

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025



HALF TERM BREAK

Today we finish for the half term break. Thank you for all your hard work and support; we hope you enjoy a good break with family and friends.

School reopens on Monday 3rd November.

HOOKE COURT

What an amazing 3 days Year 4 had at Hooke Court last week. We were treated to great weather which made the picturesque surroundings look idyllic. The children have experienced so much in a short amount of time. The importance and value of team work as well as how the Ancient Greeks lived. They have made and tasted food the Ancient Greeks would have eaten, created a piece of jewellery, a clay pot and painted a plate with Greek lettering. They discovered the differences between Greeks and Athenians and got a taster of a Greek battle. They rose to the challenge and demonstrated super team work and creative skills making a trireme that could sail across the moat.



A massive thank you to Michelle O'Connor who successfully applied for a grant for travel costs and to Kobi for his fundraising swim.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The national deadline for Secondary School applications is fast approaching - 31st October 2025.

Families can apply online via the Citizens Portal:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>

WOW WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

I am really pleased to inform you that Hatherleigh School in partnership with the Town Council is taking part in the Living streets "WOW" walk to school challenge this year. 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.

The scheme will begin after the half term break and if you would like more information please visit the Living Streets website <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/> or contact school.

POPPY APPEAL

Poppies and merchandise will be available in school after half term. If you would like your child to purchase any of the items, please send a donation into school.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A team of Y6 children took part in the local football tournament this week, starting strong with an early goal from Max to beat Ashwater in our first game. After two games off, we faced Bow, finishing with a close 0-0 draw. In our final group game against Monkleigh, some brilliant defending led to a quick break — speed down the wing from William set up Max for the winning goal. We ended top of our group and moved into the final against Shebbear, where William scored a fantastic late goal to secure victory. The team won the tournament, proudly bringing home the trophy and medals. Well done all and thank you to the parents that helped with transport.

JUNIOR TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to Maximilian Y5 who won the Junior Town Crier competition and will be representing Hatherleigh School at the carnival.

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST CHARITY DAY - a reminder

On Friday 7th November the children are invited to come to school in non uniform and wearing purple to support the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust is a charity that was set up in 2005 to give hair and hope to children and young people by providing free wigs and funding vital research into childhood cancers. Children can bring a donation on the day or you can make a payment using the School Gateway.

For more information about the Little Princess Trust please visit their website.

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



FAMILY READING

Our first family reading session on Monday morning was a great success. It was lovely to see so many families reading and enjoying books together (with the added bonus of a croissant to eat whilst doing so!). Thank you to everyone that joined us for our launch session.



The next family reading session will take place on Tuesday 16th December from 2.45pm. Please come along for all, or part, of the session. There will be Christmas books available to read with your child as well as a tasty Christmas snack to eat.

Thank you once again for your support.

Mrs King
English Lead

HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL 2025 - a reminder

The Hatherleigh carnival will be taking place on Saturday 8th November and as in previous years the school will take part in the afternoon fancy dress procession with the theme of 'Through the Ages'. Children can dress up as a historical character of their choosing. The children will be walking as a school but supervision of children 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 move off at 2.00pm and the procession finishes at the Community Centre.

If you would like your child to take part in the school entry please email admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk so we know how many children to expect.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the 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 below 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

PTFA Social

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our recent social night — we hope everyone had a great time! We're already looking forward to planning the next one!

Halloween Trail

Saturday 25th October – Monday 3rd November

Something spooky is afoot in Hatherleigh this half-term!

How to join the fun:

- Pick up a trail map from the Halloween Disco on Friday, or from the Post Office during opening hours, just £2 per map.
- Hunt down all the hidden clue posters displayed around Hatherleigh.
- Return your completed map to the Post Office to claim your treat!

Everyone who completes the trail will be entered into a draw for a spooktacular prize.

A huge thank-you to all the businesses and families taking part, displaying clues and making half-term frightfully fun!

Support Us Through Co-op

Please remember to choose us as your Co-op Local Community Cause via the Co-op app or website. Every time you shop, you'll be helping to raise valuable funds for our school.

If you're not yet a Co-op member, it's quick and easy to join — simply visit the Co-op website or download the app to get started.

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.*



CAN YOU FOLLOW THE TRAIL AND HELP SOLVE THE SPOOKY MYSTERY?

PTFA fundraising for Hatherleigh Community Primary School

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Clue Done

25 OCT - 3 NOV

£2 It? 

MAPS AVAILABLE FROM
HATHERLEIGH POST OFFICE
DURING OPENING HOURS

OR PICK UP A COPY AT THE
HALLOWEEN DISCO 24TH OCT





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



Need advice on energy?

Our dedicated energy team are here to help you:

- Check for grants to help you pay for your energy usage
- Apply energy-saving measures to save you money
- Talk to your supplier to sort out any problems you might be having

Call us on 01237 879 233

Scan the QR code to fill out a referral form



www.citizensadvicectnmwd.org.uk Registered charity number 1068496



OCRA HOLIDAY CLUB

POWERED BY 

Up to 16 different activities each day, including:
Football, Crafts, Nerf Guns, Capture the flag, Archery, Basketball, Art, Dodgeball, and many more!

ALL DAY TICKET £26
8:15am-5:30pm
Includes Breakfast and Afternoon clubs

HOLIDAY CLUB TICKET £16
9:45am-3pm
Breakfast and afternoon Clubs are able to be booked separately



5yrs +

holidays@ocrasport.org.uk

www.ocrasport.org.uk

Halloween Special

HOCUS POCUS



£5.00

Hatherleigh Community Picture House

Sunday | October 26th | At 2:30 PM

Pick 'n' Mix Sweets
Slushies & Milkshakes
Popcorn

GUY FAWKES FIREWORK FUN

BANGERS AND MASH
WITH PEAS

CHEESY CATHERINE WHEELS
WITH GARLIC ROASTED POTATOES

SPARKLER CAKE

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



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 Tableaux 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, Classes 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




The carnival committee would like to wish you all a good half term holiday, and also to remind you there is still time to enter into the afternoon or evening procession. Get creative this half term and join us on carnival day!



COGNITION

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

KEEP THE WHOLE FAMILY SPOOK-TACULARLY ENTERTAINED

WITH OUR HOLIDAY CLUBS, FAMILY WORKSHOPS & MORE!

BOOK ONLINE

cognitionlearning.co.uk/holiday-clubs



FINE ART HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS!

28TH & 29TH OCTOBER

Create a spooky masterpiece!

10.00am-12.00pm-£15.00 per class

TO BOOK GO TO:
WWW.AURORASHINEONLINE.COM
E@EMMYLOUART.COM
 07949293463

AURORASHINEONLINE.COM

The White Room Creative Space
 50 Commonmarsh Lane
 Crediton, Devon, EX17 1DN
 07422712894
Info@whiteroomdevon.co.uk

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.

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half term break
Friday 7th November	Little Princess Trust Charity Day
Saturday 8th November	Hatherleigh carnival
Monday 10th November	Anti-bullying week
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

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

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