North Molton Primary School Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Love Learning...Learn Well.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a quick week it has been! It's hard to believe that we are already racing towards the end of the half term. As I have visited classrooms this week, I have been incredibly impressed by the quality of writing being produced across the school. The children have been working exceptionally hard, showing great determination and focus in their lessons. Their efforts are certainly paying off, with some fantastic pieces of work being created. It is always a pleasure to see children taking such pride in their learning, and I know staff are equally proud of the progress being made.

Looking ahead, our Harvest Festival will take place in two weeks' time at the Methodist Church. We are very grateful to the volunteers from the church who have kindly offered to provide tea and coffee for parents and carers after the service. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the season. As always, we welcome and appreciate any support from parents and carers. If you are available to walk with your child's class to the church, please let your child's class teacher know. Having extra adults join us on the journey helps ensure the event runs smoothly, and your support is always greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to move our Parent Teacher Meetings to the week beginning **2nd November**. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding. Further details about appointment times will be shared nearer the date.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many children dressed in yellow today as we marked **World Mental Health Day**. Throughout the day, we have been talking about the importance of looking after our wellbeing and reminding children of simple ways they can support their physical and mental health. To help continue those conversations at home, I have included our **"10-a-Day" wellbeing checklist** on the noticeboard below.
Have a wonderful weekend everyone!



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

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

Upcoming School Diary Dates

Thursday 22 October - Harvest Festival at the Methodist Chaple. Service to start at 9.30am, all welcome. The Methodist Chaple will be providing tea and coffees after the service so please do stay behind and enjoy some refreshments with them. Donations of tinned/non-perishable foods will be gratefully received and donated to the North Devon Foodbank.

Change of date for the parent consultations. These will now be **w/c 2 November**. Look out for these on Arbor to book a slot with your child/ren's class teacher.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE NEW ARBOR PARENT PORTAL! If you haven't already done this, please look out for an email today with a new invitation. Any issues please let me know asap.

Around The Classes



This week Robins have been learning about space - we found out how astronauts go to the toilet in space! Wrens and Robins have been listening to the story 'The Train Ride' and 'Hop Little Bunnies' and have had fun playing with the train track.



Owls have had a very exciting week! We worked together to create a fantastic scarecrow of *Fantastic Mr Fox* for the Arlington Court Scarecrow Trail and enjoyed planting bulbs around our outdoor area. In our learning, we explored space and discovered what humans need to survive on Earth. The children created beautiful space-themed paintings and had great fun spending time on the big field, where they enjoyed outdoor activities with their friends. It has been a busy and enjoyable week filled with creativity, exploration, and learning.



In Falcons Class this week, the Year 4 children have started their OUMTC (Ordinarily Unofficial Multiplications Check). This activity is an excellent tool for spotting any gaps in times tables knowledge and can easily be used at home to reinforce learning. A secure understanding of times tables enables children to calculate more quickly and accurately, providing a strong foundation for future learning and helping them grow into confident mathematicians. The children have been extremely proud to complete their Iron Man stories this week and write them into presentation format. It has been World Space Week this week and Falcons Class have been learning about the planets on the Solar System and constellations we often see in the UK. We learnt and came up with some Mnemonics to help name the planets: My Very Educated Mum Just Served Up Nachos

Rory and Edward suggested: Many Very Evil Magpies Just Say Uneven Numbers



This week is space week! The children in Sparrowhawks have enjoyed learning about different careers in Space exploration and designed and made their own paper rockets! Following on from learning about the Five Pillars of Islam, the children explored the different stages of Hajj, the major Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca and recorded their learning by drawing a map. We have explored Neil Gaiman's version of Hansel and Gretel and written descriptions to describe the settings and characters. In PSHE we have continued to explore friendships and the importance of communicating respectfully, in line with our school rules.



Stars Of The Week

Robins

This week we are celebrating
William
because he is kind, plays with us and lets us sit next to him. William shares his models with us and is a happy friend. The teachers like that he is a kind friend and loves reading!

Owls

This week we are celebrating
Jude
His friends say he is an amazing football player; he is a kind friend and lets people join him when they are playing. He is always looking out for others.

Falcons

This week we are celebrating
Billy
He is a friendly boy with a great sense of humour. His friends say he is really good at passing in hockey and makes others feel good. He has great concentration and always smiles lots!!

Sparrowhawks

This week we are celebrating
Teddy
for always accepting challenges and being adventurous with his learning and never giving up. Teddy is very athletic and shows great sportsmanship. Teddy always makes people smile when they are sad. He makes good choices and is always kind and enjoys sharing

games with others.

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KS2 Visit to RAMM



























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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 - 98%

Falcons - 94%

Sparrowhawks - 88%

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 to10 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



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 12th October

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	No option	Ham, Cheese & Cucumber Sandwich	Egg Mayo & Cress Sandwich
Waffles with Summer Berries & Syrup	Pip Organic Lolly	Ice Cream Pots	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Shortbread

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Football Report

8th October vs Filleigh and South Molton Community Primary School

Two Great Games, Plenty of Determination!
North Molton Primary School took to the pitch for two challenging matches against Filleigh School and South Molton Community Primary School. Both games were full of effort, determination and some excellent football, with the pupils digging deep, working tirelessly for one another and showing plenty of team spirit.

Finley was a real driving force going forward, carrying the ball with confidence and unleashing a couple of convincing shots on goal. Teddy was full of non-stop energy, closing down every ball and seemingly covering every blade of grass on the pitch! Daisy was solid in defence as always, while Eden showed great agility and versatility, proving effective both in goal and out on the pitch.

Archie, Freddie and Will all demonstrated great skill and determination, putting in some excellent tackles and applying plenty of pressure to the opposition. In the middle of the park, Josh kept his composure and controlled the play brilliantly, moving the ball safely into space and making particularly good use of the right-hand side.

Alfie worked hard to create opportunities and was unlucky with several efforts on goal, coming agonisingly close to getting the reward his hard work deserved. Oliver H also made a fantastic contribution, showing real versatility with some breathtaking saves in goal before moving up the pitch and producing two excellent shots that narrowly missed, both kissing the posts!
Despite the team's tremendous effort and some great passages of play, North Molton were unfortunate to lose both matches 2–0. However, the scorelines certainly don't tell the whole story. The pupils showed resilience, teamwork and a willingness to keep battling right until the final whistle.

There is plenty to be proud of, and the team can hold their heads high after two competitive performances. With this level of commitment and determination, we look forward to seeing what they can achieve in their next tournament fixture against **Umberleigh**.

Well played, North Molton! Keep working hard, keep supporting each other, and keep believing!

Mrs Shaw's player of the match- Teddy Howard. Well done!



