



North Molton Primary School

*'Love learning, learn well'*

Friday 9th May 2025



## Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

*It was such a pleasure to go on my second North Molton residential this year and again experience such beautiful weather! Residential are always such a fantastic, challenging learning experiences for the children. I feel this more strongly than ever for our current children who grew up with COVID restrictions in their early years and may have limited opportunities to have time away or sleepovers. I know that in the build up to going children and parents may have been anxious, but hopefully now you can see the amazing outcomes doing something challenging and difficult has had on your child. It's so crucial we keep giving children the experiences and opportunities to feel out of their comfort zone. One of the most pleasing things is that all 28 members of the class attended and completed the whole residential. That shows me how resilient and supportive the class are and how strong those relationships are with staff. Finally, well done to Mrs Turney for organising a fabulous residential and especially booking it before a bank holiday. I certainly needed that extra day!*

*As we look ahead to next week, our Year 6's will certainly face some challenges and uncomfortable moments. All we can ask is that you are determined, resilient and try your very best. Nobody can ask more of you than that. Good luck Year 6 children!*

*Have a fantastic weekend!*

Mr Matt Pennington

(Acting Headteacher)

## School News

### **\*\*Parking\*\***

Can we please remind you to park safely outside school at drop off and pick up times. We have had reports that some parents/carers are parking unsafely and in areas which is making it difficult for other vehicles to get through. Thank you.



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## Events of the Week

### Falcons Residential Trip to Pinkery

Falcons class had a fabulous time at Pinkery Outdoor centre last week! The weather was perfect and we spent all the time outside taking part in a variety of activities. We went for a walk on Exmoor and ended up at the bogs - Mrs Turney and Mr Pennington were amazed to see the resilience of the children trying to drag their muddy bodies out of the smelly mud!! The children had great fun on the low ropes and other team building activities. Grass sledging proved a very popular activity and so did the bush craft (fire lighting) skills. The children grew in confidence and hopefully came back with positivity and optimism!





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## School Clubs



Below is a summary of clubs for next week. All clubs must be booked in advance.

Day	Morning	Afterschool
Monday 12th May	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Tuesday 13th May	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Wednesday 14th May	Breakfast Club from 8am	Outdoor Club with Mrs Marchant 3.15pm - 4.15pm <b>Year 2 &amp; 3</b>  Striking and Fielding with Mrs Shaw 3.15pm - 4.15pm <b>Reception, Year 1 &amp; 2</b>
Thursday 15th May	Breakfast Club from 8am	Striking and Fielding with Mr Joslin 3.15pm - 4.15pm <b>Year 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>  Cook Stars with Olivia 3.15pm - 4.30pm <b>Age 5-11yrs</b>  <b>(Must be booked directly with Olivia - Booking link below)</b>
Friday 16th May	Breakfast Club from 8am	

www.cookstars.co.uk @cookstarsnorthdevon @oliviacoostars

Fun cooking classes at:  
**NORTH MOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Great for Kids Parties too!

All ingredients included!  
plus a craft activity & a recipe card to keep

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
(term time)  
3.15pm - 4.30pm

New for the summer term - open to children age 5 and over

Call Olivia: 07938 608 862  
Email: olivia@cookstars.co.uk  
Book: <https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/1453>

## Cook Stars

To book your child's place, please follow the booking link below.

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## Dates for the Diary

### 2025



Date	Event
26 - 30 May	May Half Term Holiday
26 June	Sports Day
2 - 3 July	Year 6 Transition Days to SMCC
4 July	Reserve Sports Day
7 - 8 July	Reception Parents Evenings
9 July	Year 6 Leavers Trip
14 July	Non Pupil Day
18 July	Whole School Music Celebration
23 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 July	Last Day of Academic Year
24 July	Start of Summer Holidays

## School Celebrations



Freddie and Oliver have been taken part in a rugby tournament. This was them with their team in Cullumpton.

They played 6 matches and were fantastic. Ended the season on a high!

Well done boys.



## *News from the Village and Local Community*

### **Little Nippers Baby and Toddler Group:**

Becky Rottenbury is running a Baby and Toddler group in the Methodist Hall on a Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am during term time. This is a free group with tea and coffee alongside activities and toys for the little ones. The poster is on our website in the newsletter section

### **Friday Club:**

The next Friday Club session will be, **FRIDAY 16th MAY**, for 'Survival' evening if dry or indoor sports evening if wet.

For any queries regarding Friday club, please contact Rosemarie Courtney (07944 243866).

**N.B.** We have a fb group, 'North Molton Friday Club'. It would be helpful if parents/grandparents of Years 3-6 children, interested in Friday Club, could join for communication purposes.

**Phonebox Library:** The village has converted the disused telephone box into a community library. It's a lovely library for the children to visit, take a book and recycle the ones they are finished with.

The village phone box library has a lovely selection of **children's books** as well.

### **The Saunders Good Samaritans Trust:**

If anyone is struggling and needs any help please contact this local charity that is available to support residents in our local community. For more information please contact Rose Courtney (740382) who lives in the village.