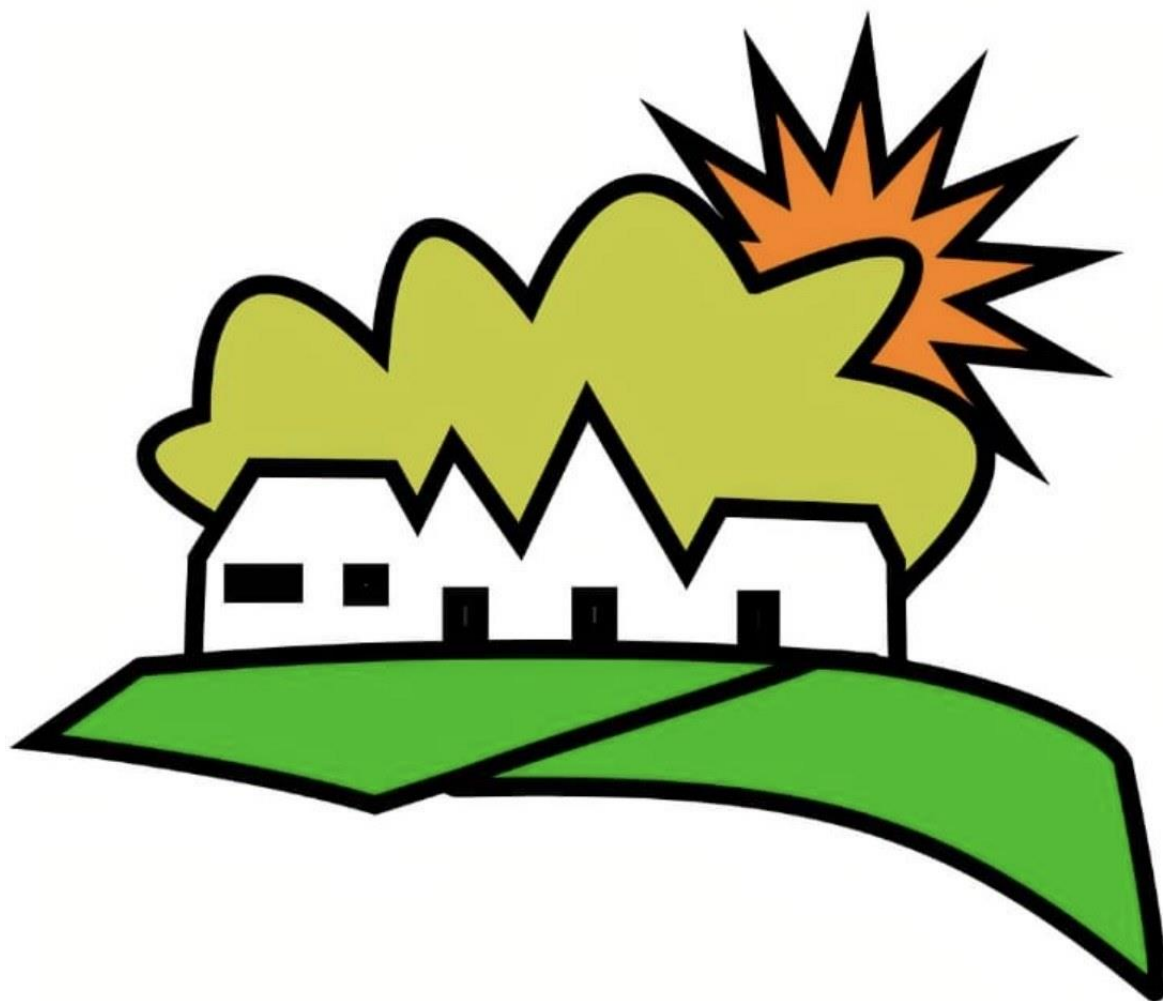




Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

Parent Voice Coffee Morning

This year, we are introducing a Parent Voice Coffee Morning, providing an opportunity for parents to meet with our team, hear about developments in school, share ideas and ask questions in an informal and friendly setting.

Our first meeting will take place on:



Monday 19th October 2026

 **Time:** 9am - 10am

 **Location:** Oak Room

During our first session, we will:

- Share our School Improvement Priorities for the year ahead.
- Take parents on a tour of the school.
- Provide an opportunity for discussion, questions and feedback.

To help shape future meetings, we have created a short form where parents can suggest topics or raise questions they would like discussed. We will use this feedback when planning future agendas. This is also a good way to share your views if you are unable to make a meeting. Parent Voice - Henncock – Fill in form¹

Whether you're new to the school or have been part of our community for many years, we'd love you to join us. Your views, ideas and perspectives help us continue to make Hennock the very best it can be for all children.

 We look forward to welcoming you for a coffee and a chat on Monday 19th October.

Have a lovely weekend - and I hope to see you at the Barn Dance!

Anthony Arnold

¹https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yQ0V4_Sec0WRRGeMKx2k_YKUvVj_tzJBpHZTIOfoNZtUQkdRQkJDTExLU1hFQjVUUENQSDdCRFE5OS4u



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.

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

School Attendance

This week's assembly focused on the importance of attendance. We compared the school year to a 190-piece jigsaw puzzle, with each school day representing a piece. When pieces are missing, the picture is less complete. Every day in school contributes to children's learning, confidence, friendships and wellbeing, which is why every day really does count.

A huge thank you to all of our families for supporting strong attendance so far this year. We are delighted that our current whole-school attendance is **97.9%**, which is an excellent figure and a fantastic start to the academic year. Well done, everyone. Let's keep adding those puzzle pieces together!

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

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.uk²

Our Safeguarding Lead is Anthony Arnold and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Maugan Collins. 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

Online Safety

Thanks to the digital world, there are now many ways for your children to watch television: both the old-fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming that can be streamed through phones and tablets. This makes monitoring and controlling what children are viewing even harder than ever - but with the help of our guide, you can make TV safer for young ones and limit the amount that they can watch.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, links and tips for adults.

Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what your kids can watch is harder than ever, but with our help you can make TV safer for your kids and limit the amount that they can watch.

How to manage what your children WATCH ON TV

TRADITIONAL TV

Traditional TV covers programmes broadcast directly to your TV without having to use the internet. This is the standard way that most of us watch television programmes.

BROADCAST TV

Free-to-air broadcast television is delivered via an aerial or satellite to your TV directly or through a PVR that also handles recording. Most modern TVs and PVRs sold in the last few years will have parental controls, which restrict the content available, requiring a PIN for unwatchable programmes. The exact settings vary by manufacturer, but should not be too difficult to set up. Parental locks work by checking the rating of a programme or TV broadcast. If a child is restricted from an incorrect rating, some content may not be blocked.

SKY TV

The version of Sky that you have defines the options available to you. If you have a Sky HD box, you'll need to press the Services button and select Parental Control & PIN. From here, you can turn on the Family Setting, which gives you the option to restrict Adult Channels and content, and requires a PIN to be entered to view anything not for pre-arranged playback. More granular control allows you to block specific channels, either completely or only after hours, requiring a PIN to switch. You can also block programmes broadcast on Sky through the Internet. You can also set up a Sky+ HD box to restrict content to only those recorded on the Sky+ HD box. Sky+ HD boxes can be used to restrict content to only those recorded on the Sky+ HD box. Sky+ HD boxes can be used to restrict content to only those recorded on the Sky+ HD box.

INTERNET TV

There are plenty of ways to watch TV online, whether that's via the likes of iPlayer or with streaming video services, such as Netflix and Amazon Prime Instant Video. Here, we'll show you how to control each.

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Amazon Prime Video has Parental Controls available in the Settings section of the Prime Video website. The settings let you set the age range of content that can be watched without entering a PIN (G, PG, 12 and 18). Settings apply to all devices that the user can use, but if you have a TV which has its own settings, but you can set up a PIN on your TV. For example, you may not want to have any restrictions on your iPad, which only you use. PINs can also be used to block purchases.

NETFLIX

Netflix lets you create profiles for everyone in your house. On the Netflix home screen, if you select Manage Profiles, you can change each one to show different content, defined by age group. Children should be encouraged to use their profile only, particularly as there's no way to PIN protect adult profiles. However, you can PIN protect content globally, so if a child does use your profile, they're blocked from watching inappropriate content. On the Netflix select Account from the drop-down menu by your name and select Parental Controls. You'll be prompted to enter a PIN, but then can select which content is PIN protected by age range: Toddlers, Older Children, Teens and Adults. You can also PIN protect specific programmes by typing their name in, which could be handy if you feel a programme is unsuitable as a child has been watching it too much.

ON-DEMAND PLAYERS

If your children are watching content from on-demand services, such as BBC iPlayer or All 4, you can turn on parental controls for each via the main website. Controls vary by platform. With BBC iPlayer, the parental lock requires a PIN for anything marked as requiring Guidance for the BBC. iPlayer has a rating system (PG, PG-18, 18) and you can choose to restrict programmes rated 18+ or 18+. If you use Sky's, you can set up a PIN to restrict content against watching G-rated content. For UKTV Play, you can add a PIN to restrict content selecting one of ten levels all content that's rated 15+ or all content that's rated 18+.

HOW CAN PARENTS MANAGE THEIR CHILDREN'S TV TIME?

Particularly with on-demand content, it can be hard to restrict how much viewing time a child has. However, you can restrict internet time with parental control software, restricting how much time a child can spend online, whether they're using a PC, tablet or watching TV online. Parental control software will generally only work on laptops, computers, tablets and phones. However, if you have parental control software that can run on the device, you can manage other devices, such as a child's smart TV and games console, and restrict time usage on these, too.



National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



Meet our expert
This guide has been written by David Lufflow. David has been a technology journalist for more than 20 years, covering everything from internet security to the latest computing trends and the smart home. A father of two (a nine-year-old and a six-year-old), he's had to restrict and manage how his children access online services and use apps.



You may also be interested in our smart home devices guide!

www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter: @nationalonlinesafety Facebook: NationalOnlineSafety

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²<mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>

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



Last week, Year 6 completed their first set of mock SATs. The children approached the challenge admirably, and the experience provided a valuable opportunity to become familiar with the format of the papers and the types of questions they will encounter. There will be plenty more opportunities to practise before the tests in May, and we will use the information gathered from these mocks to help inform our planning and ensure that we continue to meet the needs of all learners.

We have continued developing our rugby skills in PE, focusing on passing, tackling and scoring tries. In History, the children have thoroughly embraced our World War II topic and enjoyed meeting a veteran soldier, brilliantly portrayed by Miss Skaith, who helped bring the realities of wartime service to life. In Music, the children have continued exploring Samba,

learning a range of rhythms on different percussion instruments and combining these to perform layered pieces of music. In RE and World Views, the children have begun their learning about Christianity, while in Computing they have been practising how to log on and off Chromebooks independently and access their online learning platforms.

In English, the children have continued to develop their writing through our sentence-stacking approach using *101 Ways to Be a Superhero*. They have broadened their adventurous vocabulary and strengthened key writerly skills, including the use of imperative and modal verbs, as well as different ways of presenting information using bullet points. In Maths, the children have continued to deepen their understanding of place value, comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000 with increasing confidence.

Last week, the Walkability team led us on a guided walk around Hennock, where the children learned more about the importance of road safety. They also enjoyed online workshops with Waterstones and the Eden Project. During the latter, we celebrated World Poetry Day by writing haikus inspired by the harvest season and the natural world. It has also been wonderful to see the creativity each child has shown in art, exploring observational line drawings of insects using charcoal and pencil and creating a mixed media beetle using a variety of materials and textures. The children welcomed a return to Forest School and enjoyed a variety of seasonal activities to mark Autumn as well as having the time and space to play in the beautiful setting at Methley Meadows.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Birch Class



As ever, the children have been so busy!

We have continued developing our rugby skills in PE, focusing on passing, tackling and scoring tries. In History, the children have thoroughly embraced our World War II topic and enjoyed meeting a veteran soldier, brilliantly portrayed by Miss Skaith, who helped bring the realities of wartime service to life. In Music, the children have continued exploring pitch, learning techniques to play the glockenspiel and putting this into practise learning Twinkle Twinkle. In RE and World Views, the children have begun their learning about Christianity, while in Computing they have been practising how to log on and off Chromebooks independently and access their online learning platforms.

In English, the children have continued to develop their writing through our sentence-stacking approach using *Outdoor Wonderland*, a non-fiction text to explore writing instructions. They have broadened their adventurous vocabulary and strengthened key writerly skills, including the use of conjunctions, imperative verbs and adjectives, as well as different ways of presenting information and instructions. In Maths, the children have continued to deepen their understanding of place value, comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000 with increasing confidence.

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Have a great weekend!

Willows and Reception Class



It has been a lovely week of learning, exploring and having fun!

We had a fantastic first morning back at Forest School! The children enjoyed getting stuck into a range of exciting activities. We have been practising our cutting skills by chopping up apples and then used them to make delicious 'toffee' apples over the campfire. The children also enjoyed exploring the different types of trees around us and learning to identify them

by looking closely at their leaves. Some children even had the opportunity to help light the fire using flint and steel!

In Year 1/2, we have continued our History topic on aviation. This week, we have been learning about how the first glider was invented and thinking about how gliders are able to fly. To help us understand this, the children designed and made their very own gliders. They had lots of fun testing them and thinking about what makes a glider fly successfully!

In English, we have been creating our own version of *Oi Frog!* called *Oi Fly!* The children have been working hard to orally rehearse their stories and have enjoyed developing their own ideas. We have also been creating story maps to help us remember the sequence of our stories. The children particularly enjoyed bringing their ideas to life through pictures and storytelling. In Maths, we have been learning about greater than, less than and equal to. The children have been practising comparing numbers and using the correct mathematical symbols to show which numbers are greater than, less than or equal.

In Reception, the children have been learning about people who help us. We have talked about the people who help us at school and at home and explored pictures of different people who help us in our wider community. The children have enjoyed discussing the important jobs people do and thinking about how they help us in our everyday lives. In Maths, we have been exploring different sorting techniques. The children have been encouraged to look carefully at objects and think about how they could be grouped together. We have also challenged the children to come up with their own sorting rules, which has encouraged them to think carefully about similarities and differences between objects.

Have a lovely weekend!



Saplings



Hello everyone,

We have had another busy and fun-filled fortnight in Preschool!

With the arrival of Autumn, we have been exploring, creating, building and learning through lots of hands-on experiences. The children enjoyed making their own bread rolls, exploring the ingredients and watching the dough change as they mixed, kneaded, rolled and shaped it. A wonderful sensory activity that also helped develop fine motor skills, hand strength and independence.

We have been exploring more and less through practical activities and play. The children have been counting, comparing groups and using mathematical language such as *more*, *fewer* and *the same*. Our story focus has been *Rattle and Rap*, inspiring lots of imaginative train play. The children worked together to build tracks and created a whole world around them, including a farm, houses, ticket office and playpark! This has provided wonderful opportunities for imagination, communication, problem-solving and cooperation.

We have been noticing the changes around us and exploring Autumn treasures such as leaves, conkers and acorns. We enjoyed leaf rubbing and investigating the colours, patterns, shapes and textures we discovered. The children have also enjoyed large-scale painting, using their whole arms and bodies to make big movements, supporting coordination and gross motor development.

Construction continues to be a firm favourite! The children have been building train tracks, houses and many other imaginative creations, developing their problem-solving, planning and teamwork as they test ideas and make changes.

It has been lovely to see the children's ideas grow and develop across all of these experiences.

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.

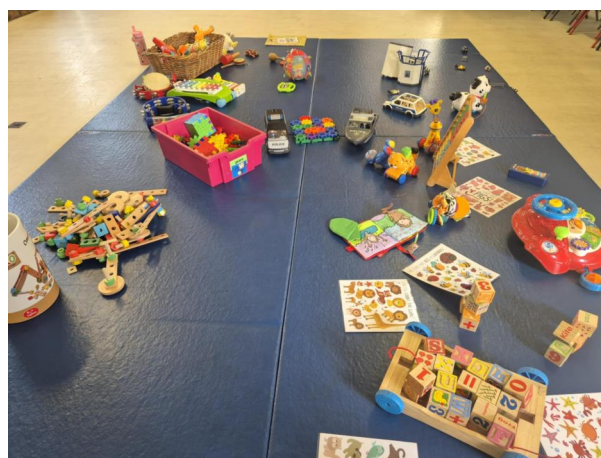
Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

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

adminhennock@thelink.academy

01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



PTFA Message



Hennock Primary School PTFA Update

The 5th Annual Hennock Barn Dance is This Saturday! Get ready for a proper old-fashioned family night out! Join us this Saturday, 3 October, from 6pm onwards for our legendary Barn Dance at Beechleigh Farm. The weather forecast is looking absolutely perfect—with the sun out and low winds, it is going to be a beautiful evening in a truly magical location.

Whether you are a seasoned dancer or a complete beginner, our live ceilidh band, *Spinach for Norman*, and caller Pam will be there to guide everyone through the steps. The event takes place in a real working cattle barn, complete with a BBQ, bar, and plenty of games for the children.

We are also hosting a massive Grand Draw with incredible prizes generously donated by local businesses, including a Moor Barton Beaver Safari, a Jelly B family photo shoot, Dartmoor Whisky experiences, and much more.

Tickets are selling fast, so please book in advance at www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock³. We also expect tickets to be available at the door on the night, although these will be slightly more expensive. Every single ticket helps rebuild our PTFA funds so we can continue providing amazing activities, experiences, and opportunities for the children.

Stars of Teignbridge Award Shortlist! In other fantastic news, the PTFA has been officially nominated and shortlisted for a *Stars of Teignbridge* award in recognition of the school playground renovation!

The Hennock PTFA Team



³<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock>

Communications Team



Stars of the week



25th September

Star of the week:

Ash: Year 6 **Birch:** Emilia **Willows:** Harmony

BC: Aiden **ASC:** Mila

Pride of school: Dusty

Key Dates

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

Willows, extra PE every Tuesday

Ash and Birch, extra PE every Thursdays

- Friday 2nd October Harvest Festival
- Tuesday 6th KS2 Trip to Farmwise
- Wednesday 7th October - Outdoor learning for whole school
- Wednesday 7th October Open Day
- Thursday 8th Parents Phonics Meeting R & Yr1
- Monday 12th Parents Phonics Meeting R & Yr1
- Monday 19th October, 9am - 10am - Parent Voice Coffee Morning

For Your Information



**Calling all 8-11
year olds!**

**Come join our
book club!**

BOVEY TRACEY LIBRARY

**4.15PM-5.00PM
1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY
OTHER MONTH**

Our book club for 8-11 year olds has space for a few new members!

The group meets at the library on the first Tuesday of every other month for lots of book chat, fun activities and to make new friends.

We have a few spaces so if you fancy joining in and discovering some great new stories, pop into the library to find out more or call us on 01626 832026.

Libraries
Unlimited



**Dracula & Daughters:
A Book Event with
Emma Carroll**

**MONDAY 19 OCTOBER
5.00PM-6.00PM**

**BOVEY TRACEY LIBRARY
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

The great Emma Carroll will be joining us to celebrate her newest book, **Dracula & Daughters: School for Slayers**.

Come and hear all about the brave granddaughters of Dracula who are on a mission to heal vampires. Emma will read from the book and lead us through a fun activity.

Chat with Emma after the event and have your books signed, which will be available to purchase through First Draft Books on the day. You can also check out Emma's books from the library!

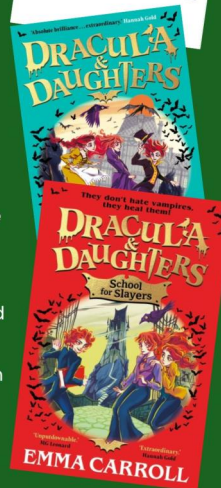
**Tickets: £2 each for
children and adults.**

Recommended for readers aged 8+.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Proceeds from the ticket sales support the work of Bovey Tracey Library.

Visit: ticketsource.com to book.



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Trust PE curriculum newsletter

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