

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

27th February 2026



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. All hat entries need to be in school by the end of the school day on Thursday 5th March. We would love it if all hats could stay in school to be displayed in the library. The best designed hats will win vouchers 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.

Mrs King

English Lead



WANTED: BIKE

Some of our Chestnuts children are too tall for our balance bikes. We are on the lookout for a slightly bigger child's bike that we could take the pedals off. Please speak to Miss Tucker if you have something suitable. Thank you.

RED NOSE DAY

This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 20th March and we are inviting children to come to school dressed in red and wear noses and other Red Nose Day clothing if they wish to.

We will not be taking a collection in school but do encourage you to visit the Red Nose Day website and make an online donation if you can.

[Red Nose Day | Comic Relief](#)



THIS WEEK'S LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Chestnuts Class

Amelia-Mai, Rory, Tommy

Hawthorns Class

Amalia, Ionie

Willows Class

Benjy, Coco, Ella, Evie, Penelope

Poplars Class

George, Harper, Isaac

Oaks Class

Emily H, Lyra, Lloyd

Beeches Class

Oscar Q, Ozzy

Maples Class

Lily, Pip

[PTFA NEWS](#)

May Ball 2026 - Saturday 9th May

Hatherleigh Community Primary School PTFA are busy organising our much-anticipated May Ball and we would love you to join us!

Enjoy a delicious meal, fantastic live music and dancing long into the night, all in wonderful company. Dress up, let your hair down and join us for an evening of laughter and celebration.

Early Bird tables are now on sale at £49.50 per person (booking is by the table of 6 or 8 people). To find out more about the night and book your table, visit:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hatherleighprimaryschoolptfa/2019855>

Prices will go up to £55 per person in April.

Celebrating 150 Years of Hatherleigh Primary School - Sharing Memories

As our school approaches its 150th birthday, we are gathering stories, photographs and memories from across the community. The PTFA will be at the Hatherleigh Repair Café & Cosy Café at the Community Centre on:

Saturday 28th February – 2pm–4pm

Saturday 21st March – 2pm–4pm

Bring your memories and help us build a picture of 150 years of school life in Hatherleigh. No writing or technical skills needed, just come for a cuppa and a chat. We simply want to hear your wonderful stories. Please spread the word and help us involve the whole community.

The next PTFA Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th March at 6pm at the School. Everyone is very welcome, come along and help us shape these exciting events.



HATHERLEIGH SCHOOL PTFA PRESENTS
a spectacular
May Ball
join us for a delicious meal and dancing into the evening
with music from *'Eat The Rich'*
SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2026 | 19:00
EARLY BIRD TICKETS
£49.50 PP
AS PART OF A
TABLE OF 6 OR 8
in the grand marquee at
**HATHERLEIGH
COMMUNITY CENTRE**
TICKETS PURCHASED AFTER
31/3/26 WILL BE £55PP
SCAN TO
BOOK
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hatherleighprimaryschoolptfa/2019855>

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

Westcountry
Dental and Implant Centre

ARE TAKING ON

NEW NHS PATIENTS

To Register your children
please contact us on:

01271 345006

Westcountry.dental@nhs.net



THE BIG Sunday LUNCH

Regular £15.00

Small £12.00

12's and under £10

Choice of two meats

Vegetarian option on request

**Sunday 1st March 2026
Hatherleigh Community Centre
12.30-3.30pm**

Booking is Essential

Contact us on Facebook/email:

support@chemotivation.org/Tel: 07714925750

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!

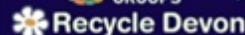
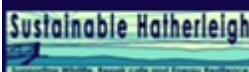
2026 dates:
(14:00 - 16:00)

- 31st January
 - 28th February
 - 21st March
 - 25th April
 - 30th May
 - 27th June
 - 26th September
 - 31st October
 - 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 taking a break in July, August and December)

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Email: info@sustainablehatherleigh.org.uk
www.sustainablehatherleigh.org.uk



**Cosy Company
Open Living Room**



A Magical Workshop with Becca Rogers: Author of 'The Girl With Gills'

**SATURDAY 7TH MARCH
11:00-12:00**

OKEHAMPTON LIBRARY

Join us for a magical creative writing workshop and Q&A with author of 'The Girl With Gills' Becca Rogers. A Financial Times Children's Book of the Year for 2025 and longlisted for the Branford Boase Award, 'The Girl with Gills' is described as "a rip-roaring fantasy tale, with its own exotic riverine lore..."

Booking essential via Eventbrite, £8 per child, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Ticket to include signed copy of 'The Girl with Gills'. Suitable for ages 8-12.



GLORIOUS GARDENS!

Saturday 7th March 10-1pm

Expect an exciting mix of traders selling:
Plants, Shrubs, Trees, Garden Furniture,
Tools and Ironwork, plus other garden
treasures and accessories.

Drop-In Garden Tool Sharpening:
Sustainable Hatherleigh are offering
drop-in tool sharpening from 10-11 am.

Get inspired. Get prepared. Get growing! 🌱

FREE ADMISSION

Trader Enquiries Contact Debs on 07538 547865
Hatherleigh Market, Ruby Row, EX20 3FR









Coffee Morning

In aid of  **Balloons**
Supporting bereaved children and young people in Devon, East and Mid Devon

10am - 1pm Saturday 28th March 2026

Old Schools Hatherleigh

Hannah, a former pupil from Hatherleigh Primary School will be running the London Marathon this year on behalf of Balloons, an Exeter based charity, supporting bereaved children. Hannah was luckily enough to benefit from their support when she lost her brother Matthew when she was nine.

-  Raffle
-  Tea & Coffee
-  Plant Sale
-  Cakes
-  Soft Drinks
-  Pancakes




WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING
Saturday 28th March 2026
Starting at 9:30am
Register via www.maynard.co.uk



JOIN US AT THE MAYNARD... ANYTIME!

FLEXIBLE ADMISSIONS
We welcome applications throughout the school year, depending on availability in each year group. Whether you're looking for an immediate entry or planning ahead, we're always happy to discuss your options.

PERSONAL TOURS AVAILABLE
We offer individual tours during the school term by prior appointment. Come and explore our facilities, meet our amazing staff, see our students in action and get a real feel for life at Magical Maynard!

COME AND MEET US
There's nothing we enjoy more than talking with families and sharing what makes The Maynard such a warm, inspiring, and ambitious community.

CAN'T WAIT UNTIL OPEN MORNING?
If you'd like to visit before our next Open Morning, simply get in touch to book your personalised tour.

Call: 01392 355 998
Email: admissions@maynard.co.uk
Visit: www.maynard.co.uk

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

"This is a school that both parents and girls fall head-over-heels in love with."



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.

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| Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th March | Y5 Bikeability |
| Thursday 5th March | World Book Day |
| Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March | Y4 Bikeability |
| Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March | Y5 Bikeability |
| Friday 20th March | Red Nose Day Spring Concert |

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| 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 |