

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

1st May 2026



SCHOOL WEBSITE - update

We are really pleased to let you know the upgrade of our school website is going well and we are expecting to launch the new site on Friday 8th May, but will confirm this with you next week.

As this will be a new site not all content may be fully completed and we have been advised by Juniper Education, the company who have designed and operate the site, that there may be some initial problems with access and how the site looks.

Below is some information from Juniper Education regarding our new site.

It can take up to 48 hours for the website to fully propagate following the launch. This means that the new website may go live for different people at different times depending on their location and browser. Usually you will see either the old website or the new one during propagation, but occasionally browser caching may occur. This means that when you visit www.hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk/ for the first time, the website could look a little strange. Please be reassured this is a normal part of the process and can be easily remedied. To rectify the caching issue, please clear the cache and cookies on the device that you are using also we advise you to do a hard refresh (CTRL + F5 / CMD, SHIFT + R) when first visiting the URL to get the best first impression of the new site.

We do hope you enjoy the new site and please contact the school office if you have any questions or require support.

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

The early May Bank Holiday is on Monday 4th May, and the school will be closed on this day, reopening on Tuesday 5th May.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend with family and friends, and the weather is kind.

Y5 RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 had a fantastic residential filled with adventure and excitement. The children took part in a range of activities including canoeing and paddle boarding on the lake, river gorge scrambling, and exploring the moors. They also challenged themselves with abseiling, crate stacking, and low ropes.

It was a fun-filled few days where everyone pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and showed great resilience. We are incredibly proud of their determination, teamwork, and positive attitudes throughout the trip.



THIS WEEK'S LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Chestnuts Class

Chloe, Kaiden

Hawthorns Class

Kit, Martin

Willows Class

Owen, Kelsey

Poplars Class

Harry, Skye, Ted

Oaks Class

Thea, Henry, Charlie B

Beeches Class

Aubrey, Archie

Maples Class

Evie M, Rasheed

THANK YOU

Thank you to Tarpaflex for a very generous donation of sun shade sails and tarpaulins.

WOW CHALLENGE

Well done to everyone who achieved their April WOW challenge badge for active and sustainable travel to school.

MRS KEAT PREPARES FOR DOUBLE RACE CHALLENGE AT WORLD PILOT GIG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mrs Keat is taking part today in the Super Vets race at the Isles of Scilly World Pilot Gig Championships.

Representing Bude Pilot Gig Club, she has earned her place in the team after eight months of dedicated training alongside her teammates. Mrs Keat will compete in two races which are scheduled for 12:00pm and 4:30pm and will be rowing one of the club's navy blue and white gigs – Bedehaven or Summerlease.

The World championships are held every year on the Isles of Scilly with over 480 registered crews rowing out of the island of St Marys.

If you're interested in learning more about gig racing then you can find further details within the links below. There will also be a live stream for race viewing.

<https://www.wpgc.uk/> and <https://www.gigrower.co.uk/>



THANK YOU FOR OUR NEW MUD KITCHEN

Thank you to the Luxton family who have kindly donated a new mud kitchen for the Chestnuts. Thank you also to Mr Hellon and Ben for building it for us.



LONDON MARATHON

We love hearing about how past pupils are getting on. Those of you who remember being taught by Mrs Emery or being in school with her daughter Hannah, you will be thrilled to hear that she completed the London Marathon on Sunday in a very impressive time of 6 hours 22 minutes. She ran on behalf of Balloons, an Exeter based charity supporting bereaved children. Hannah was so grateful for the support she received from them when she lost her brother Matthew when she was nine.



PTFA UPDATE

Spring Ball

There are still tables available for our Spring Ball, and we're now offering single tickets for anyone who can't fill a full table. Don't miss out on what promises to be a fantastic evening!

Grow £5 Challenge

Thank you for supporting our Grow £5 children – they are doing an amazing job fundraising for our school, and we're so proud of their efforts. Please do support them where possible.

Maintenance Day

We're going to be running a community maintenance day at the school on Sunday 17th May to help our school look its best for the 150 year celebration. We'd love as much help as possible, even if only for an hour or so, so please mark your calendars and see the poster below for more details.

Catch Clare Simmons at the gate (Freya in year 6's mum) with any questions or if you'd like to learn more.

150-Year Celebration Day

Please continue to spread the word about our 150-year celebration day on June 20th, from 2pm to 6pm. Come along to explore our school, enjoy games and refreshments with the whole community.



Help our school look its best for the 150 year celebrations this summer

Join the PTFA for our

Community Maintenance Day!



Date: Sunday 17th May
Time: 9:30am - 3pm

We'll have bacon rolls, tea and coffee on hand to keep energy levels up!

No need to stay for the whole day, just an hour or so would be an amazing help! Please comment on this post or email claredsimmons@gmail.com if you are able to help out

Jobs Include:

- Pressure washing of plastic gutters / downspouts and courtyard next to dining room
- Sanding and staining/painting fencing
- Wire-brushing & painting metal handrails
- Clearing weeds along bases of walls / fencelines

PLEASE BRING:

- Protective gloves
- Wire brushes
- Hoe & green trimmings bags

We'll be prepping on Sat 16th May if you can't make Sun 17th and would like to help out.

You are warmly invited to join
Hatherleigh Community Primary School's

150th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 20th June, 2026
2pm - 6pm

We would love to welcome anyone with a connection to the school, past or present, to join us for this special commemoration event.

Special Guest Speaker: *Michael Morpurgo*

School tours | Historic photos | Stalls

Pupil Art Exhibition | Fairground Games

Cream Teas & BBQ | Music & Dance Exhibitions

Commemorative Items Available

Hatherleigh Community Primary School
South Street, Hatherleigh, EX20 3JB

UNIFORM

Can we please remind you of our school uniform requirements.

- ❖ Navy sweatshirt, sweat cardigan or fleece jacket
- ❖ Yellow polo shirt
- ❖ Grey, black or navy trousers or shorts, pinafore dress or skirt
- ❖ Blue or lemon gingham dress – Summer term and warm weather
- ❖ Black shoes

The supplier of our school uniform is Schoolwear Direct, for more information please follow the link below:

<https://www.hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk/uniform/>

Alternatively Merry-Go-Round (merrygoroundonline.co.uk) have a shop based in North Tawton with a good stock of used and nearly new uniform, pop in to have a look.

A copy of our uniform policy can be found on the school website.

SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING

If you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns please contact one of the following:

- School 01837 810 248 teacher@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk
- Police 999 non-emergency 101
- Front Door (formerly MASH) on 0345 155 1071 mashsecure@devon.gov.uk
- Childline 0800 1111 childline.org.uk

CHARITY BIKE RIDE

We are pleased to share that a Year 5 pupil is organising a charity event to raise money for Cancer Research UK. As part of this, they will complete a 22-mile cycle along the Granite Way.

The event will take place on Saturday 2nd May 2026, this weekend.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support an important cause—please see the attached link to donate if you would like to.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/henrys-bike-ride-for-cancer-research>



30 DAYS WILD

The Wildlife Trust has created a month's worth of nature-based activities for you to try out. These activities are designed to take place throughout the month of June. To find out more and to sign up for the FREE resources, please click on the link below:

[30 Days Wild | The Wildlife Trusts](#)



EVENTS 2026

Please note - all events and dates are provisional and subject to change, new events will be added as they are confirmed.

Further details of each event will be sent out closer to the date.

Thursday 7th - Friday 8th May	Y3 Residential
Saturday 9th May	PTFA May Ball
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May	Y6 KS2 SATs
Wednesday 20th May	KS1 Music Festival
Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd May	Y6 Bristol Residential
Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd May	Y2 Residential Sleep Over
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	Half Term Break
Friday 5th June	PTFA Grow £5 Challenge - Challenge Ends
Monday 8th June	PTFA Grow £5 Challenge - Submission Deadline
Saturday 20th June	150th Celebration Open Day
Tuesday 30th June	Sports day
Thursday 2nd July	Sports day - reserve date
Monday 6th July	Whole school moving up day
Friday 17th July	Y6 Leavers assembly and prize giving 10.00am School year ends