

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 13th March 2026



WORLD BOOK DAY HAT COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered the hat competition; your creativity made judging very challenging. All participants received a certificate, and the winners were awarded a £5 book fair voucher:

- Nell
- Noah
- Ralphie
- Rory BM
- Jonah
- Emily H
- Olivia G
- Charlie, Lottie and Monty
- Effie
- Anya



[BOOK FAIR](#)

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book fair so far. The final opportunity to visit is this evening, Friday 13th, after school until 4:15pm. We apologise for any payment issues with the app; unfortunately, this is managed by Scholastic, but is something we will try to improve in future.

[RED NOSE DAY - a reminder](#)

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](#)

[SPRING TERM PARENT & CARER MEETINGS](#)

Spring term Parent & Carer meetings will be taking place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March, please see the letter sent out earlier this week for more details.

[CHESTNUTS CLASS](#)

The Chestnuts have enjoyed two little trips out this week. On Monday afternoon we had a walk around the town looking at the different types of homes in our community.

On Tuesday morning we visited Daisy chain Garden Nursery where we planted a Viola as a Mother's day gift. This also linked to our learning about plants as part of British Science Week.


We are very grateful to all our adult helpers for making these visits possible.

Miss Tucker



[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.



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

Chestnuts Class
Nell, Nova

Hawthorns Class
Dottie, Emily, Matilda, Myla

Willows Class
Amelia, Benjamin, Owen

Poplars Class
Harry, Matei, Rory

Oaks Class
Charlie F

Beeches Class
Charlie, Olivia

Maples Class
Ben, Hannah

HATHERLEIGH SCHOOL PTFA UPDATE

May Ball – Don't Miss Out!

Join us for the Hatherleigh School PTFA May Ball for what promises to be an amazing night. Gather your friends and book a table of 6 or 8 for a fantastic evening of fun, great company and community spirit. We can't wait to celebrate with our amazing group of parents and friends in the community!

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

Easter Bake Sale – Thursday 2nd April

We would appreciate cake/bake donations (shop brought or homemade) to be dropped off at the Office on the morning of Thursday 2nd.

Children are invited to enter our Best Homemade Decorated Cake Competition, with prizes for: KS1 & KS2

How to enter:

Please drop off cake competition entries and any other cake donations at the school office on the morning of Thursday 2nd April.

Make sure all competition entries are clearly labelled with the child's name and year group.

All competition entries will then be sold alongside other cake donations at the sale to help raise funds for the school.

Grow £5 Challenge

Don't forget to help your children apply for the Grow £5 challenge. It's a great opportunity for them to get creative, learn about money and help raise money for the school.

Thank you for your continued support of the PTFA



NETBALL MATCH

On Wednesday we welcomed Boasley to the school for a friendly netball match. Both teams played exceptionally well but Boasley were no match for Hatherleigh. The balls kept flying through the net and the team defended their win making them victorious! We were so proud of them all and have seen a massive improvement in the last few months so well done everyone and we look forward to a few more matches next term!

Unfortunately, this will be our last year teaching the children netball due to our children leaving the school. We have really enjoyed running the club for the last 5 years, and are looking for any parent volunteers who would like to take on the running of the club for the future year 5 and 6's. Please speak to us if you could be interested.

Finally for any budding player who wants to keep on playing Odra run a netball club on a Friday 4-5 in Okehampton for year 6 upwards.. it would be lovely to see the current year 6 carry on playing netball when they leave for college and maybe end up eventually joining the woman's league with us!

Thank you
Jem and Jane.



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.

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
- Police 999 non-emergency 101
- Front Door (formerly MASH) on 0345 155 1071 mashsecure@devon.gov.uk
- Childline 0800 1111 childline.org.uk

FREE HOME-COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Would your family like to learn how to compost at home? Come along to Dr Compost's free workshop on Sunday 22nd March at Hatherleigh Community Centre 2-3.30pm. Book your free place here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sustainablehatherleigh1/2083646>



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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Recycle Devon

**Cosy Company
Open Living Room**

A PLACE TO RELAX
CHAT AND
LOOK OUT FOR
EACH OTHER
ON GOOD
DAYS
AND BAD!

Better Home Composting

Do you want to learn how to compost at home?

This workshop with Nicky “Dr Compost” Scott, author of *Composting For All*, is open to anybody interested in reducing their organic waste and it's **free** thanks to West Devon Borough Council.

This event is from 14:00 - 15:30 on Sunday the 22nd of March at Hatherleigh Community Centre's multi-use room (see picture)

Please let us know of any questions you will have for Dr Compost by writing them in the questionnaire. Scan the QR code or use the link <https://tinyurl.com/hatherleighcompostingworkshop> to access it.



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.*

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day Spring Concert PTFA Grow £5 Challenge - Apply For Your £5
Tuesday 24th March	Spring term parent meetings
Wednesday 25th March	Spring term parent meetings
Thursday 26th March	Family Reading 2.45pm
Thursday 2nd April	PTFA Grow £5 Challenge - £5 Loan Issued 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
Friday 5th June	PTFA Grow £5 Challenge - Challenge Ends
Monday 8th June	PTFA Grow £5 Challenge - Submission Deadline
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