

North Molton Primary School Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Love Learning...Learn Well.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely week we have had here at North Molton! It has been wonderful to see the children working hard, enjoying their learning and making the most of all the opportunities available to them.

I am delighted to share that our whole-school attendance this week was **96%**. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for the support you give in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn. Good attendance plays a vital role in helping children achieve their full potential, build confidence and develop strong friendships. Every day really does count.

Alongside this newsletter, I have attached a letter from Devon County Council that schools are encouraged to share with families twice each year. The letter outlines the procedures schools are required to follow when responding to unauthorised absences during term time. I would encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to read through this information carefully so that everyone is aware of the guidance and expectations.

At North Molton, we strongly believe that some of the most memorable learning takes place beyond the classroom. Educational visits, visitors and enrichment activities bring learning to life and provide children with experiences that help broaden their horizons and deepen their understanding of the world around them. We are committed to offering as many of these opportunities as possible.

To enable these experiences to take place, we will continue to ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of trips and activities, in line with Department for Education guidance. Although these contributions are voluntary, we do rely heavily on the generosity of families to cover the associated costs. Unfortunately, if insufficient contributions are received, some trips may need to be cancelled or we may have to reduce the number of opportunities we can offer in the future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

Upcoming School Diary Dates

Date	Event	Notes
29 September	Appledore Book Festival	Authors visiting classes across the school
02 October	RAMM Exeter Trip	Sparrowhawks & Falcons trip

Around The Classes



It has been another busy week in Robins and Wrens. Robins have started learning phonics and have enjoyed learning a new sound each day! We have welcomed new Wrens into our class and love greeting and playing with our new friends! Our story this week has been Goldilocks and the three bears. We particularly love telling the story with lots of voices for the bears.



This week in Owls we have been exploring vocabulary in the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children were able to produce some amazing words such as terrified, afraid and frightened to describe how Granny would be feeling. They have been looking at numbers on number lines and using their knowledge to find missing values. In the afternoons they have been listening to the different bird calls and sounds - the children really enjoyed noticing the different tunes they can make. They have also used their imaginations to design a bag for a fairy, thinking about what materials a fairy might have access to and how the fairy would be able to carry their bag! What a fun week!



This week in Falcons Class we have been using personification and onomatopoeia in our writing about the story of The Iron Man - this is new terminology for our newest members of the class! In Science, we explored creating electrical circuits using wires, batteries, bulbs, buzzers and motors. The children enjoyed working together and using scientific symbols in their work!



The children in Sparrowhawks enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week! The children demonstrated a high level of water confidence and swimming ability, which we look forward to developing further this term. We are also enjoying our basketball lessons with Miss Shaw. In DT we have begun to make our Dream Catchers with Mrs Anderson and in RE we have learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam. In Writing we are finishing our structured lessons on the text 'Zoo' ahead of our independent write next week. In Maths we are continuing to look at the place value of numbers up to 10,000,000. We have our TTRS log-ons to practise out Times Tables at home.



Stars Of The Week



Robins

This week we are celebrating
Ellis

for being a kind and helpful friend. His friends say that he plays with them and does kind things like sit next to them and pick his friends pictures up. His teachers love how happy and smiley he is when he comes into school and he has been doing super phonics!

Owls

This week we are celebrating
Tom

For being a really kind and helpful friend. He is always being respectful and making his friends laugh. He has been working really hard on his learning and asking for help when he needs it.

Falcons

This week we are celebrating
William

for being a really good friend. His friends tell us that he is fun, kind, respectful and he makes people laugh. Some of his friends notice how great at football he is and one of his friends told me how great he is at letting others join in!

Sparrowhawks

This week we are celebrating
Imogen

for her happy nature and her intelligence. Her head is always down, focussed, working well and she always finishes her learning. Imogen is funny, respectful and can always make everyone smile. Imogen is modest and always helpful and kind.

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 – 94%

Owls - 99%

Falcons - 94%

Sparrowhawks - 93%

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 20TH SEPT
2-3PM | BIDEFORD RFC
VICTORIA PARK

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

TRY RUGBY TOGETHER!



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning 21st September

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 1

20th April – 11th May – 8th & 29th June – 20th July – 21st Sept. - 12th Oct.

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Available Every Day - Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit, Low Fat Yoghurts, Milk and Water .
All Special Diets catered for please speak to your schools Kitchen Manager for advice.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Cheese Pizza	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Chicken & Stuffing	(Cheese) Butchers Beefburger in a Bun	Jumbo Breaded Fish Finger
 Quorn Bolognaise	Sweet Chilli Halloumi Wrap	Veg. Wellington	Feta & Potato Puff Tart	Veggie Nuggets
Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings		Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	
 Pasta, Corn on the Cob or Carrot Sticks	Peas or Cucumber Sticks	Roast Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas	Chips, Salad Sticks & Tomato Ketchup
Tuna Mayo & Cucumber Sandwich	Ham & Lettuce Sandwich	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	Ham, Cheese & Cucumber Sandwich	Egg Mayo & Cress Sandwich
 Waffles with Summer Berries & Syrup	Pip Organic Lolly	Ice Cream Pots	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Shortbread