

North Molton Primary School Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Love Learning...Learn Well.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new North Molton Weekly Newsletter!

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the children, staff and families of North Molton School this week. Although it has only been a short time, I have already received such a warm welcome from our school community, and I am very much looking forward to continuing to build relationships with you all in the weeks and months ahead.

I have been particularly impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into school life. They have returned with positive attitudes, excellent manners and a real enthusiasm for learning. It has been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with activity and children embracing the routines of a new school year so confidently.

As part of our work to ensure consistency across the school, we have made a small change to our whole-school rules. Our new school rules are **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe**. These simple rules will be easier for children to remember and for staff to apply consistently. We have spent time discussing what these expectations look like in practice, and I have been delighted to see how well the children already understand why these values are so important to creating a positive and supportive school community.

I would also like to draw your attention to a free online course: [Building Strong Foundations – Creating Strong Family Relationships From The Start](#), taking place on **30th September at 7.30pm**. The course offers valuable advice and support for families, and I have included both the link and a QR code in this newsletter for your convenience.

Finally, phonics and spelling sessions will begin next week. Children will be taught in groups that best match their current level of learning. This may mean they are taught in a different classroom or by a different teacher from time to time. By grouping children in this way, we can ensure teaching is closely matched to their needs. These groups will be reviewed regularly and adjusted at least every half term, helping every child to make the best possible progress.



Have a restful weekend,
Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



Upcoming School Diary Dates

Date	Event	Notes
15 September	Flu Immunisations Recp - Yr 6	Immunisation team visiting. Please ensure you give consent via letter sent in Arbor
17 September	Tempest Photographer	Family groups from 8.45am in Hall. Individual an

Around The Classes



We have had a great start back to school for all our Nursery and Reception children. Our new Robins have settled quickly into their new routine and look very smart in their new uniform. We have been reading Owl Babies and the Colour Monster. Robins have talked about the owl babies and how they would be feeling. They have also painted owls. Wrens have also been busy accessing the learning environment; playing in the hospital role play, using playdough to make people and creating different faces on our potato heads!



What a lovely first week back Owls class have had this week. It has been wonderful seeing the children come in and reconnect with their friends and the staff in school, the Owls have settled into their classroom beautifully and have shown they are ready and keen to learn! We have been busy practicing routines and getting to know where things are in the class and have enjoyed talking about what they have all been busy doing during the summer. We have begun our writing around the 'Little Red Riding Hood' story and have been exploring exciting adjectives to describe parts of the story - can they tell you some of the exciting vocabulary we have been using? We look forward to building on this next week moving on to using these words in brilliant sentences. We hope everyone has a calm and restful weekend to recharge for next week.



The children in Falcons Class have settled in extremely well this week. Our Year 4 pupils have taken on a supportive role, helping the Year 3 children to become familiar with classroom routines and systems, which has been wonderful to see. In English, Falcons Class has begun reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. This will support our upcoming narrative writing, where the children will write the story of the Iron Man falling from the cliff. In Maths, we have started our work on place value and have also been practising our times tables. In History, we have been exploring the development of communication over time, from early cave paintings to the modern use of smartphones and tablets. The children have impressed all of the staff with their maturity, positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. They have made an excellent start to the school year.



Sparrowhawks Class has made a fantastic start to the new school year! The children have been settling really well into their new routines and becoming increasingly organised as they adjust to the expectations of their new class. We are all especially looking forward to our first swimming lesson on Monday. We have begun exploring the different states which make up the USA and have read the first chapter of *The Good Thieves*, based in New York. Our Year 6 pupils have been especially excited about their new responsibilities, including the privilege of sitting on the benches during assembly! We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead!



Stars Of The Week



Robins

This week we are celebrating

Harper

for being a kind friend and playing with us. She has helped us tidy up and made us pictures. Harper has been brave and tried school dinners. She has drawn and painted amazing owls for our Owl babies story this week.

Owls

This week we are celebrating

Brooke

for always being friendly and helpful in class. She is described as being an amazing friend and is super helpful in class – she is excellent at cleaning up her table making her and her table READY to learn!

Falcons

This week we are celebrating

Lottie

for her kindness and great teamwork. Her friends and teachers see her being kind and letting others join in with her games. The children liked her helping them in PE this week.

Sparrowhawks

This week we are celebrating

Oliver P

for being happy and joyful. His friends in Sparrowhawks describe him as funny, smart, considerate, polite and helpful. They appreciate him as a good team player who is always fair and fast!

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 -100%

Owls - 100%

Falcons – 94%

Sparrowhawks -94%

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

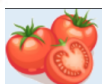
Spare Swimming Costumes

We are on the look out for spare swimming costumes and swimming shorts.

If you have any old children's swimwear age 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 which you no longer need, please can you donate them to the school office.

Thanks in advance

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning 14th September

 LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3  Harbour Schools Partnership A guiding light for education				
4 th May – 1 & 22 nd June – 13 th July – 14 th Sept. – 5 th 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