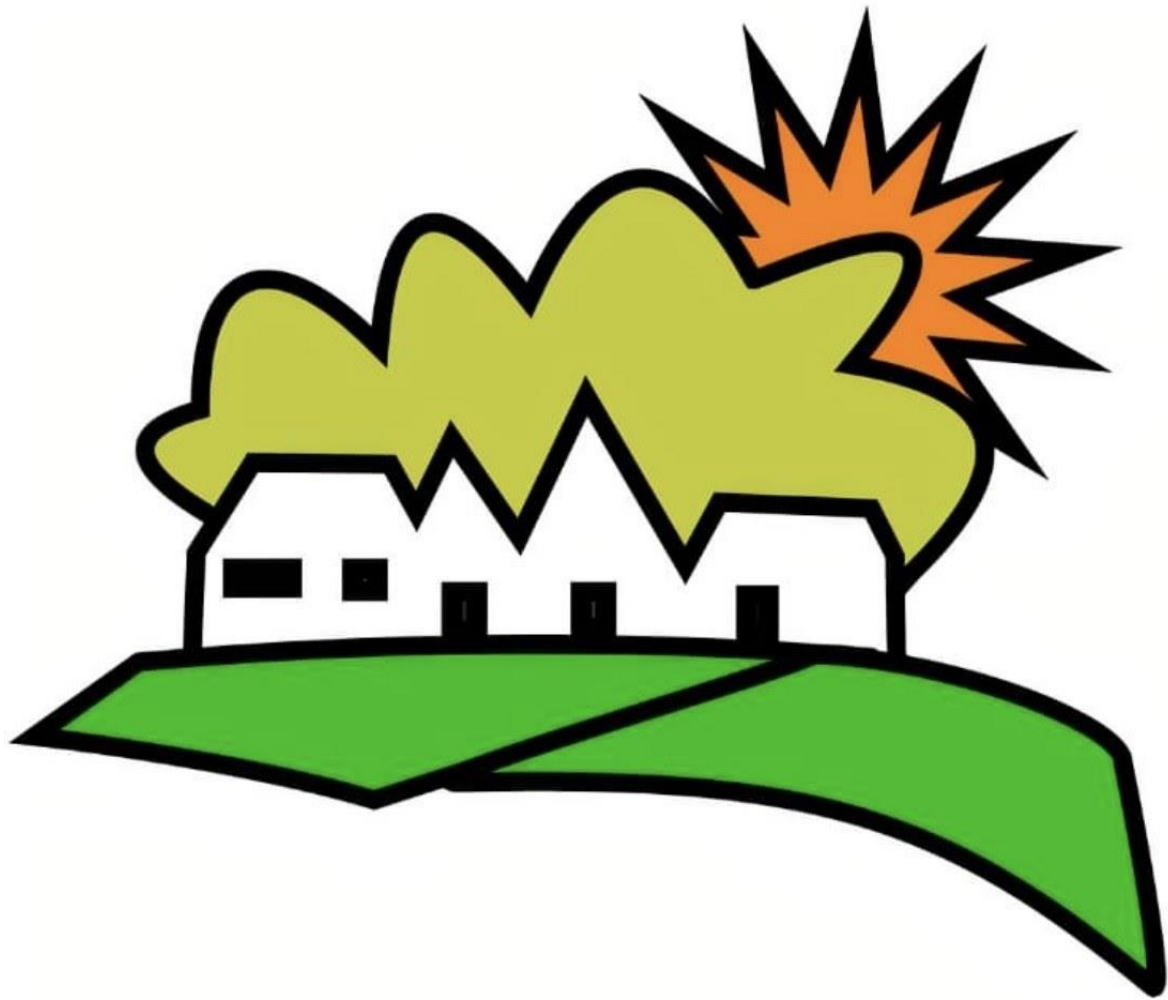




Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

Welcome Back!

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and it has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the summer break. We were delighted to celebrate the grand opening of our new playground and have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children making the most of this exciting new space since returning to school.

There has also been plenty happening behind the scenes over the summer. We are pleased to share that a brand-new heating system has now been installed across the school. Our new

air source heat pumps will help keep us warm and cosy throughout the winter months, whilst also supporting our commitment to a more sustainable future.

You may also notice a few changes to some of our learning spaces. Alongside Ash, Birch, Willow and Saplings, we have now introduced Oak, our assembly room where we come together as a whole school, and Rowan, our dedicated indoor sand and water play area, which opens directly onto our beautiful new playground. We have also confirmed that Saplings will remain permanently in its current location.

These developments form part of a much bigger picture as we continue to invest in our early years provision. We are incredibly excited to be preparing for the expansion of our preschool offer to include two-year-olds from after half term. This is a significant milestone for our school and will allow us to support even more local families from the earliest stages of their child's education. We look forward to sharing further information with you very soon.

In the meantime, you can help us enormously by spreading the word! If you know families with young children who may be interested in joining us, please share information about our upcoming open days and pass along our promotional posters. Personal recommendations are often the best way for families to discover what makes Hennock such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

Best wishes,

Anthony

DISCOVER HENNOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 9:30AM
MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 1:30PM
WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 9:30AM

Come and explore our unique school on one of our Open Days — see our new outdoor learning environment, hear about our forest school offer, peek into classrooms, meet our brilliant team, and feel the buzz of learning in action.

Can't make these dates? We can arrange a time that suits you. We would love you show you around our school.

SCAN ME TO BOOK A VISIT OR CONTACT US BY PHONE OR EMAIL

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Staffing Update

We would like to let our families know that Deborah Parris will be leaving Hennock, with her final day in school being Friday 9th October.

Whilst we are naturally sorry to see Debbie leave, we would like to thank her for her contribution to our preschool and wider school community. We wish her every success and happiness as she moves on to an exciting new opportunity.

We would like to reassure parents that our preschool provision will continue uninterrupted. We are currently undertaking a recruitment process to find the right person to join our team and lead our growing provision, including our planned expansion to offer places for two-year-olds. We look forward to introducing our new team member to you in due course.

Please join us in thanking Debbie for her hard work and commitment, and in wishing her all the very best for the future.



Ash Class



Welcome Back to a New School Year!

It has been a fantastic start to the term, and the children have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn. We have enjoyed getting to know one another, building new friendships and settling into our routines.

To begin the year, we focused on team building through the famous Marshmallow Challenge. Working collaboratively, the children designed and constructed towers using simple materials, testing their communication, problem-solving and teamwork skills. It was wonderful to see such creativity, resilience and determination as they tackled this exciting challenge together.

As part of our Rooted in Hennock project, the children have created artwork using a mixed-media approach. They have enjoyed experimenting with different materials, textures and techniques to produce a collaborative piece that celebrates our local environment and sense of belonging. Congratulations to those who won certificates for their pieces over the weekend.

In English, we have begun our new book about superheroes and are developing our writing through sentence stacking. The children have been exploring exciting vocabulary and learning how authors build vivid descriptions to engage their readers.

In Maths, we have been strengthening our understanding of place value, working with numbers up to one million. The children have been reading, writing, comparing and ordering large numbers while developing their confidence and fluency.

Our History learning has transported us back to World War II, where we have begun investigating this significant period in history. The children have started creating timelines to place key events in chronological order and deepen their understanding of the past.

Art lessons have seen us take inspiration from the fascinating world of insects. Through careful observation, the children have explored shape, pattern, colour and texture to inform their creative work.

In Music, we have been exploring samba rhythms and learning how to play the surdo drum. The children have enjoyed keeping a steady pulse and working together to create energetic and exciting rhythmic patterns.

PE lessons have focused on rugby, where the children have been developing their passing, movement and teamwork skills while demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Of course, one of the highlights of the term so far has been our new playground! The children have absolutely loved exploring the new space and making the most of the opportunities for active play, adventure and socialising with friends.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into the new school year and look forward to the exciting learning still to come. Thank you for your continued support.

Birch Class



Welcome Back to a New School Year!

It's been such a busy couple of weeks and such a pleasure to welcome the children back to school. Birch have been settling into our daily rhythm and engaging with all the learning with gusto!

As a whole KS2, we focused on team building through the famous Marshmallow Challenge. Working collaboratively, the children designed and constructed towers using simple materials, testing their communication, problem-solving and teamwork skills. It was wonderful to see such creativity, resilience and determination as they tackled this exciting challenge together.

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In English, we have begun our new book about outdoor wonderland and are developing our writing through sentence stacking. The children have been exploring exciting vocabulary and learning how authors build vivid descriptions to engage their readers.

In Maths, we have been strengthening our understanding of place value, working with numbers up to ten thousand. The children have been reading, writing, comparing and ordering large numbers while developing their confidence and fluency.

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In Music, we have been exploring pitch and learning a nursery rhyme to develop our understanding of melody and rhythm, playing Twinkle Twinkle on the glockenspiel.

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Willows and Reception Class



It has been lovely to see everyone back after the summer break, and a very warm welcome to all of our new children joining Willows Class. The children have settled brilliantly and have enjoyed getting to know their new surroundings. They have particularly loved exploring our new playground!

Last week, we were very excited to take part in an online event with Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler to celebrate the release of *The Gruffalo Granny*. The children loved hearing the story for the very first time and were fascinated to hear from the author and illustrator themselves.

We have also been getting creative and produced some mixed-media artwork inspired by Hennock. The children enjoyed experimenting with different materials and textures to create their own artwork.

This week, we have started exploring our new topics in English. KS1 have been reading *Oi Frog!* and have been exploring rhyming words. The children have enjoyed spotting rhyming patterns and coming up with their own rhyming words. Reception have been reading *Rattle and Rap*. We have spent time looking carefully at the illustrations and discussing what is happening in the stories, developing our vocabulary and comprehension skills.

In Maths, Reception have been focusing on matching, developing their understanding through practical activities and games. In KS1, our focus has been on place value, as we begin to explore numbers to 20 and develop our understanding of what each digit represents.

We have also been exploring the topic of transport. In DT, KS1 have been learning about axles, wheels and chassis. The whole class had the opportunity to have a go at building their own vehicles using construction sets. The children enjoyed experimenting with different designs and discovering how to make their vehicles move. In History, KS1 are beginning a new topic exploring the history of aviation. We will be finding out about how flight has developed over time and learning about some of the important people and inventions that have shaped aviation.

Saplings



We have had a lovely couple of weeks in Preschool, with lots of exciting activities, learning opportunities and plenty of time for playing and exploring together.

We have been reading "The Little Red Hen", encouraging the children to listen carefully, join in with familiar parts of the story and talk about the characters and what happens. The children have really enjoyed getting involved with the story and sharing their ideas.

We have also been enjoying a variety of fine motor activities, helping the children to develop their hand strength, coordination and control through lots of different hands-on activities.

In the afternoons, we have had lots of fun using benches and mats to develop our gross motor skills. The children have been practising balancing, climbing, moving safely and developing their coordination, while having lots of fun along the way!

We have also enjoyed playing some favourite traditional games, including “Grandma’s Footsteps” and “What’s the Time, Mr Wolf?”. These games are a lovely way for the children to practise listening, following instructions, taking turns and developing their physical skills.

The children have been particularly excited to spend time outside exploring our new playground area. They have loved trying out the new equipment, using their imaginations and enjoying lots of active outdoor play.

It has been a busy couple of weeks, and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves, building confidence and learning through their play.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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.

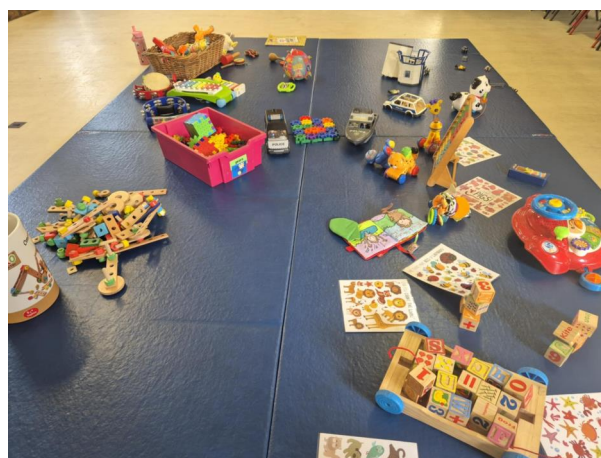
Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;

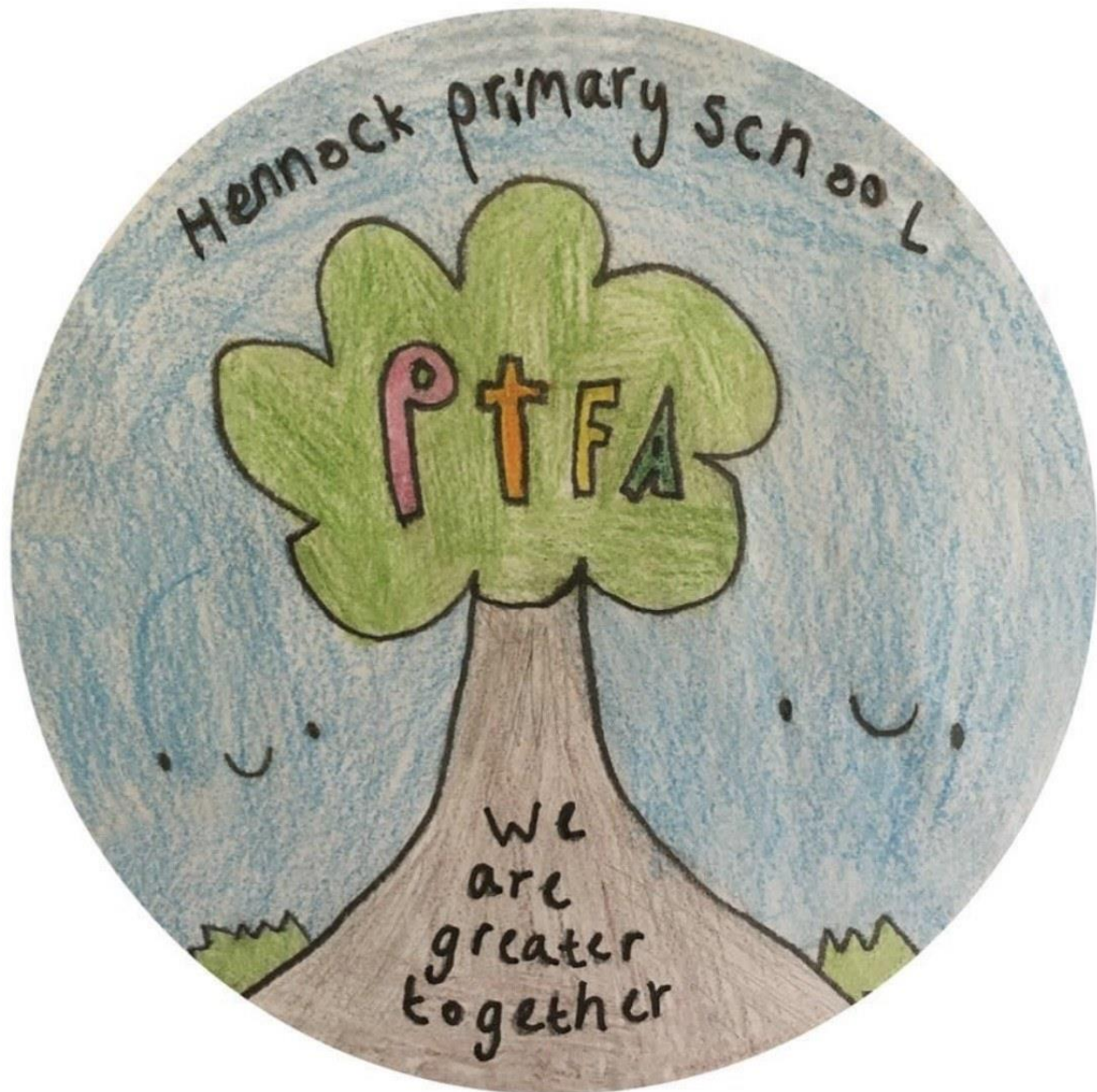
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We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



PTFA Message



Hennock Community Primary School PTFA Update

A Huge Thank You and an Invitation to Celebrate: Playground Success and the Barn Dance Returns!

The New Playground is Officially Open!

After months of planning, fundraising, problem-solving, and an incredible amount of community support, our new playground and garden are complete! It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Grand Opening during the Hennock & Teign Village Garden & Craft Festival. The children are finally stepping into their brand-new outdoor space and making memories, gaining the full benefit of all the years of hard work.

The transformation has been truly remarkable. From the beautiful bridge and natural play structures to the planting areas, outdoor learning spaces, and covered areas, it is a marvel. With the addition of the incredible children's mosaic, sand pits, sand kitchens, benches, and sensory features, we have created a space perfectly designed for children to explore and learn.

We want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who made this possible. Thank you to our generous funders, suppliers, local businesses, contractors, equipment hire companies, and all the dedicated volunteers who donated their time, skills, machinery, and resources.

The PTFA worked tirelessly throughout this project to stretch every pound, ensuring that every penny generously donated provided the best possible value. The result is an amazing space that will benefit Hennock children for many years to come.

Please do tell everyone you know about our wonderful new facilities—we would love to spread the word about what makes Hennock so special and encourage even more families and children to join the school to enjoy it!

The Legendary Hennock Barn Dance is Back!

Because we have invested so much into making the playground renovation a reality, our fundraising efforts are more important than ever. To help us replenish our funds and continue supporting the school, we are thrilled to announce the return of the legendary Hennock Barn Dance!

Join us on Saturday 3rd October from 6pm onwards for an unforgettable night, generously hosted by Hilary and Keith Harvey in a real cattle barn at Beechleigh Farm, Hennock.

Get ready for a proper evening of ceilidh dancing, featuring a live band and caller—so absolutely no dancing experience is needed! The evening will also include a BBQ, a well-stocked bar, a games area to keep the kids entertained, and a Grand Draw with some amazing prizes to be won.

This event is always one of the highlights of the Hennock calendar and is known for being a complete sell-out. Tickets are selling fast and advance ticket discounts are available, so please do not miss out.

You can book your tickets today at: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock/>¹

Every ticket purchased directly supports Hennock Primary School. We cannot wait to see you there for a proper barn-dance celebration!

The Hennock PTFA Team

¹https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock/?utm_source=gemini





Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday, Willows, Birch and Ash

Willows, extra PE every Tuesday

Ash and Birch, extra PE every Thursdays

- **Wednesday 23rd September - Outdoor learning for whole school**
- **Wednesday 23rd September Open Day**
- **Friday 25th September KS2 Walkability**
- **Monday 28th September Open Day**
- **Friday 2nd October Harvest Festival**
- **Wednesday 7th October Open Day**

For Your Information

TEIGN SCHOOL

Open Evening



Wednesday 16th September
6.00pm - 8.00pm

- ✓ Meet our students, teachers and school leaders
- ✓ Explore subject areas
- ✓ Take part in interactive activities
- ✓ Hear from our Headteacher
- ✓ Discover life at Teign School



To book your place please scan the QR code or visit our website

Experience first-hand the learning, opportunities and sense of belonging that make Teign School such a vibrant community.



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TEIGN SCHOOL

Open Events



Autumn 2026

Open Evening
Wednesday 16th September
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Open Mornings
Tuesday 22nd September
Tuesday 29th September
Thursday 22nd October
9.30am - 11.00am



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OPEN EVENING

8 OCTOBER 2026

WELCOME SPEECH AT 6.00PM
SUBJECT VISITS AND SITE TOUR
UNTIL CLOSE AT 8.00PM

RESERVE YOUR PLACE VIA THE QR CODE
OR AT WWW.TGGSACADEMY.ORG/OPENEVENING

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TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Trust PE curriculum newsletter

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School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 98%

Ash 100%

Birch 96.8%

Willows 97.2%

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

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.**

1

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.**

2

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.

3

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.uk²

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

²<mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>