

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13th February 2026



HALF TERM BREAK

Today we finish for our Spring half term break, returning to school on Monday 23rd February. Thank you for all your hard work and support. I hope you enjoy a good break with family and friends.

AUDITOR FOR OUR SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT

We are currently looking for a volunteer with an accountancy or finance background who would be willing to review and sign off our school fund accounts once a year.

This is a small account with relatively few transactions, so the role would not be particularly time-consuming. If you, or someone you know, may be able to help, please get in touch with a member of the Admin team.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

This week, our House Captains organised some very enjoyable rugby themed House competitions. YR-Y2 participated in multiskills activities, and Y3-Y6 a Tag Rugby tournament. All the children participated well and enjoyed competing for their House.

POSITIVE MENTAL WELLBEING - a reminder

Hatherleigh Community Primary School is very pleased to invite you to join us for an interactive session that will explore and promote key messages on positive mental wellbeing and suicide awareness. The session is designed to help you to think about how you maintain your own mental wellbeing as well as ways you can support others around you – family, friends, colleagues and members of your community. You will get important resources to take away and find out about available support services and opportunities to develop more knowledge through training.

The session will take place at Hatherleigh Community Primary School on Thursday 26th February from 3.30pm-4.30pm and will be delivered by members of the public health team.

Free child care will be available for school aged children. Booking for the session is not required but please contact the school office if you require child care.

If you have any questions or require further information do not hesitate to contact the school.



THIS WEEK'S LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Chestnuts Class

Hallie, Nora

Hawthorns Class

Bethany, Jenna, Noah, Thomas

Willows Class

Amber, Harry, Wyn

Poplars Class

Esme, Isobel, Skye

Oaks Class

Charlie F, Hector, Lexi

Beeches Class

All of Beeches Class, Amelie,
Henry, Jacob

Maples Class

Freya, William

WORLD BOOK DAY

A reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. On this day, children can come to school dressed as a book character and bring the book to share with their friends.

This year I will be holding a competition for children to design a hat based on a book. The hat can be worn as part of their costume or just as an entry to the competition. Children can make a hat from scratch or use an existing hat as a basis for their design. We would love it if all hats could stay in school to be displayed in the library. The best designed hats will win prizes for the book fair.

The Book Fair will be in school during the week beginning Monday 9th March, and children will be able to use their £1 book vouchers at the fair.



HEDGEHOG WALK WITH THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS

This spring, join The Wildlife Trusts and Timmy Time for an adventure that helps protect nature!

From 30th March to 30th April, little legs across the country will be taking big steps for wildlife in The Hedgehog Walk – a fun and family-friendly fundraising challenge. We're on a mission to create more safe spaces for hedgehogs like Apricot and badgers like Stripey to thrive. That's why we're inviting families, schools, clubs and learning groups to walk 3km and raise vital funds for nature!

HOW IT WORKS



1. Sign up

Sign up as a family, school, or group and get your downloadable Timmy Time activity pack.



2. Walk 3km

Complete your Hedgehog Walk anytime between 30th March and 30th April. In the park, playground, or wherever you like!



3. Fundraise for wildlife

Every step helps protect nature and supports our mission to help make more places for hedgehogs like Apricot and badgers like Stripey to live.

You can sign up by clicking on this link:- <https://the-hedgehog-walk-2026.raiselysite.com/signup>

SCHOOL WEBSITE - a reminder

We are really pleased to let you know during the Spring Term we will be upgrading our school website with a new one expected to be launched around the end of this term or the beginning of the Summer Term. During this time there may be some disruption to our current website resulting in some features not working or information not available. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, during this time please contact the school office if you have any questions or require information that is not available.

EXTREME WEATHER CLOSURE

In the event of snow and other extreme weather resulting in the school having to close, information will be posted on the school website, DCC website, sent via emails/text messages and broadcast by local radio.

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

PTFA NEWS

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped, attended and supported our PTFA Valentine's event

We are delighted to share that we have raised £379!

Your support means so much to us and makes a real difference to the experiences and opportunities we can provide for our children. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without our wonderful school community.

Many thanks,
Hatherleigh School PTFA



Valentine's Day
COFFEE MORNING

Saturday
14th February

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In the Old Schools, Hatherleigh
9am - 12noon

In aid of 1st North Tawton Guides Jersey Trip

Rural Recharge
Leave the farm, have a yarn...

WHAT IS IT?
Rural Recharge is a men's group aimed at rural and agricultural workers. We meet multiple times throughout the year for various FREE NIGHTS IN and NIGHTS OUT to help everyone unwind, socialise and recharge. FREE spaces are limited and available at a first come first served basis.

UPCOMING SESSIONS
Friday 27th February 2026, 7:30pm
Trethorne Leisure Centre
Night Out- 2 Games of Bowling and a Meal.
Friday 8th May 2026, 7:30pm
Madworthy Methodist Church
Night In - Fire Pit Night (food and snacks provided)
More 2026 dates coming soon...

Book via westdevonmethodists.org.uk/youth/ruralrecharge or contact Sarah at sarahann.balsdon@gmail.com, 07354636524

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Saturday 21st February
Community OPEN DAY

FREE activities*

Parklands Leisure Centre

08:00-10:30 FREE* Badminton
10:00-11:00 FREE* Gym Inductions
10:00-13:00 Arts & Crafts Stalls
ALL DAY - FREE* mini golf
ALL DAY - FREE* SWIM & GYM

Scan to book your open day activities

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Welcome to the February 2026 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

Protect yourself and others from Online Scams Social Media Guides

The [UK Safer Internet Centre \(UKSIC\)](http://www.uk-saferinternetcentre.org) has advice and guidance for parents and carers which will inform you on:

- starting a conversation about how to spot an online scam
- how to respond to and report an online scam

Use these top tips to keep you and your loved ones safe online.

Enjoy going online together and talk regularly about your family's online lives
Make sure your child knows they can talk to you about anything that they see or experience online.

Take online security measures seriously
Use [strong and separate passwords](#) for online accounts and [set up two step verification \(2SV\)](#) where it's available. You may also wish to [set parental controls](#) to prevent unwanted online purchases and limit children's access to harmful content.

Look out for warning signs that someone or something online cannot be trusted
"It just seems too good to be true!" - Other common signs of a scam include contact that you were not expecting or being asked for money or personal information (think: bank or contact details, passwords, or phone numbers). Scammers use [other tactics](#) to manipulate their victims into paying, like playing with your emotions, or building a sense of urgency so you are rushed into making a decision. If you aren't sure it's reliable, don't risk it.

Remember that anyone can be a victim of a scam
Scammers are good at what they do and will target anyone. We all need to stay vigilant and support those who are **most vulnerable including children and the elderly** by helping them recognise what to look out for.

Know where to get help if something goes wrong
If you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam online, you're not on your own. Help is available and you are not to blame for what has happened, you can report fraud and cyber crime online to Action Fraud or by telephoning: 0300 123 2040.

Remember, if you or anyone else is in immediate danger, call 999 immediately.
Don't forget to re-visit your Social Media Settings and make sure they are up to date!

Consider the following questions:

Do you know if your child is using Social Media?
Does your child use chat sites and/or Apps to talk to family and friends?
Do you know if your child is sharing selfies?
Have you set up parental controls?

If you answered 'no' to any of the above questions visit: [Internet Matters](#) and review their advice and guidance on:

Remember if your child is gaming online, they could be chatting and communicating with other players (**strangers**) or friends. [Internet Matters](#) has provided safety guides and videos to help you keep your child safe.

Screen time

With screentime in the news, you might like to view the following videos:
[How to help your teen reduce their screen time - BBC Bitesize](#)
[Parents of under-fives to be offered screen time guidance - BBC News](#)

Further websites to visit

Check the following websites:
[Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)
[ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)
[ThinkUKnow's interactive website for 4-7 year olds](#)

Need Help in the holidays?
Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the [NSPCC helpline](#):
0808 800 5000
[Childline](tel:08001111): 0800 1111

SCOMIS
Your ICT Partner

EVENTS 2026

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 16th - Friday 20th February	Half term break
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th March	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 20th March	Spring Concert
Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March	Y4 Bikeability
Tuesday 24th March	Spring term parent meetings
Wednesday 25th March	Spring term parent meetings
Thursday 26th March	Family Reading 2.45pm
Thursday 2nd April	Spring term ends
Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April	Easter break
Monday 20th April	Summer term begins
Tuesday 21st April	Whole School Photograph
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 10.00am School year ends