

# North Molton Primary School Weekly News

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## Headteacher's message

*Love Learning...Learn Well.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming **Sarah Tagholm**, a published author, to North Molton School as part of the **Appledore Book Festival**. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged in the inspirational activities she led, and they thoroughly enjoyed listening to Sarah read extracts from her own books.

Visits like these are a wonderful reminder of the power of reading. Reading is one of the most important skills children will develop during their time at school, opening doors to learning, imagination and future opportunities. Events such as this help to inspire children to discover new stories, explore different ideas and, most importantly, develop a love of reading for pleasure. We are very grateful to Sarah for spending time with us and helping to bring books to life for our pupils.

I would also like to say a big thank you to those parents and carers who have taken the time to complete the surveys that were sent out this week. Your views are incredibly valuable and help us to make informed decisions about some very important aspects of school life. The surveys focus on two key areas: our [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) and [Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\)](#) provision.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete these surveys, there is still time to do so. We would really welcome feedback from as many families as possible, as it is important that a broad range of voices and perspectives are represented. Please see the links above if you would like to share your views.

Finally, many of you will also have received a survey from the [Harbour Schools Partnership Trust](#) relating to North Molton School. If you have not yet completed this questionnaire, I would encourage you to do so using the link above. The feedback we receive helps us to celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

## Upcoming School Diary Dates

W/C 5<sup>th</sup> October - Space Week

5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5/6 Residential meeting 3.30

8<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5/6 Football match - letter sent to players

14<sup>th</sup> October - Level 1 Bikeability - emails sent with link to sign children up.

# Around The Classes



This week we have been learning the story 'Dear Zoo'. We have been making junk models and practising measuring things using rulers and cubes. The Robins have been busy practising their singing for our Harvest festival and playing shop keepers in the role play.



Owls Class had a fantastic week full of exciting learning opportunities and experiences. We were delighted to welcome author Sarah Tagholm, who delivered an engaging and inspiring visit. She captivated the children with her stories, shared insights into the writing process, and encouraged everyone to use their imagination and creativity. The children were enthusiastic throughout and enjoyed the opportunity to meet a real author. In PE, the children thoroughly enjoyed their gymnastics session, where they focused on developing their balance, control, and coordination. They worked hard to perform a range of movements with increasing confidence and precision, demonstrating excellent concentration and perseverance. It was wonderful to see the children challenging themselves and celebrating their progress.



This week Falcons Class have been learning how to round up to three digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000. In English, we have planned our last piece of writing and began to write our own stories about The Iron Man. The children were thrilled to meet the author Kieran Larwood this week who talked about his series of books called The Dungeon Runners. Each child was extremely excited by Kieran's presentation and to take their very own book home. The trip to RAMM, Exeter was a fantastic opportunity for all pupils where they learnt how to explore the museum to find specific artefacts and complete quests on their devices as part of the Time Odyssey project!



Sparrowhawks have had a busy week! Year 6 have worked hard to complete a set of practice Sats test which has provided us with data to inform planning and support this year. Some of the children in this year group will be further supported by our specialist reading teacher, Mrs Richardson, to further develop reading skills. Thank you for supporting your child to get into the routine of completing the short weekly tasks on Sats Companion. We continue to develop our swimming skills each week, practising a range of strokes and skills. We are excited about our visit to RAMM and we look forward to sharing our experiences with you.



# Stars Of The Week



## Robins

This week we are celebrating

### Everly

because she is happy! She plays with us, collecting things with us and checks on us when we are sad. Everly always helps the teachers. She is a kind friend and gives good cuddles.

## Falcons

This week we are celebrating

### Edie

for being a wonderful friend! Her friends say she is so kind and funny and makes them laugh. She is always friendly and respectful as well as being smart and polite. The adults at school often comment on Edie's wonderful behaviour and attitude to school life!!

## Owls

This week we are celebrating

### Oscar

Because his friends love to play football with him at playtimes and he has a really good sense of humour. Thank you for being such a kind and helpful friend to everyone in Owls Class.

## Sparrowhawks

This week we are celebrating

### Lowen

For being funny and kind, never intentionally unkind and always helping and playing with others. She is a good friend who is always trying to be nice to others, and she cheers up anyone who is feeling a bit sad. She is intelligent and always finishes all of her work.

# Notice Board



## Weekly Attendance

Every day at [school](#) counts. The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects.—*The Education Hub 2025*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Robins -91%

Owls - 91%

Falcons - 96%

Sparrowhawks - 86%

|                                         |      |                |
|-----------------------------------------|------|----------------|
| 0 days of school                        | 100% | Perfection     |
| Equates to 2 days off school each year  | 99%  | Excellent      |
| Equates to 5 days off school each year  | 97%  | Good           |
| Equates to 10 days off school each year | 95%  | Slight Concern |
| Equates to 20 days off school each year | 90%  | Concerned      |
| Equates to 30 days off school each year | 85%  | Very Concerned |

FOR MUMS | FOR DAUGHTERS | FOR SISTERS | FOR FRIENDS | FOR YOU!

**SCRUMS, SPIRIT & SISTERHOOD**  
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

**TASTER SESSION**  
SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPT  
2-3PM | BIDEFORD RFC  
VICTORIA PARK

- FOR ALL GIRLS YR4+ & WOMEN
- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- JUST TURN UP!

TRY RUGBY TOGETHER!

100 YEARS  
BIDEFORD R.F.C.

## Cleaner Required

We require a cleaner at North Molton. 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day Monday-Friday

Please see the advert below.

[Cleaner](#)



## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning 5th October

| LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3                                                                                                     |                                         |                                           |                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 & 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – 13 <sup>th</sup> July – 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct. |                                         |                                           |                                     |                                    |
| MONDAY                                                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                 | WEDNESDAY                                 | THURSDAY                            | FRIDAY                             |
| Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread                                                                                          | Chicken & Butternut Squash Curry & Rice | Roast Gammon & Pineapple                  | Salmon & Broccoli Pasta Bake        | Breaded Fish Fillet                |
| Quorn Bolognaise                                                                                                        | Sweet Chilli Halloumi Wrap              | Veggie Wellington                         | Feta & Potato Tart                  | Veggie Nuggets                     |
| Jacket Potato with Various Fillings                                                                                     | Jacket Potato with Various Fillings     |                                           | Jacket Potato with Various Fillings |                                    |
| Tuna Mayo & Cucumber Sandwich                                                                                           | Ham & Lettuce Sandwich                  | Cheese & Tomato Sandwich                  | Ham, Cheese & Cucumber Sandwich     | Egg Mayo & Cress & Sandwich        |
| Sweetcorn or Carrot Sticks                                                                                              | Peas or Green Beans                     | Roast Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy | Corn on Cob or Cucumber Sticks      | Chips, Salad Sticks & Tomato Sauce |
| Fruit Crunch Pot                                                                                                        | "ABC" Cake                              | Ice Cream Pots                            | Cookie                              | Vegan Chocolate Brownie            |

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## THE DULVERTON EXMOOR LITERARY FESTIVAL 2026 CHILDREN'S WRITING COMPETITION



WRITE A STORY ABOUT **FOOTPRINTS ON EXMOOR**  
IN UP TO 500 WORDS!

Write your own short or long story about 'Footprints on Exmoor' (to a maximum of 500 words).

We don't mind about perfect spelling and grammar, just let your imagination fly and have fun! If you enjoy pictures, you can illustrate your story too. Perhaps you will write about a young explorer who discovers mysterious footprints across the moor. Who do they belong to? Where do they go?



Enjoy writing something original with a great plot, characters and language. Think about atmosphere, curiosity... perhaps folklore, mystery and courage. Write a story you'd love to read!



The competition is open to children aged under 13. Entries to be submitted by FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026. Email your entry to [hello@visitdulverton.com](mailto:hello@visitdulverton.com) or put it in the special box in Dulverton Library. Please include the name and contact details of an adult with whom we can get in touch to invite the shortlisted entries to the Awards Ceremony. Entries cannot be returned so please keep a copy. The Judge's decision is final.

Please note that no stories influenced or written by AI are allowed. Any found will be removed from the competition.



Prizes will be awarded to the Winner and Runners Up at the Dulverton Exmoor Literary Festival in Dulverton Town Hall on Saturday 14 November at 5.30pm after the 'Book Club' fiction author talk with multi-million-copy bestselling authors Patrick Gale, Rachel Hore and Kate Lord Brown. The winning entry will be read out at the Ceremony by the Competition Judge, children's author Emily Lloyd-Gale.

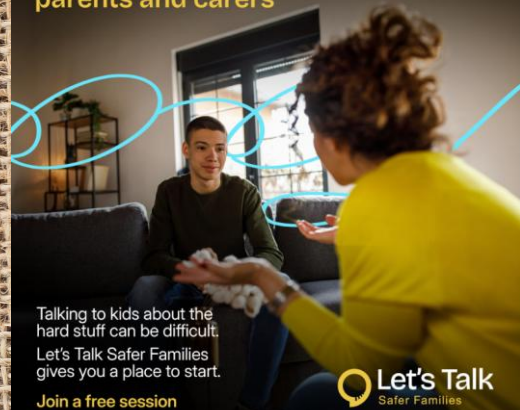
The winning story will be published on the Visit Dulverton website [visitdulverton.com](http://visitdulverton.com)



### Small Talks

## Safer Families

Free support for  
parents and carers



Talking to kids about the hard stuff can be difficult. Let's Talk Safer Families gives you a place to start.

Join a free session

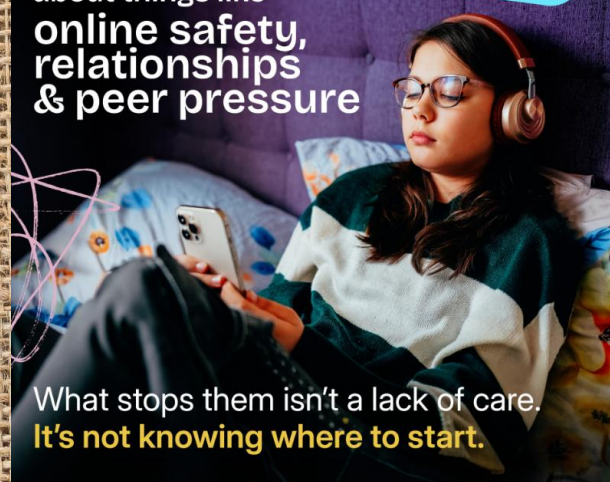


## Most parents want to talk



## to their kids

about things like  
**online safety,  
relationships  
& peer pressure**



What stops them isn't a lack of care.  
**It's not knowing where to start.**



## FC CAMPS

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

FOR AGES 5 - 14  
DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES



**TARKA**

26 - 30 OCTOBER  
9AM - 4PM

**KINGSLEY**

26 & 27 OCTOBER  
10AM - 3PM

**ILFRACOMBE**

28 OCTOBER  
10AM - 2PM



## BOOK ONLINE HERE

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