

# HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### 5th December 2025



#### CHRISTMAS AT HATHERLEIGH

**Friday 5th December 3.30pm - PTFA Christmas Fayre**

**Monday 8th December to Thursday 18th December - Christmas post box open in the library -** please clearly mark all envelopes with full names and classes - thank you.

**Tuesday 9th December 2.00pm - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Production at the Community Centre.**

**Thursday 11th December 1.45pm - YR, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production at the Community Centre.**

**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 -** details to follow. **Hatherleigh Silver Band 3.00pm -** the Hatherleigh Silver Band will be playing carols on the playground from 3.00pm.

**Friday 20th 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 Community Centre and Church for our Christmas productions and service.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to the Gill family for kindly donating a beautiful Christmas tree.



## WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO TRIP

On Wednesday, the whole school travelled to the Northcott Theatre in Exeter to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. It was an amazing experience and enjoyed by all; the school would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for organising and fully funding the trip.

## WILDLIFE CHAMPIONS

We are Esme, Macey-Leigh, Ted, Harry, Juvana, William, Charlie, Mila, Jacob, Charlie, Willow, Amelie, Phoebe, Anya and William and we are the Wildlife Champions and you might be intrigued about what we do.

One thing we do is to help our wildlife by saving habitats and helping endangered creatures.

We are asking you to join us in Devon Wildlife Trust's 12 Days of Christmas "#12 DaysWild" initiative, which will encourage you to get out into the countryside or your garden to spot and help wildlife.

You could:

- Put some bird seed out
- Give wildlife a present - branches, twigs
- Put out fresh water if it's frozen
- Make a bug house, hedgehog or toad holes
- Learn to ID bird calls
- Star gazing

There are so many ideas, we ask you to check out the link below and sign yourself up!

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

## PTFA NEWS

I would like to say huge well done to all the children for their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm during the pantomime. You represented our school brilliantly, joined in with great spirit, and helped make the event a wonderful success.

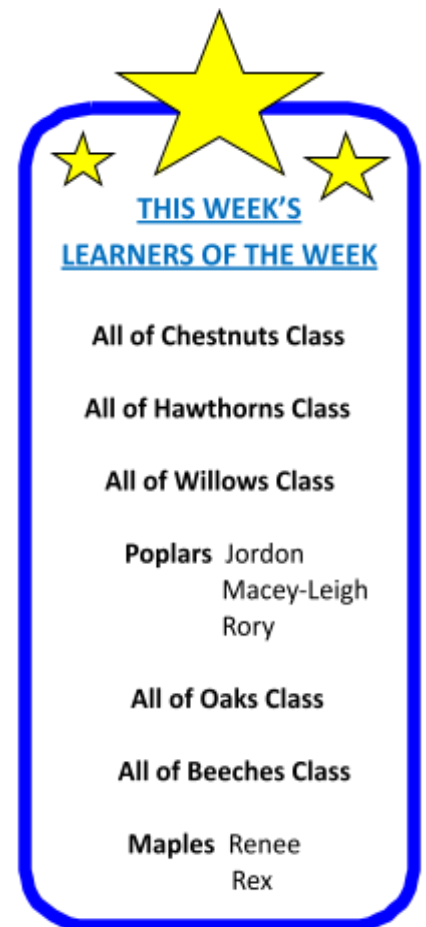
I would like to take this time to thank Jem Powlesland, Mrs King and Jane Rice for organising this experience for all the children to enjoy. This however was only made possible by the continuous hard work the PTFA put into events and the support of the school community.

This pantomime experience was funded by the Grow £5's event - so we would like to say a big THANK YOU to all those children who took part in the grow £5 scheme and everyone who supported them.

We hope you all enjoy the Christmas Fayre straight after school today.

Thank you all for your continuous support!

Steph, Chair of PTFA



### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SALE - a reminder**

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.

Donations should be brought in from now until Friday 12th, so that the year 6 children have plenty of time to sort through the items. 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

### **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)

## HATHERLEIGH PARISH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**St John the Baptist Church, Hatherleigh**  
**Sunday 7th December at 6pm**

Come and join us for this special family celebration — a highlight of the year for many!

Everyone is warmly welcome, and all money raised will go to The Children's Society.



## 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 9th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas production 1400
Thursday 11th December	YR, Y1 & Y2 Christmas production 1345
Tuesday 16th December	Family Reading 2.45pm
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas jumper and lunch day
Friday 19th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas service 1400 Autumn term ends
Monday 22nd December - Monday 5th January	Christmas break

Tuesday 6th January	Spring term begins
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 1000 School year ends