

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

22nd May 2026



HALF TERM BREAK

Today we finish for our summer half term break and return to school on Monday 1st June. Thank you for all your hard work and support, we hope you enjoy a good break with family and friends in the sunshine.

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - a reminder

As you are aware, this term we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary including an Open Day and the PTFA Summer Fayre on Saturday 20th June 2.00pm-6.00pm. On this day, as part of the celebrations, we would like as many children as possible to perform a school dance and song, so please reserve this date in your diary - more details to follow.

On the day before, Friday 19th June, we will be celebrating in school by having a garden party and would like the children to come to school dressed in a smart formal way suitable for this occasion, this may include a 150th theme but no sports kit/clothing for this special day - thank you. More details to come closer to the day but If you have any questions please contact the school office.

FAMILY READING

We are really pleased to let you know there will be two Family Reading sessions this term, Friday 5th June 8.30am & Tuesday 14th July 2.45pm - we look forward to seeing you.

PTFA MAINTENANCE DAY

Thank you to everyone who came along last weekend to help with the PTFA Maintenance day, over thirty adults and children attended and the school is looking great. Work will continue throughout the summer so if you have a spare hour and would like to help please let us know.

WOW CHALLENGE

Congratulations and well done to everyone who was awarded their May WOW Challenge badge for active and sustainable travel.

CHESTNUTS CLASS

To add to our woodland provision, we are looking for kind donations of metal or stainless steel jugs, pots, bowls and trays. Thank you for your support.
The Chestnuts Team



THIS WEEK'S LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Chestnuts Class
Billy, Nell

Hawthorns Class
All of Hawthorns Class

Willows Class
All of Willows Class

Poplars Class
Rosie, Theo, Tommy G

Oaks Class
Emily B, Hector, Lyra

Beeches Class
Amelia H, Amelia V, Phoebe

Maples Class
All of Maples Class

DECORATED WELLINGTON BOOT/DECORATED POT COMPETITION

Feeling green-fingered? Then here is a competition for you. We invite all children to take part in our competition to plant some flowers in a decorated wellington boot/decorated pot.

We would like all entries to be brought into school by Monday 15th June. These will be displayed around the outside of the school and will be returned before the summer holidays. There will be prizes available, with a special prize for the best 150th year themed entry.

We look forward to seeing the entries,



Mrs King and Mrs Andrew

READING SHED

Hopefully our new playground reading shed will be delivered after half-term. We are therefore looking for volunteers to help put it together including siting it on our slightly uneven playground.

Please contact Mrs King if you can help at year2@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk Thank you.

MENTAL HEALTH TEAM

With Miss Chauhan away, it was a pleasure to be asked to come into school last Wednesday afternoon and spend time with the Mental Health Team making key rings ready for their sale the next day.

It was great to see the team run the sale so independently, needing very little guidance from myself throughout the event. Their teamwork and confidence was wonderful to see and they should all be very proud of themselves for raising over £100. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the sale.

Many thanks, Steph Letheren

MUSIC LESSONS

Bob Matthews comes into school twice a week and currently has spaces available for guitar, piano and drum lessons.

If your child is interested, please contact Bob using the details below:

Mobile: 07969 902696 or Email: muso3636@gmail.com

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

PTFA ROUND UP

School at the weekend?

Yes!! An amazing group of parents, teachers, community and even pupil volunteers met at the school on both Saturday and Sunday mornings to give the premises and grounds a bit of a glow up ahead of our big 150-year anniversary celebrations in June.

Fuelled by bacon rolls and biscuits, we wire-brushed metal railings (ready for painting), weeded and trimmed back shrubbery around the playground, planted flowers and vegetables, tidied up Reception's outdoor area and the garden, cleared up the courtyard by the dining hall and pressure washed galore (fencing, gutters, downspouts, pathways and more!).

Huge thanks to everyone who gave up their weekend time to help - we achieved so much and had lots of fun doing so, a real testament to the wonderful community spirit at our school.

The changeable weather meant that we unfortunately weren't able to complete all the tasks we aimed for, particularly the painting of railings and fences, so watch this space for further appeals for help in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks again to so many for their help! Enjoy these lovely pictures of the team hard at work.

Big Thank you to Clare Simmons for organising this maintenance weekend.



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.



Schoolwear Direct

Schoolwear Direct has partnered with



so that you are still able to get your school uniforms in Okehampton.



Full details of how this will operate will follow

HATHERLEIGH FESTIVAL WILD PHOTO COMPETITION

Here is the link to the entry form: <https://www.hatherleighfestival.co.uk/wildlife-photo-2026/#entry-form>



Wildlife Photo Competition Sponsored by 

Hatherleigh is surrounded by extraordinary wildlife. The annual Hatherleigh Festival Wildlife Photo Competition is our way of celebrating it.

Grab your camera or phone, get outside, and share what you find – whether you're a seasoned wildlife photographer or simply spotted something wonderful on a walk. The best entries will be printed and displayed at Old Schools on Saturday 10th July.

Categories: Primary school | Secondary school | Adult (18+)
Win a **large framed print** and a **£10 cafe voucher**

Submit by **Monday 15th June** at:
www.hatherleighfestival.co.uk/wildlife-photo-2026

Enter yourself and/or help a young person enter because noticing nature is where caring begins!

2026 entries are already flying in!



Enter NOW!



Repair Café
HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Visit our community hub – so much more than a repair café!

We aim to mend your household items to reduce waste and save you money. Dedicated volunteers will do their best to restore them and offer professional advice. But you don't have to bring items for repair — everyone is welcome!

2026 dates:
(14:00 - 16:00)

- 31st January
- 28th February
- 21st March
- 25th April
- 30th May
- 27th June
- 26th September
- 31st October
- 28th November

- ☕ Pop in for a cuppa and some cake, and enjoy a chat
- 🌱 Have a nose at the free seeds and bookswap
- 🔍 Explore the weird and wonderful gadgets on the vintage Curiosity Table
- 🖱️ Visit the Computer Club for repairs, advice, support, projects and programming (such as Raspberry Pi)

(We are taking a break in July, August and December)

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ON GOOD DAYS
AND BAD!



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Hatherleigh Festival

FREE BANNER MAKING WORKSHOP

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MAKE BANNERS FOR HATHERLEIGH FESTIVAL

LETS MAKE WONDERFUL THINGS TOGETHER

DROP IN | 6TH JUNE | 10AM - 4PM
HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE



26TH &/OR 27TH MAY
£15 PER WORKSHOP
USING CLAY & PAINT

5-12yrs

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EMMYLOUART.COM / 07949293463

The White Room Creative Space
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Creddon, Devon, EX17 1DN
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info@whiteroomdevon.co.uk

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.

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	Half Term Break
Friday 5th June	Family reading 8.30am PTFA Grow £5 Challenge - Challenge ends
Monday 8th June	PTFA Grow £5 Challenge - Submission Deadline
Friday 19th June	150th Anniversary garden party
Saturday 20th June	150th Celebration Open Day & PTFA Summer Fayre 2.00pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 30th June	Sports day
Thursday 2nd July	Sports day - reserve date
Monday 6th July	Whole school moving up day
Tuesday 14th July	Family reading 2.45pm
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 Production
Friday 17th July	Y6 Leavers assembly and prize giving 10.00am School year ends

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