

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7th November 2025



LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST CHARITY DAY

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Little Princess Trust today. It was lovely to see so many people wearing purple and your donations to support the work of the trust were very much appreciated. If you are still to make a donation, this can be brought to school on Monday or a payment can be made using the School Gateway - thank you.

For more information about the Little Princess Trust and the work they do to support children with cancer please visit their website.

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL 2025

The Hatherleigh Carnival will be taking place tomorrow. The school will be taking part in the afternoon fancy dress procession with the theme 'Through the Ages'. Children can dress up as a historical character of their choice.

The children will be walking as a school group, but supervision will remain the responsibility of parents/carers at all times. You are very welcome to dress up and walk with the children or follow along.

Children need to meet at Claremont at 1.45pm, ready to set off at 2.00pm. The procession will finish at the Community Centre.

AUTHOR VISIT


On Wednesday, the whole school attended an assembly led by author Jeanette Stampone. Jeanette, who once lived in Hatherleigh and was a student at Hatherleigh Primary School, now resides in Australia. While visiting family in Hatherleigh, she kindly offered to come in and speak to the children.

Jeanette shared what inspired her to become an author, life in Australia, talked about her writing process, and described the opportunities she's had throughout her career. She finished each assembly by reading from her books 'Dragon Guest Handbook' and 'Terry Fide and the Bakery Ghost'. Jeanette also kindly donated signed copies of these books, alongside a cuddly kangaroo, to our school library.

We are extremely grateful to Jeanette for coming into school, and to Kariss Madders for her support in organising the visit.

Linda King, English Lead





THIS WEEK'S
LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Chestnuts	Nova Monty
Hawthorns	Bethany Ionie Thomas
Willows	Amber Luke
Poplars	Ella Esme Juvana
Oaks	Charlie B Thea
All of Beeches Class	
Maples	Thomas Hannah

[ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND ODD SOCK DAY](#)

Anti-Bullying week 2025 will take place Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for good. On Monday 10th November we invite everyone to wear odd socks to school to celebrate differences and promote kindness.

[SOUTH WEST ANNUAL BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIP](#)

Congratulations to the children of Hatherleigh School who travelled to Torquay last weekend as members of the Junior Silver Band to take part in the annual South West Brass Band championships. It was an amazing experience for our children and they all made us very proud.

[CHILDREN IN NEED 2025](#)

Friday 14th November is Children in Need Day and we are inviting children to come to school in non uniform and to wear spots. If you are able to make a donation to Children in Need please bring in any coins you are able to spare or visit <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> and donate online - thank you.

[WOW WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE](#)

The WOW challenge began on Monday and here is a quick reminder of how it works. Each day children will log their journey to school with the aim of travelling at least twice a week in a sustainable, eco-friendly, active way - park and stride (parking away from school and walking), walk, cycle or scoot.

We understand that not all children will be able to travel in one of these ways as they may have no option but to travel by car, bus or taxi so will be able to log the journeys they take at weekends, after school or during holidays. At the end of each month children will be awarded a badge if they have travelled in a sustainable active way. If you would like more information please visit the Living Streets website <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/> or contact school.

[POPPY APPEAL - a reminder](#)

Poppies and merchandise are still available in school. If you would like your child to purchase any items, please send a donation to school.

[OPEN DAYS](#)

During the week beginning Monday 17th November, Hatherleigh School will be holding a number of open days for families of children starting school in September 2026, and for those new to the Hatherleigh community - please see the poster for more details.

Hatherleigh Community Primary School

Caring about learning and learning to care
We warmly invite Parents/Carers of children beginning school in September 2026 and for those new to the Hatherleigh community and surrounding area to an open session.

Tuesday 18th November 10.00am – 12.00pm	
	Wednesday 19th November 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 20th November 1.40pm – 3.00pm	
	Saturday 22nd November 9.00am – 12.00pm

All visits to school will be by appointment only. Please contact the school office to book your place, answer any questions or provide further information. Tel: 01837 810 248
admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk
All of the staff are looking forward to your visit.



PTFA NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Halloween Disco and all those who took part in this year's Halloween Walking Trail!

We couldn't have done it without the fantastic support of our local businesses — The Post Office, Market Street cafe, Tally Ho!, and Hatherleigh Community Market, who are always so supportive of the school's fundraising projects, and to the lovely families who adorned their windows with "Clue Done It?" cards. Thank you for embracing the trail and bringing Halloween fun to the town!

Your support helped raise valuable funds for the school, and we hope you all enjoyed the spooky fun. [Congratulations](#) to everyone who completed the trail and entered the prize draw. Two lucky winners were randomly picked and received their spooktacular prizes this week, kindly donated by local company Mochi and Maple.

And finally, well done to all the super sleuths who discovered it was The Invisible Person causing all the Carnival chaos at the Primary School with the broomstick! We can all breathe a sigh of relief that the mayhem at Hatherleigh Carnival this weekend will be down to the residents of Hatherleigh, not the spooky Halloween spirits.

Our Halloween disco and Trail raised a fantastic £633.45! Thank you everyone.



SEEKING MEMORIES OF YOUR SCHOOL DAYS



This year marks an incredible 150 years of Hatherleigh Community Primary School, as we prepare to celebrate our school's legacy and look ahead to its future, we'd love your help.

Do you have photos, stories, or memories from your time at Hatherleigh School – whether from the classroom, the playground, special events, or everyday moments?

Every snapshot and story helps bring our school's history to life. Please share your contributions to ptfa@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk or drop them in to reception.

Let's celebrate the past, present, and future of Hatherleigh Community Primary School – TOGETHER.

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Hatherleigh

GambleAware

CO-OP MEMBERS CAN SUPPORT LOCAL PROJECTS

Please choose Hatherleigh Primary School PTFA.

Funds that we receive will help us enhance our unique woodland area and provide opportunities for all our children. To help build confidence, well-being and the love for outdoors.



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

MUSIC LESSONS

If your child is interested in learning drums, piano or guitar, please contact Bob Matthews on 07969 902 692 or email muso3636@gmail.com

Hatherleigh Carnival
 Saturday 8th November 2025
 Presidents Mr Andrew and Mrs Katie Bennett
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
 5:00am First Tar Barrel Run
 11:30am Town Crier Competition & Judging of Shop Windows & Houses

Assemble At Claremont Place 1.45pm For
Children's Afternoon Procession
 Through The Town To Community Centre For Crowning Of Royalty
 Led By Hatherleigh Silver Band

Strictly NO FIREWORKS
Evening Procession

Carnival Floats assemble and register in the old Market 5.45pm Prompt for judging
 6:00pm Judging of All Tattaeux and Walking Entries
 7:00pm Queen, Prince & Princess leave Old Market followed by floats
 7:15pm Mass Bands march to assembly point
 7:30pm Main Procession moves off from Bridge Street
"PLEASE NOTE: NEW ROUTE FOR 2025"
 See Carnival Programme or website www.hatherleighcarnival.co.uk for more information, Entry forms, Causes and Safety regulations which must be adhered to by all
 Followed by
Second Tar Barrel Run

DONATIONS
Music In The Square Fri & Sat PM
 Benefiting from this year's Carnival will be Great Ormond Street Hospital, Bristol Children's Hospital, Marie Curie and other local causes
 Entry Forms for ALL classes to be registered at Hatherleigh Post Office or via email E: info.hatherleighcarnival@gmail.com

POP UP SESSION AT HATHERLEIGH PRESCHOOL

Coffee Morning
Saturday 15th November 10am-1pm
 DROP BY, NO SESSION FEE • CHRISTMAS SETUP AVAILABLE • DIGITAL AND PRINT PACKAGES AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE • PERFECT FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS •



Hatherleigh Preschool, Community Centre, EX20 3HB
 CAKE SALE • REFRESHMENTS • KIDS CRAFT ACTIVITIES • HAMPER RAFFLE

RAISING MONEY FOR
HATHERLEIGH PRESCHOOL

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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.

Saturday 8th November	Hatherleigh carnival
Monday 10th November	Anti-bullying week Odd sock day
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance day
Friday 14th November	Children in need day
Tuesday 18th November	Open morning 1000-1200
Wednesday 19th November	Open evening 1800-2000
Thursday 20th November	Open afternoon 1340-1500
Saturday 22nd November	Open morning 0900-1200
Monday 1st December	Autumn term parent meetings
Tuesday 2nd December	Autumn term parent meetings

Wednesday 3rd December	Whole school panto
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 December	Spring term begins
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Half term break
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