

# HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### 16th January 2026



#### 150th ANNIVERSARY

2026 is a very special year for Hatherleigh School as we will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary this summer. On Saturday 20th June we will be holding an Anniversary Open Day and everyone is welcome to join us for our annual Summer Fayre and anniversary celebrations between 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

When the school celebrated 100 years, a centenary book was produced and we are repeating this for 150 years, if you would like to contribute to the book with any old photographs or memories of school days please contact us.

#### KS2 CHANGING FOR PE - copy of a message sent earlier this week

This term in KS2 (Y3-Y6), we would like to trial a system used widely whereby children come to school dressed in their PE kit on the day(s) they have PE. Arriving ready for PE will ensure all curriculum time is used effectively and children use their PE time engaged in PE activities and not changing in and out of PE kit.

Our PE kit requirements are as follows and a copy of our Uniform Policy can be found on the school website.

White T shirt

Black or navy shorts

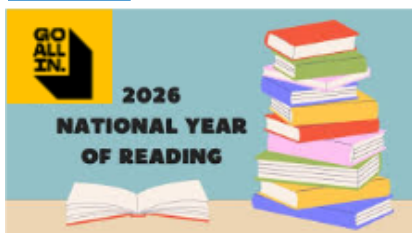
Black or navy jogging bottoms or leggings

Black or navy sweatshirt or school sweatshirt/fleece/cardigan

Trainers

Details of PE days can be found on class newsletters, if you have any questions please contact the school office.

#### READING



**2026 is the National Year of Reading and the theme is 'Go All In'.** Watch out for information in future newsletters about how we will be celebrating this over the year.

#### Coming Soon

We are very fortunate to have been donated a generous amount of money from The Parish Pump and we will soon be introducing a reading shed to the playground so children can access books and magazines at breaktimes. A perfect start to the National Year of Reading.

#### Family Reading

Thank you to everyone that supported our family reading session in December. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers, grandparents and other family members attending. The family reading dates for this term are:

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - 8.30am
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 2.45pm

## MED THEATRE PROJECT

This week some of our Y6 children have joined with five other local schools to take part in a four week theatre project with the MED Theatre; it was great to see all the children working together.

## FILM CLUB

Please can children that are attending film club bring a drink and snack with them. Thank you.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:teacher@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk)
- Police 999 non-emergency 101
- Front Door (formerly MASH) on 0345 155 1071  
[mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)
- Childline 0800 1111 [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)

## UNIFORM

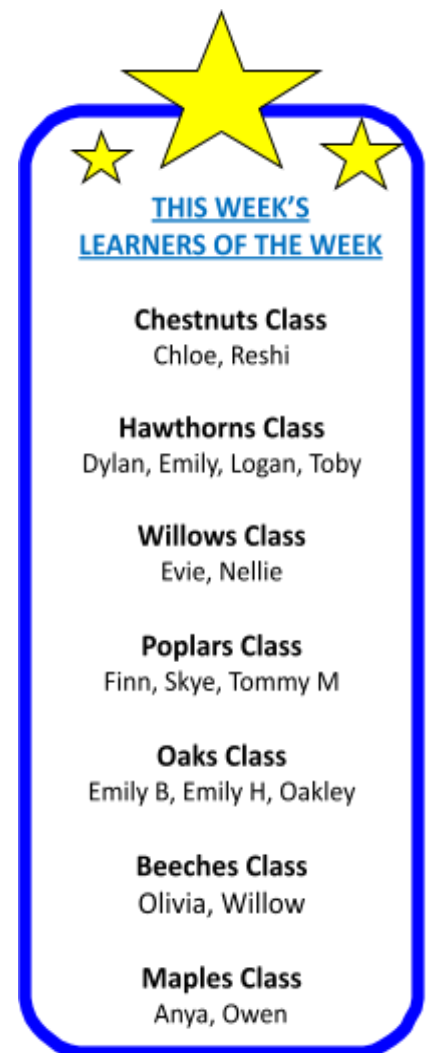
Can we please remind you of our school uniform requirements.

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

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](http://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.



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

**Chestnuts Class**  
Chloe, Reshi

**Hawthorns Class**  
Dylan, Emily, Logan, Toby

**Willows Class**  
Evie, Nellie

**Poplars Class**  
Finn, Skye, Tommy M

**Oaks Class**  
Emily B, Emily H, Oakley

**Beeches Class**  
Olivia, Willow

**Maples Class**  
Anya, Owen

## PTFA NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all have managed to have a lovely Christmas. I just wanted to say a huge - Thank you to everyone who has already purchased items from our Amazon Wishlist. Your kindness and generosity mean a great deal to our School, and every donation makes a real difference.

The items you have contributed help school to create richer learning experiences and ensure our children have the resources they need to thrive. We are truly grateful for your continued support.

If you would still like to take part, our Amazon Wishlist can be found here: It is updated with new items often, so please keep checking the list. If you can buy items locally then please do support and buy from our local businesses.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/17KSASKT1JPNR?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/17KSASKT1JPNR?ref=wl_share)

Thank you again for your support.

Warm regards,

Steph Letheren - Chair PTFA



VALENTINE'S DISCO  
THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
3.30 -5PM

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP

WE'RE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF  
BAKED GOODS TO SELL AT THE DISCO

HOMEMADE OR SHOP-BROUGHT ARE BOTH  
WELCOME.

PLEASE DROP THEM AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON  
THE MORNING OF THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEB

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
FROM HATHERERLEIGH SCHOOL PTFA



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

# VALENTINE'S DISCO

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBUARY  
3.30 - 5.00PM  
HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

£3 PER CHILD  
TUCK SHOP  
CAKES  
TATTOOS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
RAISING MONEY FOR  
HATHERLEIGH SCHOOL PTFA

## 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.***

Wednesday 4th February	Family Reading 8.30am
Friday 6th February	Number Day
Thursday 12th February	PTFA Children's Valentine Disco 3.30pm - 5.30pm at the Community Centre
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
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