

# HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### 12th December 2025



#### CHRISTMAS AT HATHERLEIGH

**Tuesday 16th December - Y6 Christmas Sale** - please see below for more details.

**Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Class Elf Workshops.** This is not a non uniform day but children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their normal fleece, cardigan or sweatshirt. Thank you to the PTFA for kindly funding the Elf workshops.

**Thursday 18th December - Class Christmas Parties** - please bring some party clothes to change into. **Hatherleigh Silver Band 3.00pm** - the Hatherleigh Silver Band will be playing carols on the playground from 3.00pm.

**Friday 19th December 2.00pm - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Service** at St John the Baptist Church.

Parents, carers, family and friends are very welcome to join the school at the church for our Christmas service.

#### YR, Y1 & Y2 AND Y3 & Y4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Well done and thank you to all the children and staff in YR, Y1 & Y2 and Y3 & Y4 for their Christmas productions that took place on Tuesday and Thursday to parents and family in the Community Centre. The children were amazing and it was such a lovely way to start our Christmas celebrations at Hatherleigh. On Friday 19th December at 2.00pm Y5 & Y6 will be leading our Christmas service at the church, everyone is very welcome to join us.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SALE

Every year Year 6 holds a Christmas Sale to help raise funds for the school. This year the sale will take place on **Tuesday 16th December.**

Children are invited to bring something from home in either new or 'very good pre-loved' condition. These wonderful donations are then sorted by the year six class and offered for sale to all children. This enables children to buy family and friends a christmas present, which will come home wrapped.

The closing date for donations to be brought in was today but any last minute items may be brought in on Monday. A polite reminder to please make sure that all items are suitable for children - occasionally we have had donations of age-inappropriate items that we have to then dispose of - and that they are of a quality you would want to receive or would give to a friend.

All children can bring in up to £2 on Tuesday 16th to purchase their gifts.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Bradbury, Mr Lea and the Y6 children

#### NETHERCOTT HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION

Y6 school councillors have travelled to Nethercott House today to take part in their Christmas tree decoration competition. All children in the school have drawn and coloured a design on a bauble that has been used to decorate our school tree. Thank you to Mrs Moss for organising the baubles and to Mrs Andrew for accompanying the children and supervising the decorating.

## FAMILY READING

We warmly invite you to our second family reading session which will take place on **Tuesday 16th December at 2.45pm**. During family reading, parents/carers are invited into school from 2.45pm to share a book together as a family. Children can join siblings in their classrooms. There will also be a tasty Christmas treat for you to enjoy.

After the success of our first session, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our next family reading session.

## WILDLIFE CHAMPIONS

Please see below for the link to The Wildlife Trust 12 days wild.

## 12 Days Wild | The Wildlife Trusts

## TERM DATES

The Autumn term ends on Friday 19th January and the Spring term begins on Tuesday 6th January.

## MEAL PRICE INCREASE

From 1 January, the price of a school meal will increase from £2.53 to £2.61, in line with the UFSM price.

## PTFA NEWS

We just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre — whether you attended, donated, helped, or spread the word. Your kindness and generosity truly made the event special.

Thanks to you, we are delighted to share that we have raised an amazing £745.40!

A little reminder of the many ways you can support our School's PTFA

- Join our weekly YourSchool lottery – a fun way to contribute and be in with a chance to win.
- Browse our Amazon Wishlist – every item helps us enrich the school experience.
- Support through donations – big or small, they all make a difference.
- Come along to our school events – your presence and participation mean so much.

We are pleased to say we have been selected as one of the charity's Okehampton Round Table are supporting this year. So, we are looking for helpers for 20th December from 4.30pm, to walk round with Father Christmas collecting donations and handing out sweets. Please get in touch with Steph Letheren if you're free even if you can only spare an hour.

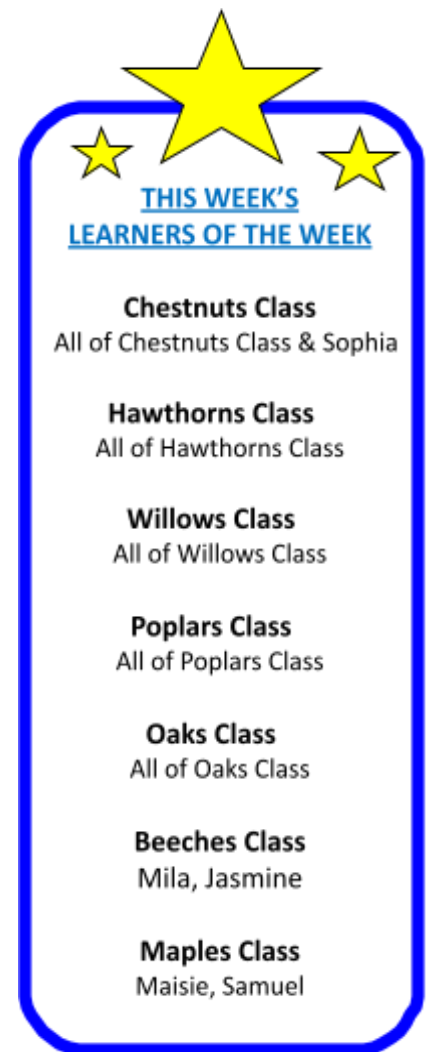
Thank you to everyone for supporting our school!



**WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY**

Play now to boost our fundraising!  
Tickets cost just **£1**

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



**THIS WEEK'S LEARNERS OF THE WEEK**

- Chestnuts Class**  
All of Chestnuts Class & Sophia
- Hawthorns Class**  
All of Hawthorns Class
- Willows Class**  
All of Willows Class
- Poplars Class**  
All of Poplars Class
- Oaks Class**  
All of Oaks Class
- Beeches Class**  
Mila, Jasmine
- Maples Class**  
Maisie, Samuel



**ROUND TABLE SANTA STOPS 2025**

**OKEHAMPTON ROUND TABLE** EST. 1968

DATES	LOCATION
Fri 5	Okehampton (18:00) Persimmons Est
Sat 6	Okehampton (16:45) North Rd
Mon 8	Okehampton (18:00) Mill Rd
Tue 9	Okehampton (18:00) Baldwin Drive
Thu 11	Okehampton (18:00) Quarry Fields
Sat 13	North Tawton (16:45)
Fri 19	Sticklepath, S Tawton, & S Zeal (18:00)
Sat 20	Hatherleigh (16:45)

PLEASE DONATE NOW @

## **EXTREME WEATHER CLOSURE**

In the event of snow and other extreme weather resulting in the school having to close, information will be posted on the school website, DCC website, sent via emails/text messages and broadcast by local radio.

## **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](http://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](mailto:teacher@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk)
- Police 999 non-emergency 101
- Front Door (formerly MASH) on 0345 155 1071 [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)
- Childline 0800 1111 [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)

## **A MESSAGE FROM REVD JONATHAN**

I would like to introduce a great Christian Charity called 'Care for the Family' who put on holidays specifically designed to support and bless single parent families. The holidays take place at Christian-run activity centres, but they are definitely open to people of all faiths and none. Every day there will be a 'Thought for the Day' and, at some centres, a Sunday morning service or an evening epilogue – all of which are Christian in nature. Attendance is entirely optional. There will be alternatives during this time for those who do not wish to attend.

There are also good bursaries available through the charity.

Please use the link below for further information.

Link:[https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/family-life/parent-support/single-parenting/take-a-break/#msdynmkt\\_trackingcontext=b26f8944-03a4-408a-a7eb-d3a854fc0000](https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/family-life/parent-support/single-parenting/take-a-break/#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=b26f8944-03a4-408a-a7eb-d3a854fc0000)

God bless,  
Jonathan

## BOOKMARKED READING CHALLENGE - LAUNCH AT OKEHAMPTON LIBRARY

Bookmarked is our brand-new, FREE young adult reading challenge aimed at 11–17-year-olds launching in January 2026, exclusive to Okehampton Library!

The challenge allows you the opportunity to read 6 library books across the year of your choice at your own pace and earn rewards along the way. Once you've finished 6 books, pop into the library to collect your final reward, have your booklet stamped and be entered into our prize draw to win some goodies. The first 30 participants to finish will also receive a free cinema ticket (with thanks to New Carlton Cinema).

Available to library members aged 11-17, sign up for FREE at Okehampton Library any time in 2026.



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### OKEHAMPTON LIBRARY'S BOOKMARKED

Sign up for FREE at Okehampton Library (you must be a library member)

1. Collect your booklet and bookmark, browse our display and ask for our recommended reads.
2. Get started with the challenge!
3. After reading 2 & 4 books, bring in your booklet to be stamped by library staff and collect your badges.
4. Once you have finished 6 books, bring your completed booklet into the library to be signed off and collect your final badge – you'll also be entered into our prize draw to win a prize bundle! The first 30 participants to finish will also receive a free cinema ticket (with thanks to New Carlton Cinema).

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Devon TORBAY COUNCIL

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### OKEHAMPTON LIBRARY'S BOOKMARKED

Complete our FREE reading challenge to be entered into our prize draw to win a prize bundle!  
Draw closes at 10am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

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## Creative Writing Workshops

OKEHAMPTON LIBRARY |  
SATURDAYS 10:00-11:30 |  
10 JANUARY – 28 FEBRUARY |  
OPEN TO AGES 11-15 |

Do you like writing stories or want to give writing stories a try? Then join our Creative Writing Workshops!

Learn how to:

- Begin & develop a story
- Plan a narrative
- Create characters
- Make dialogue work
- Produce interesting settings
- Use different forms and writing devices

Sessions led by volunteer Adrian Tilley (teacher, writer and author).

FREE to attend, join at any time.  
Book your place via Eventbrite or the library. Bring your pen, notepad and imagination!

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### Welcome to the December 2025 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

**Remember—Set up devices!**      **Reminder—Be a good digital parent**

With Christmas almost upon us, Scomis would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important safety points to consider if your child is likely to receive a:

- SMART device (TV, Speaker)
- new mobile phone
- games console
- tablet PC

**Check:**

- the device is working correctly
- the device is fully charged
- the parental controls
- the safety settings
- filtering is applied to your home's Wi-Fi

**Finally:**

- Don't leave setting up the device before you wrap it up!

Check the [UK Safer Internet's 4 tips](#) for giving tech gifts this Christmas including:

**Discuss your expectations**—make sure everyone understands the importance of staying safe.

**Create a family agreement** – a brilliant way:

- to think about how your family uses the internet,
- to help make sure that everybody understands the importance of staying safe and being responsible online.

You could include:

- daily screen time allowances
- where the device is kept at night
- approving friend requests
- permission to download or purchase apps
- use of social media – Remember most social media sites have a minimum age of 13!

Check [Childnet's](#) free family agreement template available for download [here](#) (examples for different ages)

[Childnet Family Agreement](#)

Visit the following websites for sound advice and guidance:

- [Childnet Key Topics for Parents](#)
- [Online Issues and social media guides on UKSIC](#)
- [Keeping Under Fives Safe Online](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)
- [Ask About Games](#)

Keep passwords safe and do not share them

- Schedule notifications to turn off for certain times of the day
- Talk about things you read online with your children
- Think about what you are sharing online
- Give practical tips for dealing with unwanted content or contact
- Show your child how to take screen shots
- Reassure your child that they can talk to you or another trusted adult to ask for help

**Need help?**

Visit the following websites for more guidance:

- Vodafone's [Digital Parenting](#) Helping your family live a happy and safe digital life
- Childnet's [Parent and Carers Toolkit](#) Three resources offering practical tips on keeping your child safe online
- UK Safer Internet Centre's [Advice on online issues](#) includes guidance on how to report, when to report and where to report.
- Internet Matters [Helping parents keep their children safe online](#) includes guidance on buying new tech

**Internet Connected Devices**

**Did you know many devices now connect to the Internet?**

- Internet connected devices can send and receive data
- respond to voice commands and be controlled remotely using a smartphone app.

**Examples of internet connected devices include:**

- Doorbells, CCTV
- Toys, robots, drones and much more

**If not set up properly, the risks include:**

- Developers or hackers may be connected to your device without your knowledge
- Baby monitors, children's tablets, drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home.

Find out how to keep you and your family safe and visit the [NSPCC's website](#).

**HELP IN THE HOLIDAYS!**

Don't forget! advice is just a phone call away from the NSPCC helpline **0800 800 5000**  
Childline **0800 1111** email: [childline.org.uk](mailto:childline.org.uk)

Websites to check:

- [Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)
- [ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)

Have a happy safe Christmas **SCOMIS**  
Your ICT Partner



[EVENTS 2025-26](#)

*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.*

Tuesday 16th December	Y6 Christmas sale Family Reading 2.45pm
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas jumper day, lunch and Elf workshops
Friday 19th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas service 2.00pm Autumn term ends
Monday 22nd December - Monday 5th January	Christmas break

Tuesday 6th January	Spring term begins
Thursday 12th February	PTFA Children's Valentine Disco 3.30pm - 5.30pm at the Community Centre
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Half term break
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th March	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March	Y4 Bikeability
Tuesday 24th March	Spring term parent meetings
Wednesday 25th March	Spring term parent meetings
Thursday 2nd April	Spring term ends
Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April	Easter break
Monday 20th April	Summer term begins
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th April	Y5 Outdoor and adventurous residential
Thursday 7th - Friday 8th May	Y3 Residential
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May	Y6 KS2 SATs
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
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