HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
16th October 2026

Y4 HOOKE COURT RESIDENTIAL

Year 4 had an amazing time at Hooke Court this week. Although we started our team games in the rain most children smiled their way through the session. Resilience, patience and cooperation were a focus and they definitely improved in all 3 areas during the afternoon. During our Saxon Day we cooked different Saxon foods, made jewellery, created crafts with clay, practised writing with a quill, held a Saxon wedding and found out where so much of our language originates from. Creating the wattle and daub fence was interesting, especially the children's reactions to using real horse manure!

FAMILY READING

We warmly invite you to our first **Family Reading session of the academic year** on **Monday 19th October at 8:30am**. During family reading, parents, carers and extended family members are welcome to join us in school to share a book with your child/children. It's a lovely opportunity to enjoy a book together, celebrate the joy of reading and create some wonderful memories. There will also be a delicious early-morning treat for everyone to enjoy!
We look forward to welcoming you for a lovely morning of stories, smiles and shared reading.

HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL – CREPE PAPER DONATIONS NEEDED!

It's that time of year when we start getting ready to decorate our school fence for Hatherleigh Carnival. To help us create our colourful carnival display, we would be very grateful for any donations of crepe paper. Please bring any donations to the school office by next Friday 23rd October. **Can you spare a little time to help?** If you have some spare time and would be happy to help cut some of the crepe paper, using the traditional fringing technique, please let the admin team know.
Thank you in advance for your support and for helping us make our school fence look wonderful for carnival weekend.

HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL 2026 - a reminder

The Hatherleigh Carnival will be taking place on Saturday 14th November and as in previous years the school will take part in the afternoon fancy dress procession. This year to mark the National Year of Reading we have chosen 'Favourite Book Characters' as our theme for dressing up. 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 office.

THIS WEEK'S LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Chestnuts Class
Eric, Sebby

Hawthorns Class
Elodie, Nova

Willows Class
Chloe, Otto

Poplars Class
Adam, Ella, Evie

Oaks Class
All for Hooke Court

Beeches Class
Charlie, Oakley

Maples Class
Grace, Henry

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – a reminder

If your child is in Year 6, please remember to apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2026.**
Applications can be made via the Devon Citizens Portal.
If you require a paper application form, please contact Devon Admissions on 0345 155 1019 or email transferadmissions@devon.gov.uk

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

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.

For details of our school uniform suppliers, including where to purchase items, please visit our school website:
https://www.hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=927

A copy of our uniform policy can be found on the school website.

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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26TH 27TH OCTOBER

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10.00am-12.00pm-£15.00 per class

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Book Now for OCTOBER Half Term

All-Day Ticket
8.15am-5.30pm
Pavilion in the Park

Day Ticket
9.45am-3pm
Parklands Leisure Centre



www.ocrasport.org.uk/holidays

Repair Café

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Visit our community hub — so much more than a repair café!

We aim to mend your household items to reduce waste and save you money. Dedicated volunteers will do their best to restore them and offer professional advice. But you don't have to bring items for repair — everyone is welcome!

2026 dates:
(14:00 – 16:00)

31ST OCTOBER

INCLUDING KIDS CRAFT

Final date of the year
28th November

- Pop in for a cuppa and some cake, and enjoy a chat
- Have a nose at the free seeds and bookswap
- Explore the weird and wonderful gadgets on the vintage Curiosity Table
- Visit the Computer Club for repairs, advice, support, projects and programming (such as Raspberry Pi)

(We are take a break in July, August and December. See you in 2027)

Follow us on Facebook
Email: info@sustainablehatherleigh.org.uk
www.sustainablehatherleigh.org.uk

Sustainable Hatherleigh

CAG Devon Community Action Groups

Recycle Devon

Cosy Company
Open Living Room



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 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 11.45am - Fully Booked
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
Tuesday 24th November	Family Dining 11.45am - Booking details to follow
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