

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

19th September 2025



PCSO VISIT

PCSO Sean Jones and a colleague visited school today to talk to each class about Road Safety. Further information about road safety can be found on the Brake road safety charity website.

<https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

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.

CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts would be very grateful if anyone has a height adjustable office/desk chair they are looking to re home. Thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - a reminder

The children will all be attending a Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church on Wednesday 24th 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.

WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

The annual whole school walk will be taking place on Friday 26th September - please see the letter sent out on Monday for more details.

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

HEALTHY EATING - a reminder

Can we please remind you that children may bring in fruit as a playtime snack and that we encourage all packed lunches to be balanced and healthy as possible. To support the medical needs of some of our children and staff, can we also remind you that we are a **nut free school**.

If you have any questions or require information regarding healthy eating please contact the school office.

**THIS WEEK'S
LEARNERS OF THE WEEK**

Chestnuts	Lara Wren
Hawthorns	Emily Noah Thomas
Willows	Ariya Coco Ella
Poplars	Harry Matei Olivia
Oaks	Charlie B Ethan Kobi
Beeches	Aubrey Charlie Sky
Maples	Bella Ben

PTFA NEWS

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, staff, and families, we hope you had a wonderful summer! We're excited to dive into another school year packed with fun, fundraising, and community spirit.

Summer Projects

While we were away, several fantastic maintenance projects were completed—thanks to the generosity of our community and supporters.

The playing field fencing, which had become unsafe, was completely replaced. This was made possible by a PTFA donation, which was kindly matched by Hatherleigh Moor Management.

The Year 1 classroom decking was replaced with materials generously sourced and donated by CladCo, alongside PTFA contributions towards rebuilding and replacing handrails and beams.

At our recent AGM, we were delighted to confirm that the Committee roles remain the same: Chair – Steph Letheren, Vice Chair – Gemma Ruff, Secretary – Clare Simmons, and Treasurer – Natalie Wonnacott. We also warmly welcomed new members to the team.

Upcoming Event – Halloween Disco

Our next big fundraiser is the Halloween Disco on Friday, 24th October at the Community Centre. We're asking for donations of spooky baked treats to sell on the night as they're always a hit alongside the tuck shop. Please deliver donations to the school office on the morning of Friday, 24th October. Thank you in advance for your support.

Looking Ahead

This December, the PTFA are funding a whole-school theatre trip to Exeter. This is such a fantastic opportunity, and a huge thank you goes to the team who organised this experience for all the children.

Get Involved

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we can make this another brilliant year for our school community.

I just wanted to remind you it is never too late to join the PTFA, please email Steph at ptfa@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk if you'd like to get involved.



Raising money for Hatherleigh School PTFA

Please join us for a

HALLOWEEN

DISCO

OCTOBER 24TH
3.30 - 5.30
HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cakes
Tuck shop
Spooky tattoos
Bar

Primary School children and younger siblings
ALL CHILDREN
must be accompanied by an adult at all times

The poster features a light orange background with a row of black bats at the top. The text is centered and uses a mix of black and orange fonts. There are decorative elements like orange stars and black spiders on the sides. At the bottom, there are two black skeletons and a small illustration of a campfire.

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

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.





Hatherleigh Community Primary School
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE
Breakfast Club
 7.45am – 8.45am Monday to Friday
Rainbow Activity Club
 3.30pm – 5.30pm Monday to Friday

Breakfast Club £5.50
 Rainbow Activity Club £10.00

Please book sessions via School Gateway or contact the school office
 Tel: 01837 810248 Email: admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk



HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

DONATE, SWAP OR REHOME PRE-LOVED HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ALL THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

OCT 1ST-31ST

Libraries Unlimited Recycle Devon

RE-SPOOK RE-SCARE RE-WEAR



HATHERLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA
 WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A

PTFA SOCIAL

2025 FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER
 7PM TILL LATE
 @ THE TALLY HO INN

BURGER, CHIPS & A PINT
 OR GLASS OF WINE £17
 OR £16 WITH A SOFT DRINK
 (VEGGIE OPTIONS AVAILABLE)

PLEASE BOOK FOR FOOD
 MESSAGE KAZ ON KAZ4589@AOL.COM
 BY MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER



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We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
 If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



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.

Wednesday 24th September	Harvest festival
Friday 26th September	Whole school walk
Monday 13th October	Y2 Victorian day
Tuesday 14th October	YR Maths workshop 2:15pm
Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th October	Y4 Hooke Court Residential
Friday 17th October	PTFA Social 7pm
Friday 24th October	PTFA Halloween Disco 3.30pm-5.30pm
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half term break
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
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
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