



Newsletter—Friday 3rd October 2025

Next week—W/C Monday 6th October 2025	
Monday:	
Tuesday:	Class Three PE
Wednesday:	Class One Outdoor Learning (Please remember appropriate footwear) Harvest Festival 2.30pm - Church
Thursday:	Class Two PE KS2 HoP visit in school
Friday:	World Mental Health Day - non uniform Class Four Art Workshop Class Four PE 3.00 Celebration Collective Worship KS2 Sports Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week

It has been another busy week at HB. In addition to Class Three being out today, Class Four have had a visit from professional artist, Luna North. To be able to learn from an expert print-maker is a wonderful experience and one that the children thoroughly enjoyed. I have no doubt that Class Three will have had just as exciting a day in Bath, exploring the Roman Baths. We will hear all about the trip next week.

It has been lovely to see so many children reading the books that they were given as part of the Appledore Book Festival last week. Children in Classes Three and Four were given quite lengthy books to get stuck into. Please do keep up the reading at home - it really does make such a difference. In school, children will read in many different contexts each day: Whole Class Guided Reading; Independent reading; cross curricular reading. They will also be read to often. As a result of a strong home-school partnership with reading, we tend to find that children leave with excellent reading skills at the end of Y6. Last year 87% of the Y6 cohort attained the expected standard or better in their Reading SATs. This compares well with the national averages of 75%.

Reading

A special mention here to Niah and Megan from Y5 who both read brilliantly in church this week as part of our CW about Compassion. Tuesday's worship was led by Rev Tracey, who shocked many in the congregation by eating dog food! Of course, when Ezra was brave enough to try some, it turned out to be chocolate custard! Our blessing this week was: *May you feel more compassion from God who is love, He's beside you - God here below not just above.*

Collective Worship

The children have been learning songs and making some artwork for our Harvest Festival next week. We would love to receive donations of food in packets and tins please so that we can donate these to Torrington Food Bank - the charity suggested by the children. We are happy to accept food gifts into the office from Monday morning. Many thanks in advance.

Harvest Festival

Supporting children's mental health is a big part of what we aim to do in school, and this week, Miss Trofa and I made contact with the Mental Health Support Team for Torridge to see what help they could provide in school. It seems to be a really positive offer and we hope to meet our designated Mental Health Practitioner in the next few weeks so that we can be providing bespoke support where it is needed. Next Friday is World Mental Health Day. We would like to support this by having a non-uniform day (sorry Class 4, you'll still need PE kit). Come to school in whatever you like, wearing something yellow if you can. Here is a link to find out more: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

World Mental Health Day

Supporting children's mental health is a big part of what we aim to do in school, and this week, Miss Trofa and I made contact with the Mental Health Support Team for Torridge to see what help they could provide in school. It seems to be a really positive offer and we hope to meet our designated Mental Health Practitioner in the next few weeks so that we can be providing bespoke support where it is needed. Next Friday is World Mental Health Day. We would like to support this by having a non-uniform day (sorry Class 4, you'll still need PE kit). Come to school in whatever you like, wearing something yellow if you can. Here is a link to find out more: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

Next week

Wednesday: **Harvest Festival Collective Worship in the church at 2:30pm- everyone welcome.**

Thursday: KS2 will have a visit from Tomas Williams from the Houses of Parliament.

Friday: World Mental Health Day.

Friday: Class Three will be having a zoom session with Sanjivini School in Mumbai.

Have a great weekend,

Rob Norton
Head of School

Notices

Information on scabies

We have been informed that a child in our FSU has been diagnosed with scabies. This is currently an isolated case, but we would like parents to be aware of the symptoms.

Symptoms to look out for are:

- intense itching, especially at night
- a raised rash or spots

You can find our more information, including what to do if you have concerns, on the NHS website - www.nhs.uk/conditions/scabies

Year 5 London Residential

If you previously indicated your intention for your child to attend the Y5 residential, you will have received an e-mail this week giving details on paying the deposit. Please ensure this is paid by Monday 13th October to secure your child's place. Thank you.

Next Week's Menu—W/C Monday 6th October 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage roll V – Quorn sausage roll Potato Wedges, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn Peach melba	Minced Beef Pie V – Quorn mince pie Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg Fruit Jelly	Roast of the Day Pork V – Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Fruit salad	Chicken and veg Casserole V – Vegetable casserole Crusty bread Jam sponge and custard	Fish Fingers V – vegetable fingers Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Shortbread Biscuit



Arbor

Payments

We kindly ask that Dinner and Breakfast Club accounts are kept in credit at all times.

Topping up is quick and easy — simply log in to your account, head to the 'Accounts' section, and make a payment by card. If you pay for breakfast club using

tax free childcare, please let Mrs Goss know when you make a payment.

If you're experiencing any difficulties or have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Goss in the school office.



Arbor

Annual tasks

It's time for a little housekeeping! Please can all parents and carers to log in to Arbor to:

Check and update your contact details - please review the following and update anything that may have changed:

- Home address - have you moved and forgotten to give the office your new address?
- Mobile & home telephone numbers
- Emergency contacts
- Medical conditions and allergies

Complete your child(ren)'s parental consents for the 2025/2026 academic year, including:

- Dietary information
- Photographs
- Off site activities
- Transport

Renewing these annually ensures that we can keep accurate records.

The photographic permission categories have been updated this year to reflect how TEAM uses photographs of children. Remember we will not name individual children in photographs.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you.

School Calendar

October

Wed 8th: Harvest Festival service in the church at 2:30pm
Thu 9th: Houses of Parliament talk to KS2 children
Fri 10th: Mental Health Day. Non-uniform - wear something yellow
Wed 15th: Class 1 Maths Stay & Play for parents & carers
Wed 15th: After School Church Club
Thu 16th: 'Flu' vaccines
Tue 21st: Class 4 trip to Exeter race course
Wed 22nd: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm
Fri 24th: Last day of the half term
W/C Monday 27th: Half Term

November

Mon 3rd: School restarts
Mon 3rd: DT week begins
Thu 13th: Class 4 Big Event. Trip to Tiverton Museum
Wed 19th: After School Church Club
Fri 21st: Children in Need Day - non-uniform

December

Tue 9th: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm
Wed 17th: School Christmas dinner
Thu 18th: School Christmas production (TBC)
Fri 19th: Carol Collective Worship in the church at 2:45pm
Fri 19th: Last day of term

January 2026

Tue 6th: School restarts

February

Tue 3rd: London Residential (Y5) departs

Fri 6th: London Residential returns

Mon 9th: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm

Fri 13th: Last day of the half term

W/C Mon 16th: Half Term

Mon 23rd: School restarts

Mon 23rd: DT week begins

March

Wed 11th: SGH Residential (Y3/4) departs

Fri 13th: SGH Residential returns

Fri 21st: Red Nose Day - non-uniform

Tue 31st: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm

April

Thu 2nd: Easter Service in the church at 2:30pm

Thu 2nd: Last day of term

Mon 20th: School restarts

May

Mon 4th: Bank Holiday - no school

Mon 11th: Y6 SPaG SAT

Tue 12th: Y6 Reading SAT

Wed 13th: Y6 Arithmetic and Maths 1 SAT

Thu 14th: Y6 Maths 2 SAT

Sun 17th: Bude Residential (Y6) departs

Fri 22nd: Bude Residential returns

Fri 22nd: Last day of the half term

W/C Mon 25th: Half Term

June

Mon 1st: Non-Pupil Day

Tue 2nd: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Thu 18th: Vision Day

July

Wed 15th: Book and a Biscuit from 3:30pm

Mon 20th: School Sports Morning

Tue 21st: Leavers' Service at 2:00pm

Tue 21st: Last day of the school year

Home Activities and Homework Tasks

Class One:

Please spend time reading with your child and practising their new phonic sounds.

Class Two:

Please aim to read with an adult for 15 minutes each day and **record in reading records.**

Class Three:

Reading log book, multiplication tables and spellings.

Class Four:

Read for 60 minutes at least (Y6) and 45 minutes at least (Y5). Maths homework to be returned on Tuesday please.



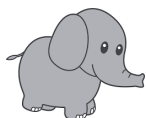
What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!



Learning Lions (Class One)

Where do Logan and Luna end up?
How many ways can you make?
Can you name the senses?



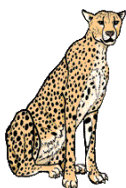
Exploring elephants (Class Two)

Can you practise your number formations making sure they are formed correctly?
Can you find a fossil on a beach?
Can you write about how a fossil is formed?



Inventive Impalas (Class Three)

How can you use the more than and less than symbols to compare numbers?
What did you put in your Google Slides presentation about High Bickington?
Can you describe the dream school you created in Jigsaw?



Challenging Cheetahs (Class Four)

Can you explain when and how you would use adjusting to add or subtract?
What did you learn about the Creation story from the Bible this week?
Can you recall any 'famous people' from the Industrial Revolution / Victorian era?

Class One

This week in Class 1, we have been focusing on homes and families. We have been discussing our own families and who lives at home with us. We have also been talking about different homes and houses, and have even designed our own ideal home. In maths, we have been subitising up to the number 4 and have also been looking at size and capacity. In Art, we have been continuing with our printing topic and had our own turn at printing with leaves to create an autumn tree.



Class Two

We have been working hard in Class Two this week. As part of our Dinosaur Detectives project, we have learnt about fossils, how they are formed and how they have been important in piecing together the history of the dinosaurs. The children saw Mrs Laurence's real-life fossil and Oscar brought in some real fossils to share later in the week. If any one else has a fossil collection which they would like to share, we would love to see them! Mrs Laurence's literacy group have been writing their own stories based on Where the Wild Things Are! They have been learning about the structure of the story and have written the octopus opening, build bear and problem penguin parts so far. We look forward to finishing them next week. In Maths, Year One have been developing their Mathematical understanding of more/less than and have been comparing numbers. Year Two have been considering the number line considering tens, ones and making estimations. In Music we have been learning about pulse, beat and pitch. We used instruments this week to keep a steady pulse and sang a range of songs to explore pitch.

Class Three - Ezra

This week in maths we've been learning about more/less and number lines. With the number lines I had to work out what the missing numbers were using estimating. In English, we have started a new piece of writing were I am writing a persuasive letter to the witch about getting the happy endings back. I've also looked at the long e sound in Decision Spelling like happy or lady. In science I was grouping animals and plants and in P.E we have been playing baseball. I am really looking forward to going to the Roman Baths today to learn more about the Romans!

Class Four - Maddison

This week in Class 4 we have done lots of writing. In maths we have been doing place value, adding and subtracting. In English we have been writing a story about Dr Watson and Holmes and a hound. In history we have been doing loads of writing about the Industrial Revolution. We have been learning about Joseph Paxton, James Watt, Matthew Boulton, I. K. Brunel, Prince Albert and Robert Stevenson. In art we have starting doing lino printing. Luna North came in today. We made some printing. We made printing about our topic the Industrial Revolution.





LET'S WALK & TALK

Monday 6th October 9:10am – 10:10am

Meeting Point: Outside New Site

Are you free on Monday 6th October in the morning after school drop-off? Fancy getting some steps in before your day begins? Come and join me for a gentle half-hour walk around the village, followed by a hot or cold drink back at school.

9:10am – Meet at the school gate

9:40am – Tea/coffee @ Church Hall

10:10am – Finish

All abilities are welcome, feel free to bring your little one/s and dogs are also welcome– it's a great way to tick off a job from your list and get some steps in.

This is a chance to do something just for YOU – to feel refreshed, energised, and connected before the day runs away with you.

I'd love to see as many of you as possible!

Carrie-Anne Sprenger

TEAM Family Support Worker



TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



Life, Love and Learning to the Full

Working in partnership with
SWIMBRIDGE
and other academies



Part of TEAM MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

APPLY NOW DIRECT WITH **mynewterm**

For more information and how to apply directly with My New Term please visit our website
<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies>

We currently have 2 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

TEACHING ASSISTANT & MTA at
Horwood and Newton Tracey
Community Primary School

Teaching Assistant at Pilton
Infants' Academy.

