

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

18th September 2026



WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

We're looking forward to our annual Whole School Walk, which will take place next Friday 25th September. A letter with all the details was sent home on Monday. All children will need a packed lunch for the walk. We hope to have received all packed lunch forms today, but if you haven't returned yours yet, please do so as soon as possible - this includes children who will be bringing a packed lunch from home. Please also remember to give consent via MCAS if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - a reminder

The children will all be attending a Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church on Monday 21st September. Each class will be sharing some thoughts on Harvest in different creative ways, such as song, poetry or art. Children are invited to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item, that will be passed on to a local charity. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions, parents are not able to attend on this occasion.

COUGHS, COLDS & ILLNESS

Winter coughs, colds and illness have arrived early at Hatherleigh, can we please remind you of good hand, nose and mouth hygiene to help reduce the spread of infection - if you have any questions or require further information please contact the school office.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

Just a reminder that if your child is unwell or unable to come to school, please let us know by emailing admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk including their name, class and reason for absence. Thank you.

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 902 692 or Email: muso3636@gmail.com



THIS WEEK'S LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Chestnuts Class

Kaya, Toby

Hawthorns Class

Lara, Poppy

Willows Class

Albie, Chloe, Matilda

Poplars Class

Harry, Adam, Penelope

Oaks Class

Theo, Tommy G

Beeches Class

Ethan, Reuben

Maples Class

Willow, Archie

WELLBEING SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS - WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 3.30PM

Join an interactive session to understand key messages on promoting positive mental wellbeing, and some simple suicide awareness information. Come along for some tips and simple wellbeing techniques to try out for yourself, you'll also get important resources to take away and find out about services that can support people. Members of the public health team will deliver this session - there will be some group discussion about the information and resources being shared but no expectation to disclose any personal feelings or experiences. The aim of the session is just to raise awareness of the simple steps we can all take to help support our own wellbeing, and support others around you – family, friends, colleagues and members of your community.

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

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

Merry-Go-Round (merrygoroundonline.co.uk) have a shop based in Okehampton 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.

PTFA WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone had a lovely and relaxing summer break and that you're all settling back into the new school year.

We held our AGM on Monday 14th September, and it was wonderful to see so many new faces joining us.

Following position are as followed:

- **Chair:** Steph Letheren
- **Vice Chair:** Gemma Ruff
- **Secretary:** Kirsty Hambley
- **Treasurer:** Natalie Wonnacott

A big thank you to everyone who came along and continues to support the PTFA. **New members are always very welcome to join us throughout the year**, whether you'd like to get involved regularly or simply lend a hand when you can.

Please keep an eye on our **Facebook page and school newsletters** for information about upcoming events, activities and ways you can get involved.

Here's to another fantastic school year!



★ **TUESDAYS** ★ **3:25 - 4:25pm** ★

- FOR BOYS & GIRLS - - FOR ALL YEARS -

Sign up NOW via My Child at School!
(Then pay as per letter that will be sent out)

★ Hooray!!! Dance Club is back! ★
But it's shiny and new and better than ever!
Do you like dancing? Then join **DANCE STARS!**

Sessions will be run by professional dance teacher
Mrs Bailey (Jess) of *Jessica Squire Dance*.
Workshops will include fun warm ups, games, moves and routines!
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DANCE CLUB DATES - 12 sessions: 15/9, 22/9, 29/9, 6/10, 13/10, 20/10

3/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11, 1/12, 8/12

PLEASE NOTE **NOW on TUESDAYS!** DATES MAY BE DIFFERENT TO OTHER CLUBS!

Cost: £42.00 for the 12 weeks this term (just £3.50 per wk).

PAYMENT must be made before your child can attend (just ask if you'd like to pay in instalments). Payment information will be sent out to those who sign up.

LIMITED spaces! ★ Sign up now! ★ For BOYS and GIRLS!

Cancellation Policy: You are signing up to Dance Club for the term. If your child decides to quit, you have committed to the term (if your child wants to stop coming to club they may do so at any time, but the term will still be payable). Absence - if your child is ill or away, please let school know as usual, but you do still need to pay as the fee is for a term block. Wear PE kits inc trainers.

For more info speak to the school office or email Jess: jessicasquire.perform@gmail.com

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HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL PRESENTS

THE BIG HATHERLEIGH BALL DROP

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

BALLS WILL BE RELEASED AT 3PM

WILL YOURS **MAKE IT** TO THE BOTTOM?

A THOUSAND balls will race from the top of MARKET STREET all the way down to the bottom of BRIDGE STREET!

BUY YOUR NUMBERED BALL FOR JUST **£2.50**

ENTRY SHEETS AVAILABLE IN:
✓ LOCAL SHOPS
✓ PUBS
✓ OR FROM OUR WEBSITE

CASH PRIZES!

1ST PRIZE £200	2ND PRIZE £100	3RD PRIZE £50
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START TOP OF MARKET STREET

FINISH BOTTOM OF BRIDGE STREET

— followed by —
CARNIVAL EXHIBITION
AT HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

AFTERNOON TEA AVAILABLE
SEE SEPARATE POSTER FOR MORE INFORMATION

HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL

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SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

FOLLOWING THE **PING PONG BALL RACE**

PRESENTATION OF THIS YEAR'S ROYALTY

AFTERNOON TEA UNTIL 6PM

MUSIC FROM HATHERLEIGH SILVER BAND

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hatherleigh School PTFA

Disco Party!

| MUSIC | FUN | TATTOOS | TUCK SHOP | CAKES

6TH NOV

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE
3:30PM - 5:00PM

ENTRY £3 PER CHILD

Dress in bright and colourful outfits, if you wish

ALL CHILDREN HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS ONLY.
RAISING MONEY FOR HATHERLEIGH SCHOOL PTFA

WREATH NIGHT

Monday 30th November, 7.30pm

£25 per person

includes all materials and refreshments

Please bring secateurs.

Contact Natalie Wonnacott to book your place -
07971621973.

All money raised goes to Hatherleigh School PTFA

EVENTS 2026-2027

***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 21st September	After School Clubs Start Harvest Festival
Tuesday 22nd September	Y4 Bikeability
Friday 25th September	Whole School Walk
Tuesday 29th - Wednesday 30th September	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 7th October	Mental Health and Wellbeing session for parents 3.30pm
Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th October	Y4 Residential
Tuesday 13th October	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 19th October	Family Reading 8.30am
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Autumn Half Term Break
Friday 6th November	PTFA Disco Party @ Community Centre 3.30pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day
Saturday 14th November	Hatherleigh Carnival
Tuesday 17th November	Open Morning 10.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday 18th November	Open Evening 6.00pm-8.00pm
Thursday 19th November	Open Afternoon 1.40pm-3.10pm
Saturday 21st November	Open Morning 9.00am-12.00pm
Monday 30th November	PTFA Wreath Night 7.30pm
Tuesday 1st December	Autumn Term parent meetings 3.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 2nd December	Autumn Term parent meetings 3.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 8th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance for parents @ Community Centre 2.00pm
Thursday 10th December	YR, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance for parents @ Community Centre 1.45pm
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Family Reading 2.45pm
Friday 18th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Service for parents @ St John Baptist Church 10.00am Autumn Term ends
Monday 5th January	Spring Term begins

Wednesday 3rd February	Family Reading 8.30am
Monday 15th-Friday 19th February	Spring Half Term break
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 16th March	Spring Term parent meetings 3.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 17th March	Spring Term parent meetings 3.30pm-6.30pm
Thursday 18th March	Family Reading 2.45pm
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 25th March	Spring Term ends
Tuesday 13th April	Summer Term begins
Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd April	Y5 Residential
Thursday 6th - Friday 7th May	Y3 Residential
Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May	KS2 (Y6) SATs
Friday 21st May	Family Reading 8.30am
Thursday 27th - Friday 28th May	Y2 Residential
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June	Summer Half Term break
Tuesday 6th July	Sports Day
Thursday 8th July	Sports Day - reserve date
Thursday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers Assembly and prize giving 10.00am Summer Term ends

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Alan Monger
 Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) Hugh Lea, Sunita Chauhan & Linda King
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