HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
2nd October 2026

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.

Free after school childcare will be available for children attending Hatherleigh School - please contact the school office to book childcare.

DEAF AWARENESS ASSEMBLY

We had a very special assembly organised by Kylie Barker Teacher of the Deaf. This assembly was to continue to build on our own understanding and awareness of those who suffer with a hearing impairment. The whole school attended and were reminded about the three types of deafness - Sensorineural, Conductive and Mixed and how these can present in different levels - Mild, Moderate, Severe and Profound.

The whole school joined in with some well known BSL British Sign Language and the children who lead the assembly with Kylie performed this song using BSL. They had only had a few short sessions to learn the song and performed it brilliantly.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyY-jYU-N1U

What a wonderful assembly - so proud of the school in the way we are recognising and celebrating our differences and learning to support each other.

Y5 BIKEABILITY

Year 5 had a fantastic time taking part in Bikeability! The children showed brilliant listening skills as they learnt about road safety and how to cycle safely and confidently. They then put their new skills into practice by heading out into Hatherleigh, applying what they had learnt in a real-life setting. Well done, Year 5, for showing such enthusiasm, focus and responsibility!



THIS WEEK'S LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Chestnuts Class
Adam, Thalia

Hawthorns Class
Achilles, Amelia-Mai, Kaiden
Monty, Nora

Willows Class
Kit, Nevaeh

Poplars Class
Owen, Max

Oaks Class
Finn, Ella

Beeches Class
Hector, Emily H, Jonah

Maples Class
Amelie, Everleigh

SEND FROM MISS CHAUHAN

Learn. Empower. Advocate. Prepare.

Please see the link to this fabulous site that offers a programme of workshops helping families and professionals better understand and support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
SEND workshops in Devon for Families & Professionals

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 8th October to take individual and family photographs. All children in school will have an individual photograph and one taken with their siblings. If you would like a photograph of your child with younger brothers/sisters not in school, please arrive at 8:00am.

PARENT MATHS WORKSHOPS - a reminder

We are inviting parents and carers to our upcoming Maths Workshops:
Chestnuts - Monday 19th October at 2.30pm
Hawthorns - Thursday 22nd October at 2.15pm
Willows - Tuesday 20th October at 2.15pm

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

PTFA NEWS

Woodland Area

Our first tidy-up session will be on **Saturday 3rd October, from 9:15–11:15am**. We'll be doing a general tidy-up, clearing some overgrown areas and cleaning things. We'd also like to sand and treat the wood, so if anyone has experience with this, your help would be greatly appreciated! If you have any tools that might be useful, such as a hedge trimmer or strimmer, please feel free to bring them along. There is a power supply available. Please note that anyone using the tools will need to operate them themselves.
Don't worry if you can't stay for the full two hours — any time you can spare would be really appreciated.
Thank you so much for your support — we really appreciate it!



WILDLIFE CHAMPIONS - PARENTAL CONSENT REMINDER

If your child is a Wildlife Champion, please check your messages on MyChildatSchool (MCAS) and follow the link provided to complete the parental consent form.
Thank you.

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.

💜 PEAK DEVON ONLINE COMMUNITY SESSION FOR SEND FAMILIES 💜

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with SEND or additional needs?

Join us for a friendly and informal online session where you can find out more about the support PEAK can offer you and your family.

This is also a chance to connect with other parents, ask questions, share experiences and talk through some of the challenges you may be facing in a supportive and understanding space.

During the session, we will explain the different ways PEAK can support families, including our free consultation pathway and our 10-week family support programme through Early Help. Whether you are struggling to know where to turn, would like some practical advice, or simply want to connect with other families who understand, you are very welcome to join us.



💻 Online session
💜 Friendly, informal and supportive
👨‍👩‍👧 Open to parents and carers of children with SEND

Come along, meet the PEAK team and find out how we can support you and your family. Please do not feel pressured to join for the entire hour, we understand that your time is precious- so feel free to pop along for whatever length suits!

PEAK Devon community support session- online at Online event tickets from TicketSource

Hatherleigh Community Primary School

Caring about learning and learning to care

We warmly invite Parents/Carers of children beginning school in September 2027 and for those new to the Hatherleigh community and surrounding area to an open session.

Tuesday 17th November
10.00am – 12.00pm





Wednesday 18th November
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 19th November
1.40pm – 3.00pm





Saturday 21st 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.

FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE: 48-HOUR, 87-MILE DEVON TREK



SUPPORTING HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL SEN PROVISION

On **Friday 23rd October 2026,** I am launching the biggest physical and mental challenge of my life since leaving the Army: an **86.9-mile** continuous multi-leg walking circuit across Devon.

This gruelling 48-hour trek is being undertaken to raise vital funds for the **Special Educational Needs (SEN) programmes** at Hatherleigh Community Primary School.

EVERY PENNY RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY TOWARDS:

- SPECIALIST SENSORY EQUIPMENT
- LEARNING RESOURCES
- INCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Helping pupils access the support and opportunities they need to **thrive.**

SUPPORT THE CHALLENGE

Every donation—large or small—will **make a real difference.**

Together we can help every child reach their full potential.



TREK UNDERTAKEN BY:

Craig Harris

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ONE STEP AT A TIME. ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

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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.

Wednesday 7th October	Mental Health and Wellbeing session for parents 3.30pm
Thursday 8th October	Tempest Photography Individual Photographs
Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th October	Y4 Residential
Tuesday 13th October	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 19th October	Family Reading 8.30am YR Parent Maths Workshop 2.30pm
Tuesday 20th October	Y2 Parent Maths Workshop 2.15pm
Wednesday 21st October	Family Dining 12pm - booking details to follow
Thursday 22nd October	Y1 Parent Maths Workshop 2.15pm
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